

Fifth Meeting of the Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum at Paxton Hall on Tuesday 6 December 2016 at 7:30pm

Draft Minutes

Present: (19) Helen Ashman, Fiona Butler, James Corah, Steve Gradys, Martin Groom, Steve Harris, Chris Hill, Paul Holdsworth, John Illingworth, Judith Judd, Ursula Klingel, Martin Knox, John Liversedge, Phil Marken, Peter Owen, Michael Park, Adele Rae, Andy Rontree, Fiona Venner.

Visitors: (3) Max Crichton, Will King, Tom Sanders

Apologies: (8) Naomi Batten, Rose Bavage, Tom Brannigan, Wendi Carson, Sam Clarke, Sam Meadley, Liz Minkin and Lucinda Yeadon.

- (1) **Informal discussion:** The meeting started with informal group discussions around four themes: (i) footpath network, (ii) Kirkstall riverside, (iii) low carbon, (iv) community interest company.
- (2) **Election of a Chair for this evening.** Formal business started at 8pm. John Liversedge was proposed and seconded as Chair, and elected unopposed.
- (3) **Endorsing new members:** The meeting approved 11 new members: Rose Bavage, Clare Burningham, Christine Forster, Andrew Foster, Martin Groom, Eleanor Guthrie, Rita Haligah, Natalie Lunn, Jenny Mackwell, Adam Rae and Enid Ruttango
- (4) **Minutes of the Fourth Public Meeting held on 28 September 2016** were agreed as a correct record. There was an extended discussion about traffic issues and the recent consultation on trolleybus funding, with calls for more 20mph speed limits in residential streets, and for more detailed pollution monitoring. Members considered that inner city road provision was generally inadequate for the present volume of traffic, so residents were unfairly expected to accept the burden from commuters' cars. Parking policies were also discussed and the following points were made: (i) there are insufficient residents' parking places in many areas, even if there were no commuter or match day parking; (ii) trades people use vans to carry tools and materials, and may need to park on site during the day and at home after hours; (iii) repeated parking on wet grass is turning some areas into seas of mud; (iv) the causes of the parking problems vary from area to area, and often from day to day or hour to hour; (v) cricket matches and rugby matches cause different problems, although fans are gradually becoming more forceful and aggressive; (vi) more residents' parking schemes are needed, ideally with local community enforcement; (vii) the need for personal observation of offenders by uniformed officers makes parking enforcement patchy and intermittent outside the city centre.
- (5) **Secretary's Report for 2016** was received by the meeting. The meeting agreed to proceed along the lines suggested, subject to more detailed evaluation and appropriate professional advice.
- (6) **Treasurer's Report** James Corah presented his report (attached) which was accepted by the meeting. There was a discussion about funding, and it was agreed to draw down funds for publicity, professional advice and land registry fees.
- (7) **Election of a Board:** The Secretary reported on attendance and resignations. All remaining members of the Board offered themselves for re-election. The meeting considered overall balance and equality issues, and resolved to re-appoint all available members of the current Board, plus Paul Holdsworth who would lead on footpath issues, and a nominee from the

Gilberts and Sandford Road TARA. In avoidance of doubt, those elected are Graham Bellamy, Andrew Bradley, Tom Brannigan, Fiona Butler, Wendi Carson, James Corah, Steve Gradys, Steve Harris, Paul Holdsworth, John Illingworth, Daniel Lipzith, John Liversedge, Amy McAbendroth, Michael Park, Adele Rae and the G&S TARA nominee.

- (8) **Policy Discussion:** The Secretary presented a first draft of the “*Intentions*” document, and it was agreed to proceed generally along the lines proposed, in the expectation that the draft document would be subject to significant amendment and extension.
- (9) The meeting closed at 9:30pm

John Illingworth
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