

Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum
Steering Committee Meeting
Friday 15th November 2019
7.30pm at the White Hart Community pub, Godstow Road

Present: John Bleach (JB), Christopher Hardman (CH) (Chairman), Cllr Liz Wade (LW) , Cllr Paul Buckley(PB) , Mary Brown, Steve Roberts (SR), Tony Dale (TD) , Simon Ryde (SR), David Stone.(DS)

Apologies: Richard Lawrence-Wilson, Catherine Kaye

1. Previous minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were agreed.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

PB said it is not certain that a statutory public consultation will be held on whether to have a zebra crossing. He also stated that the Forum should have a view and the initial decision will be made by the City Council and fed back to the Forum.

3. Preparation for the Referendum

Sadie will help with preparation for this. Following a long discussion, CH thought flying Goose magazine is the way to promote the referendum, and will ask if WNF can add a leaflet to its Christmas distribution. WNF should make a concerted effort to maximise participation. WNF will suggest to OCC to combine the referendum with local elections on May 7th. WNF feels that OCC will be pleased with this proposal as this keeps costs down and they are responsible for preparing for the referendum. It was agreed that in promoting the referendum it must be made clear to voters that if WNF are endorsed as the official local representative body recognized by the City Council, WNF will then have a say in how the CIL (community infrastructure levy) money of £214,000 will be allocated and spent on specific local projects that meet the criteria set by City Council.

4. CIL

Discussions drifted from Referendum to CIL; it is not totally clear what authority WNF will have over the spending of *future* CIL receipts beyond those already received (CALA Homes funds have been received to £214,000).

5. Air Quality

LW and CH had a meeting with Mai James and WNF feel that they can contribute towards the Air Quality Plan and Mai was happy for WNF to be involved in the preparation of the plan and sending research it possesses to her. There is no legal obligation on the planners to respond to the Air Quality Report.

6. Oxford North

27th November this is being considered by the West Area Planning Committee. PB stated there is no funding at present for the link road but feels it will eventually happen.

7. Wolvercote Mill, community building and management company.

SR to liaise with CALA Homes about the community building and management company arrangements. CH to provide background information and history.

8. Community Council

CH is watching Headington's consideration as to conversion of their Forum to a Community Council to see how it develops and the WNF will decide, after advice is received, if it wishes to replicate their model.

9. Cherwell Local Plan

8th November to 20th December is the consultation period. CH will contact Suzanne McIver To consider a response. Different members will examine different aspects of the plan.

10. Date of Next meeting:

Friday 6th December 7.30pm at White Hart community pub.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm