

Eleventh Meeting of Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum at 7:30pm on Monday 17 September 2018 in Leeds Postal Sports Association Club, Beecroft Street LS5 3AS

Revised Minutes

Present: (68) Janice Archibald, Helen Ashman, Norma Bell, Hannah Bithell, Ian Borrows, Bobby Bowker, Bronwyn Brady, Tom Brannigan, Melody Brewer, Malcolm Brown, Fiona Butler, Cherie Cartwright, Susan Chesters, T Comstive, James Corah, I Coward, Stephen Davies, Katie Debenham, Geoff Duce, Maureen Duce, Dean Ellison, Gila Ellison, Judith Everson, A Gallagher, Mindy Goose, Stephen Gradys, Tricia Gradys, John Harris, Steve Harris, Paul Holdsworth, Deborah Howarth, C Hubbard, John Illingworth, Linda Jenkinson, L Jones, Richard Jones, Martin Knox, Sylvia Landells, John Liversedge, Jim Martin, John Mason, Linda Mason, Johanna Mawson, Jim McElron, Roger Moran, Nicola Morris, Peter Owen, S. Lloyd Owen, David Page, Hazel Page, Wayne Parker, A Parsons, M Parsons, Achilles Pliakas, G Pryke, Adele Rae, Mel Robbins, Phil Roberts, D Scarfe, K Shackleton, Stephen Smith, John Spellman, P Stevens, Melanie Thomas, Anne Vanal, Katie Ward, Michael Ward, Joshua Whelan

Apologies for absence: (4) Michael Foody, Chris Hill, Rukeya Lothian, Andy Rontree

- 1) **Election of a Chair:** John Liversedge was proposed, seconded and elected as Chair.
- 2) **Endorsing the list of members:** The meeting approved new members Ian Borrows, Michael Foody, James Nuttall, Liam Oades, Melanie Thomas and Jude Woods who had applied before the meeting. The names of people who joined on the night were published later because there were too many to read out. They were Janice Archibald, Norma Bell, Bronwyn Brady, Malcolm Brown, Cherie Cartwright, T Comstive, I Coward, Stephen Davies, Katie Debenham, Geoff Duce, Maureen Duce, Dean Ellison, Gila Ellison, Judith Everson, A Gallagher, Mindy Goose, Tricia Gradys, John Harris, C Hubbard, Linda Jenkinson, L Jones, Richard Jones, Jim Martin, John Mason, Linda Mason, Nicola Morris, S. Lloyd Owen, David Page, Hazel Page, Wayne Parker, A Parsons, M Parsons, Achilles Pliakas, G Pryke, Phil Roberts, D Scarfe, K Shackleton, Stephen Smith, Melanie Thomas, Anne Vanal, Katie Ward, Michael Ward and Joshua Whelan.
- 3) **Minutes of the Tenth Public Meeting held on 31 January 2018** were approved and there were no matters arising.
- 4) **Secretary's report:** The Secretary reported as follows
 - a) **Public engagement:** The Board had secured a grant of £8,620 for publicity and engagement and the terms were explained to the meeting. The Secretary briefly outlined the system for adopting Neighbourhood Plans, including the independent examination and stressed the importance of listening to the public and engaging with a wide range of residents, including "hard to reach" groups. The present SWOT exercise was part of this process. He was asked to prepare a brief written explanation for future use that could be circulated to all new members
 - b) **Flood alleviation:** The Secretary outlined the Kirkstall flood defence proposals and explained that sheet piling flood defences are proposed for most of the ward. Many of these barriers will be waist high. Engineers are trying to improve their

unsatisfactory appearance and limit the damage to wildlife and waterside trees. Sheet piling makes it more difficult to escape from the water, and increases the risk that children and adults could be trapped and drowned. This could limit recreational use by walkers, canoes and other boats. It was agreed that KNF should seek a full safety assessment of the flood defence proposals.

- c) **Kirkstall District Centre:** The Secretary explained that a development company has bought the Council's freehold interest in the former "Tesco" site between Kirkstall Lane and Beecroft Street. The Council is now committed to a housing scheme. Initial sketches showed a mixture of three storey town houses and four storey apartment blocks, with undercroft parking areas. The new streets follow the contours of the hill.

The site is gradually being extended to include more land, except for the PSA club and the line of trees bordering Commercial Road. There are still major highway issues. Although housing generates less traffic than retail developments, there will be many extra vehicles. The Council also expects a 20% increase in flow along the A65 from the Kirkstall Forge development, and there are no plans to deal with this. The meeting agreed that pedestrians and public transport should be protected from the inevitable congestion.

(5) **Treasurer's report** was circulated and accepted by the meeting.

(6) **General Policy discussion:** The meeting agreed to break into smaller groups to facilitate discussion. This provided an opportunity to raise new issues, and possibly seek detailed reports to a future meeting.

(7) **Dates, times and venues for future open meetings:** to be arranged by the Board.

John Illingworth
1 Nov 2018