

Sixth Meeting of the Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum at New Burley Club on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7:30pm

Agenda and Reports

Informal discussion: The KNF Board want our meetings to be welcoming and inclusive, so we will start with informal discussion so people can meet colleagues, move around and talk in smaller groups. Light refreshments will be provided, and there will be some displays to stimulate discussion. We will see how this goes. When people are ready we will sit down to do the formal business.

- (1) **Election of a Chair:** Propose John Liversedge, who chairs the Board.
- (2) **Apologies for absence:** Wendi Carson, Sam Meadley, Liz Minkin
- (3) **Endorsing the list of members:** The meeting is asked to approve new members who joined before the meeting (Bobby Bowker, Carole Skene, Tommy Carr, Jane Carr, Chris Hill, Joseph Morris) plus all those who register on Tuesday night.
- (4) **Minutes of the Fifth Public Meeting held on 6 December 2016** (attached).
- (5) **Matters arising from the minutes.**
- (6) **Flooding Report** (Mr Richard Edwards, Leeds City Council)
- (7) **Kirkstall Valley Development Trust** (Chris Hill, KVDT & KNF)
- (8) **Footpaths group** (Paul Holdsworth, KNF)
- (9) **Rail users group** (Andy Rontree, KNF)
- (10) **Treasurer's report** (James Corah) and any matters arising.
- (11) **Draft Intentions Document** (attached) and proposed addition of a new policy KNF12 on children's play areas by Graham Bellamy: *"Policy KNF12 supports the provision of frequent outdoor play facilities throughout the neighbourhood, such that in principle there is a small outdoor play area with a swing and maybe a slide for example, within only a few minutes' walk of every child's home. The small local 'walk-to' sites will be in addition to larger 'drive-to' sites designed to serve a wider area. The plan will identify sites for these play facilities."* (In Moor Grange the field at Old Farm Close was already identified as one such location in the Kirkstall Vision. The plan should support that and also look to identify others.)
- (12) **General Policy discussion:** This is an opportunity to raise new matters, and possibly seek reports to a future meeting.
- (13) **Dates, times and venues for future open meetings.** We must recruit more members if we want to win the referendum. We aim to organise public meetings in different parts of Kirkstall, publishing details in advance, so they can be linked to recruitment campaigns. We could vary the day that meetings are held. Please could members reply to the email notice for this meeting, and tick the grid on the message to say which evenings they want to **avoid**. Please mark the days you **don't** want so that no reply means no preference. This will make it much easier to add up!

John Illingworth
3 February 2017

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. The Treasurer drew attention to discrepancies between current Charity Commission recommendations and the financial policies set out in our Constitution. Members agreed to amend the Constitution to match the Charity Commission advice. There was a discussion about funding, and it was agreed to draw down DCLG 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
26 January 2017

Draft Intentions Document

This is our first stab at a document which is likely to go through several drafts. It sets out broad policy objectives and is here to be amended. It will be brought back to future meetings. Since this is a planning document it does not specify who the providers will be, but in some cases this could be a local cooperative or community group.

Planning History: The last strategic planning document to complete the full legal process in Kirkstall Ward was the 1972 Development Plan Review! Local Plans in 1980 and 1986 did not complete the required public consultation. Large areas of Kirkstall were administered by the Leeds Development Corporation from 1988 to 1995 and were consequently excluded from the Leeds Unitary Development Plan (UDP). The only areas that were considered were those with limited opportunity for change. For obscure reasons Kirkstall was also excluded from the UDP Review in 2004, so the current Leeds Development Framework is the first strategic planning document since 1972 which residents could properly challenge and amend.

Scope: Our Kirkstall Neighbourhood Plan must comply with relevant parts of the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) and [Leeds Development Framework](#) (LDF). Locally, we have opportunities to suggest amendments to the LDF to avoid conflict with our Neighbourhood Plan. If our suggestions are rejected by Leeds City Council, then we must comply with the LDF. The positive outcome from a recent [Judicial Review of the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan](#) in November 2016 suggests that residents have considerable power if they choose to use it.

Sustainable Development: This is usually defined as development which meets the needs of the current generation without compromising the needs of our successors. Paragraph 14 of the NPPF includes a presumption in favour of sustainable development, and subsequent paragraphs explain how this should be applied. Paragraph 17 on *Core Planning Principles* includes the following bullet point:

- *support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change, and encourage the reuse of existing resources, including conversion of existing buildings, and encourage the use of renewable resources (for example, by the development of renewable energy);*

Draft Policy KNF1 restricts further built development in the highest flood risk areas (presently defined as the area between the Kirkstall mill goits and the main river) EXCEPT (1) for water source heat pumps and low carbon renewable energy; (2) greenhouse crops and agricultural activities; (3) physical recreation and active travel; (4) associated educational and scientific activities.

Draft Policy KNF2 requires high design and construction standards in all new developments, and zero tolerance for second-rate cheapskate buildings in the older urban areas.

Draft Policy KNF3 supports development of the suburban rail network in Kirkstall Ward, including a new rail halt on the Harrogate line between the Hawksworth and Spennings Hill estates, and a return to four track working on the Skipton / Bradford lines with the re-opening of all the stations in the Aire Valley that were closed by the Beeching review.

Draft Policy KNF4 supports development of the bus network, with additional bus lanes to be created at traffic bottlenecks, and measures to improve road safety, and reduce traffic noise, vehicle speeds and air pollution.

Draft Policy KNF5 supports the development of a low-carbon suburban heat network linked to the progressive replacement / renewal of existing water, gas, electricity, telephone and data services and the separation of foul sewage from surface water drainage.

Draft Policy KNF6 supports the development of an off-road public footpath network, and requires the Leeds flood defence scheme to improve pedestrian access to the banks of the River Aire in Kirkstall Ward.

Draft Policy KNF7 recognises the need for (1) 500 additional parking places in residential areas that were built before mass car ownership, and (2) wide-area residents' parking schemes, with differential charging in favour of residents, to reduce the problems caused by commuter, match-day and special event parking in residential areas.

Draft Policy KNF8 identifies the former "Tesco" site bounded by Kirkstall Lane, Kirkstall Hill, Beecroft Street and Commercial Road as an area for housing development (reflecting the LDF site allocations policies) and further specifies affordable high-density low-carbon housing similar in design and tenure to the nearby "Lilac" scheme on Victoria Park Avenue.

Draft Policy KNF9 identifies the vacant historic Kirkstall Mills (Abbey Mills and St Ann's Mills) for various community / educational uses, for example: after-school / breakfast clubs; artisan workshop; café; children's play; community hub; library; performing arts; physical recreation; restaurant; scientific education, research and development; social care; sustainable energy.

Draft Policy KNF10 introduces weight and speed limits, one-way traffic flows and improved pedestrian facilities on St Ann's Lane.

Draft Policy KNF11 supports litter removal, footpaths, planting and future maintenance of the recreational open space between Latchmere View and the Leeds outer ring road.

Draft Policy KNF12 on play areas will be debated on 7 February 2017

John Illingworth
5 February 2017