

Minutes of Meeting of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

Date: 25th February 2020 **Time:** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Meeting room

Present: Janet Burks, Helen Stocks, Ann Young, Trish Freeman, Tricia Conroy, Carol Taylor Bruce, Claire Porterfield, Cllr Aron Thornley

Apologies: Richard Jones, Anne Walker, Peter Ramsey

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Financial Update

1) Janet went through the spreadsheet detailing the forum's financial position. £1234.90 remains of this year's grant. The Forum is not eligible for any more funds from Locality having received the full quota since 2017. After payments below which are owing there will be £554.90 left which has to be repaid to Locality.

Action: Jamie to receive £300 for work on the website. Trish to request an invoice

£350 to be paid to our consultant for her work on the amendments to the Plan following SMBC 's input.

£30 will be paid to Claire for printing/ laminating costs

2) It was agreed a further payment will be made towards the web site in the new financial year. £420 will also have to be paid to the consultant for her final work.

This means the forum needs to fundraise to pay ongoing expenses.

Action: A request to be made to the Marple Ward Flexibility Fund for a one off payment.

Action: Aron to speak to Colin Mc re the Flexibility fund and to Jonathan Mayo at Stockport Planning re the possible costs to the forum associated with the referendum.

Action: Janet to send next year's costs to Aron to give him a clear picture of the amount of money needed when speaking to Marple Area Committee re the Flexibility Fund.

3) It was agreed we can reduce expenses by holding some meetings in a pub and publicising the referendum when we reach that point by methods which don't cost money for example : posting notifications on Face book and the forum's website, e mailing forum members, publicising the referendum in the Marple Review ,the church and schools newsletters as well as using resources we already have such as the banners. It was suggested we could also knock on doors to let people know about the referendum. All suggestions will be checked out with our council contact in Stockport Planning.

Fundraising Suggestions

1) Carol suggested an auction with pledges from local businesses who might offer some of their time/ their products for free as prizes. Mr Jolley has agreed to run the auction. After discussion it was felt a Trade Fair in the village hall to which all local businesses would be invited would generate interest and good attendance as it would be a good networking opportunity for businesses and local people . The auction would follow at the end of the afternoon.

2) It was agreed the event would be first advertised on Face book to gauge interest levels. Saturday 16th May was agreed as a suitable day. £10 per table was suggested as the price for businesses to attend.

Action: Claire to check the availability of the village hall on 16 May

Action: Trish to advertise the event on Face book and ask for Expressions of Interest

3) To raise money Janet suggested producing a photographic print of High Lane station Then and Now ie with a picture of the station in the 1930s with a modern day picture superimposed over it thereby showing the past and present, then and now. Janet showed an example of where this had

been done elsewhere very successfully. She has contacted Pete Kelly, a professional photographer at Goyt Mill who has generously offered to take the modern picture of High Lane station and produce the photograph of the 2 prints without asking for payment. It was suggested that the prints could be launched at the Trade Fair. Pete to be invited to the Fair and offered a free stall. It was suggested the prints could be sold for £25, the profit from the first 25 going to the NF, the rest to Pete.

Action: Janet to arrange for the taking of the photograph with Pete and speak to him about the Trade Fair.

4) Ann Y suggested Forever Manchester is a website for the forum to consider. It can provide funding to groups who contribute to community events.

The Plan and SMBC

1) SMBC planning has made some suggestions for amending the Plan and Louise is working on inserting the amendments and where appropriate discussing them with the forum. Committee members consider SMBC'S comments to be helpful and fair and thank SMBC planners for their input.

2) Once this is complete Richard has organised a 'health check' for the Plan to be carried out by Locality(a free service which they offer). It will be April once this is complete

3) The council will then publish the Plan on their website for 6 week's consultation

4) The Independent Examiner will then scrutinise the Plan and any comments or feedback which have been received during the councils 6 week consultation will be passed to him/her .

Action: Claire to request Louise changes the name of a field referred to on page 58 so that it is more easily recognised

Website

It was agreed that when Louise has completed the amendments to the Plan proposed by SMBC, this version of the Plan will be published on the website. The Neighbourhood Forum is very appreciative of the time Jamie has given to our website and the very reasonable rates he has charged because the Plan is a local enterprise.

Date of Next Meeting

Date 24th March **Time** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Meeting Room(beside W Methodist Church)

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