

LITTLEBOROUGH CIVIC TRUST
Committee Meeting
19th March 2019
Hare Hill House

Present

Ian Jackson

Michael Price

Gillian Price

Barry Cropper

John Kay

Bob Wetherly

Barbara Wetherly

Ann Stott

Vivienne Ashworth

Nick Andrews

Peter Gugas

Robert Clegg

Frank Carter

1. Introductions and welcome

The meeting was opened by Ian Jackson at 7.30 and introductions were made

2. Apologies for absence

Shaun Clancy, Julian Farnell

3. Submissions for AOB

John Kay – Development at Littleborough Coach House

4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Item 6 Charity Commission – Annual Report and Annual Accounts are required to be completed and sent to the Charity Commission on behalf of Littleborough Civic Trust IJ/JK

5. Treasurers Report/Invoicing Procedures

Online Banking is now up and running

Total in Bank Account £5228.07
FRG Funds £1954.84 + £7.40 remaining petty cash
Canal Development Group £1277.82
LCT Funds £1995.41

Up to date we have received £270 in membership fees ie 27 members

It was agreed that IJ, JK and MP are the only signatories of the account

6. Planning application updates

Notification of a Screening Opinion for the housing development proposed at New Street

IJ informed the meeting that he had raised the question of the inadequacy of the Transport Strategy for 2020-2025 at the Wardle and Littleborough Community Forum. No development in the area specified.

BW asked a question regarding the work that was going on at Gale. This could be the work of the EA in developing the Flood Attenuation Programme

NA raised the question of the LCT being more proactive in documenting our approval or not of planning applications to ensure our voice is heard

7. Save Littleborough's Greenbelt

Robert Clegg was invited to speak at the meeting as one of the organisers of the Save Littleborough's Greenbelt Group.

This group was formed in response to the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Strategy. Their aim is to make the public aware of what the strategy means for our area, assistance with completing the objection documents and investigation into brownfield sites which could be used instead of building on greenbelt land, although we all know that these sites are not attractive to developers. They believe that the proposed developments are both irresponsible and immoral and to date have 1000 members who agree. There are planned events in response to the strategy. The LCT are in support of this group and would welcome Robert and other representatives of this group to attend our meetings

8. Canalside Development Group

The Canal Boat is progressing well and JF has sent updated photographs for posting on LCT Facebook page.

The group welcomed Frank Carter to the meeting, a good friend of Brian Holden. The C&RT have agreed to fund the making of a bench in memory of

Brian which will be placed near the Pennine in Bloom Garden on Canal St. It is hoped that this will be completed by the summer so that a dedication ceremony can take place, inviting members of C&RT, LCT and friends and family of Brian to the event

9. Flood Group Report

Phase One of the CUPi grant has now been spent. This included funding for the Open Day on 23rd February at Hare Hill House. Although the attendance at the event was disappointing it did allow time for the exhibitors to come together, with positive ideas coming out of the day.

Phase Two is now proceeding. Two members attended a National Flood Forum Seminar in Lancaster and three members are attending a meeting in Hebden Bridge. Meetings have also been held regarding social media training. A meeting has been held with Raynet who are willing to help with radio communication if the need arises.

At present there are only four members of the group so activities in the event of a flood are limited. We now need to formulate an Operational Plan as to the degree of assistance we can offer. At present this is looking like manning a refuge centre at Hare Hill House

IJ is putting together a case study for a potential siren in Littleborough to be activated when the flood warning becomes imminent. Not all residents are signed up to EA and NFF warnings.

10. Social Media

Facebook is now up and running and advice has been sought as to the LCT having a Twitter account to widen our contact base. MP/IJ both have administration rights to the Facebook account and will use this media for advertising and updates as to the activities of the LCT/FRG and Canal Development Group. Due to unforeseen circumstances our website is static at present. We do have monies in Phase Two CUPi to design and develop a new website, as necessary.

11. News and Events

None to date

12. AOB

BW noted that Littleborough Fire Station is to be downgraded to nine men from 12 in a restructure

JK informed the meeting that there may be a planning application submitted for a conservatory extension to the Cherry Tree Café at Littleborough Coach House in the near future

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

The next meeting will be held on 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Hare Hill House

All members of the LCT and Canalside Development Group are welcome to attend