

AGM Minutes

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Methodist Church Fellowship Room Guiseley, 7.30pm

1. **Attendees - names on file. Apologies:** Stuart Garforth,
Councillor Oliver Edwards and Alec Denton
2. **Minutes from 2019 AGM and matters arising.** Find [here](#) slide 4.

Lynda Kitching, Vice Chair welcomed the audience to the meeting and talked us through the matters arising from the previous AGM.

3. **Chair's Report - What has been achieved; what lies ahead.**

Jennifer Kirkby, who was Chair until May 2023, when she resigned, and has been acting Chair since then, recounted our achievements since the last AGM, see slides 6-18.

4. **Secretary's Report slides 19-21**

Liz Kirkpatrick, Organisational secretary, presented details of our community support and engagement with residents. She praised how people had rallied round with help and donations when we were challenging Leeds City Council's plan to build on four green belt sites in Aireborough. She also told us of our involvement in LCC's update of their Statement of Community involvement, and how on many occasions we helped the Aireborough population in understanding LCC's consultation forms including the very important Local Plan. Concluding, she conveyed the fact that with a new Local Plan in the offing it was time for a new future led by a new steering group.

5. Treasurer's Report slides 22-24

Jennifer Kirkby interpreted the slides showing the breakdown of our finances, which showed finally, to date, we have just over £5,000 in the ANDF bank account.

6. Election of Steering Committee and call for nominations.

Slide 26 shows a list of Steering Group members from 2019 to date. 1-4 on the list have since resigned, leaving 6. The remaining members had expressed a desire to resign also as it was thought it

was time for new blood to take over in the challenging times ahead given that a new Local Plan is in the offing. However they did not expect new members to take over everything right away, but remain in post in an advisory capacity until a new committee could be formed. The Constitution states that a minimum of 7 Committee members is needed. Two nominations were received in advance, Paul Wadsworth and Paul Alderson. From the floor Councillor Eleanor Thomson volunteered to be the Guiseley & Rawdon ward representative, and was nominated and seconded from the audience. This means we have three new committee members to take us forward, but more are needed.

7. Any Other Business / Discussion

Nigel Wilson expressed his concern about developers approaching farmers and landowners with a view to purchasing land. It was also mentioned that should there be a Labour government after the general election there had been discussion about land prices being lowered and compulsory purchase orders put in place in order to meet housing targets.

Lynda Kitching brought up the subject of the Grey Belt. This is "poor quality and ugly areas" on parts of the green belt which

includes disused car parks and wasteland which could be used for housing.

Ken Cothliff announced he was retiring as the ANDF representative on the airport committee and suggested that Alan Moore would be a substitute if the group thought this was appropriate. Jennifer Kirkby to call Alan to discuss.

A member of the audience thanked the Steering Committee for their hard work and especially their endeavours with the judicial review. Paddie Breeze added that the Judicial Review had been an inspiration for groups in other areas of the country to question Local Plans and housing figures.

Minutes compiled Liz Kirkpatrick
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