



Osgoldcross Forum

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th June 2009 at Balne Parish Rooms.

Members present: J Vause (in the chair), E Beechey, B Crossdale, F Blackburn, K Ronksley, I Sewell, J Davie, K Walton, S Laurenson, N Andrews, H Bickerton, R Stephenson, S Ryder and G Ivey.

Apologies were received from A Pound, J Mitchell, M Skirrow, M Langan, M Whittles, S Gilbert, and R Dunning.

Item 1. Election of Executive Committee

Nine nomination papers had been returned, nominating nine members for the nine available positions on the Executive Committee. Therefore no election was necessary.

The elected members were Jenny Mitchell, Rita Stephenson, Margaret Whittles, Eric Beechey, Frank Blackburn, John Vause, Sonia Gill, Stephen Laurenson and Ian Sewell.

Item 2. Election of Chair

John Vause (as a member of the Executive Committee) was proposed and seconded as Chair. There being no other nominations, John Vause was elected as Chair until the next AGM.

Item 3. Election of Vice-chair

Margaret Whittles (in her absence and as a member of the Executive Committee) was proposed and seconded as Vice-chair. There were no other nominations. The Chair proposed that, due to her absence, no appointment should be made until Margaret Whittles was consulted. This was seconded and agreed.

Item 4. Minutes of the last AGM held on 26th June 2008

These were proposed and seconded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Item 5. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Item 6. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman's Annual Report was presented to Members. A Member asked what had happened about the possibility of leasing a facility in Eggborough. The Chair replied that the project was not sustainable to the tune of about £15,000 per annum. This amount could be raised by renting out rooms in the building but this would put a financial burden on the Forum. The Chair said that the Forum was still trying to obtain funding to provide services but in a sustainable way. The Member asked what size of building would be needed. The Chair replied that it would probably be single storey, containing a

central hall with offices and smaller rooms off it. A Member asked if there was a specific area that the building might be. The Chair replied that near in or around Whitley was the favoured area at the moment.

A Member asked if Members from a specific area could be invited to Executive Committee meetings to discuss this. The Chair replied that the way the Forum was constituted means the Executive Committee makes decisions and then brings them to the full membership meetings.

A Member asked how the facility in Eggborough was put on the agenda and who made the decision. The Chair replied the he had been approached by the owner's representative who had offered to lease it. The building was examined by the Chair and Chief Executive and they placed it on the agenda for a meeting of the Executive Committee. The committee agreed to examine the proposal. The Chief Executive said the proposals were then brought to a full meeting of the Forum and it was agreed to examine the proposals further. The Chair told Members he had not made any decisions. He had made proposals at the Executive Committee meetings for it to decide.

A Member suggested that a policy document should be produced to explain the procedure that takes place. Members agreed that this should be done.

A Member suggested the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings should be made public. The Chair replied that some information may have to remain confidential but he would see if it could be done.

Item 7. Accounts 2008-09

The Chief Executive circulated the Forum's annual accounts. The accounts were proposed and seconded as correct and were accepted by Members.

Item 8. Subscriptions 2009/010

It was proposed that the subscription for 2009/10 should be set at £25.

All agreed.