

MINUTES

of

13th GENERAL MEETING

Date of meeting: Monday 25 September 2017
Start time: 6:30pm
Venue: Baden Powell Suite, YMCA, Whetstone Lane

Members present: Tom Allport; Philip Barton (Honorary Chair) **[PB]**; Jim Cadwallader **[JC]**; Cllr Pat Cleary **[PC]**; Jane Rivington.

Non-members present:

Apologies: Mark Baker; Jayne Clough; Terence Ezra; Richard Fassam **[RF]**; Hilda Kiernan; David Liggins **[DL]**.

No.	Item	Notes	Action	Target date
1	Welcome and apologies	PB opened the meeting at 6:36pm and confirmed that it was inquorate. The number of people eligible to vote was 5 .	Item discharged	
2	Minutes of 12 th general meeting (accuracy)	It was agreed unanimously that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting.	Item discharged	
3	Matters arising (not already on the agenda)	None notified to the chair.	Item discharged	
4	Disciplinary matter	As the meeting was inquorate this item could not be discharged. PB agreed to convene an extraordinary general meeting to hold the necessary vote.	PB	ASAP
5	Proposal to establish a community benefit society with associated community land trust	As the meeting was inquorate this item could not be discharged. PB agreed to convene an extraordinary general meeting to hold the necessary vote.	PB	ASAP

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6	Vacancy for Honorary Secretary – call for nominations	<p>PB informed members that Greg Vogiatzis [GV] has resigned from his post. It is necessary to fill this key officer post as soon as possible and the Forum is therefore announcing a call for nominations. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member (with their permission) for the role, please forward your nomination(s) to PB at chair@batnppf.org or by mail to 1 Lorn Court, Lorn Street, Birkenhead. CH41 6SA</p>	All members	ASAP
7	Membership update	<p>PB stated that there had been two resignations due to members moving out of the area and that seven new members had joined since the last general meeting.</p> <p>The total number of members is 50.</p> <p>30 hold an enhanced membership and 20 a standard membership.</p>	Item discharged	
8	Financial update	<p>RF had provided the following summary:</p> <p><u>Balance as of 25 September 2017:</u> £2,752.42</p> <p>of which, £1,094.64 is allocated to community-led housing work and £1,657.78 is allocated to neighbourhood planning work.</p> <p>Donations to the Forum may be made by electronic bank transfer to:</p> <p>Name of Bank: <i>Yorkshire Bank</i> Account number: 44233053 Sort Code: 05-02-45</p>	Item discharged	
9	History & Heritage Workgroup update (workgroup 1)	<p><i>6.1 Box – corner of Whetstone Lane and Derby Road</i></p> <p>PB explained that, with the help of a specialist <i>Facebook</i> group, he has identified this unusual piece of</p>		

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9	History & Heritage Workgroup update (workgroup 1) <i>[continued]</i>	<p>street furniture as a Lucy Box, which were used to enclose telephone cabling or electrical wiring for the control of trams, street lamps and so on. The distinctive ornamentation on the top of the box dates it to sometime before the year 1898. PB suggested that, at some point in the future, money might be found to restore it.</p> <p><i>6.2 Tranmere Tunnels Volunteers Limited</i> JC updated members. The main entrance to the tunnels, in Holborn Square, has been sealed with a 12" (30cm) thick plug of concrete to prevent trespassers from gaining access. A solicitor from <i>Her Majesty's Land Registry</i> contacted JC to say that consultation with owners of properties above the tunnels will commence in about three weeks' time and is expected to last for up to three months. Once this consultation has taken place, work will continue to register the Council's ownership of the tunnels. JC stated that Council officer, Shaun Fitzpatrick, has been very helpful throughout this process.</p>	JC, DL	Ongoing
10	Planning Applications Workgroup update (workgroup 2)	<p>PB informed members that workgroup 2 had submitted three new consultation responses:</p> <p><i>7.1 APP/17/00835</i> <i>Erection of two-bedroom detached bungalow</i> 32 Harland Road. CH42 0LU</p> <p>The Forum OBJECTED to the proposal.</p> <p>Planning permission was GRANTED CONDITIONALLY. The conditions addressed some of the Forum's concerns.</p>		

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10	Planning Applications Workgroup update (workgroup 2) <i>[continued]</i>	<p><u>7.2 APP/17/00897</u> <i>Erection of 34 houses with associated landscaping and parking.</i> Church Road, Warrington Street, Thompson Street, Liversidge Road.</p> <p>The Forum OBJECTED to the proposal.</p> <p>DECISION AWAITED. The Forum's consultation exercise for this proposal was well attended.</p> <p><u>7.3 APP/17/00986</u> <i>Conversion of dwelling into four self-contained apartments.</i> 50a The Woodlands. CH41 2SJ</p> <p>The Forum OBJECTED to the proposal.</p> <p>DECISION AWAITED.</p> <p>Older outstanding decisions are:</p> <p><u>7.4 APP/16/01476</u> <i>Conversion of a former Presbyterian church and attached church hall (D1) into 11 no. residential apartments (C3) and gymnasium.</i> Hillside Christian Fellowship Church, 61 Willmer Road, Tranmere. CH42 OJB</p> <p>The Forum OBJECTED to the proposal.</p> <p>A decision was due by 9 March 2017.</p> <p>No decision has yet been made</p> <p>PC expressed his appreciation to members of workgroup 2 for their work on behalf of the Forum because it helps him in his role on the Council's Planning Committee.</p>		

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11	Community Issues Workgroup update (workgroup 3)	<p>PB explained that the working relationship between the Forum and <i>These Streets Are Our Streets</i> has now been dissolved and that the management committee has taken direct control of all of the work that was being undertaken by GV and workgroup 3:</p> <p><u>8.1 Community-led Housing Early Stages Support Fund</u> Following discussions with <i>Locality</i> and the <i>National Community Land Trusts Network</i>, the management committee has decided to recommend to members that the Forum is operated as a community benefit society with an associated community land trust. The final decision rests with members and a vote will take place as soon as possible to determine this issue. This change would make it much easier to deliver community-led housing projects and to apply for further funding.</p> <p>GV has informed the management committee that he intends to buy and re-model the Victoria Lodge Hotel in Victoria Road using his own personal resources. This project is no longer a Forum initiative.</p> <p>Two potential community-led housing projects have been flagged to <i>Locality</i> - these are the Tranmere Methodist Church and 70, 70a, 72a Argyle Street.</p> <p><u>8.2 Retake The Lauries</u> PB and PC met with Council officers David Ball [DB] and Ray Squire [RS] on 10 August 2017. DB explained that RS would continue to investigate the complaint but that the final determination would be made by Joe Blott [JB], who is a</p>	<p>Management Committee</p> <p>All members</p> <p>PB; PC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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13	Any other business	<p>JC expressed support for a future neighbourhood plan policy designed to encourage the provision of charging points for electric vehicles. PB agreed that this would be a sensible issue to include in the neighbourhood plan and would be explored at a future topic-based consultation about transport issues generally.</p>	Management Committee	Ongoing
14	Date of next meeting	<p>The 14th General Meeting of the <i>Birkenhead & Tranmere Neighbourhood Planning Forum</i> will take place at a date, time and venue yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Proceedings were closed at 8:00pm</p>	All members	To be confirmed

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