

Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of general public community engagement meeting on 17 Sept 2019, 8pm at Queenswood Social Club

Present: (28) Helen Ashman, Rosie Atkins, Ian Borrows, Bobby Bowker, Tom Brannigan, Joanna Carder, Matthew Chapman, Jenny Cole, Andrea Davis, Nicholas Davis, Lawrence Farrer, Michael Foody, Sharon Ford, Pat Gradys, Paul Holdsworth, John Illingworth, Colin Irvin, Sylvia Landells, John Liversedge, Ola Marjan, Christine Needham, Adele Rae, Andy Rontree, Louise Schreuders, Katherine Smith, Janet Storey, Caroline Walker and Jeanette Walker.

Apologies: (4) Peter Blamire, Anne Vanal, Katie Ward, Joshua Whelan.

Item		Actions
1	<p>Election of Chair John Illingworth proposed John Liversedge seconded by Tom Brannigan and accepted by all at the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>New Members (13) Joanna Carder, Matthew Chapman, Jenny Cole, Andrea Davis, Nicholas Davis, Lawrence Farrer, Sharon Ford, Colin Irvin, Ola Marjan, Louise Schreuders, Janet Storey, Caroline Walker and Jeanette Walker.</p> <p>All new members signed in and were accepted in principle as members of the Kirkstall area and of the forum. Tom Brannigan gave a short summary of how we would protect their data and that we would use it to keep them updated with Forum Matters and for no other reason. No dissent was recorded.</p>	
	<p>Secretary's report John Illingworth gave a full explanation of what the Forum was and exactly what we were trying to achieve. He explained about the engagement, the draft plan and the final referendum.</p> <p>It was made clear that this meeting was to receive feedback from the community and for them to ask any questions, so they fully understood the purpose and advantages of a neighbourhood plan and to ask for their support of the plan.</p> <p>It was explained that we had delivered in the region of 750 notices of the meeting together with a swot form to enable us to engage with the community.</p> <p>Those in attendance were thanked for attending and it was confirmed we expected a lot of feedback online as well as at tonight's meeting.</p>	
	<p>Open forum community feedback The community fed back concerns about the following areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking on Queenswood Road and surrounding streets. This appears to have happened as a result of a change in policy at the university to start charging for parking which had impacted local streets without fair consultation with the community. • Crossings on Queenswood drive. The community was frustrated 	

	<p>about the lack of crossings on Queenswood Drive and the lack of support in the council in installing traffic lights, zebras or refuges in the middle of the road so elderly and young can cross safely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Cameras. Whilst there are signs indicating speed cameras on Queenswood Drive the community felt that there was no fixed cameras or limited use of mobile cameras and that this should be addressed. • The community expressed that there was lack of school facilities in the Queenswood area and that we should pressure the council to consider reopening Becketts Park School. The lack of a local school meant children had to commute further to school adding to increased traffic levels in the area. • The community confirmed they felt the plan should include an accessible plan to ensure disabled access across the area. • Footpaths. There was strong interest in the footpaths in the area and the need for them to be registered now so proper maintenance can take place keeping them accessible to all. • The Community wanted to be active in specialist groups so they can take matters forward more quickly. It was resolved that the board would add a directory of special interests i.e. wildlife, footpaths, etc. so that people could register their interest and be more actively involved with the leader of the active group. <p>Further feedback from the area will be collected from the online forum.</p>	<p>John Illingworth/Paul Holdsworth</p> <p>John Illingworth</p>
	<p>Engagement Strategy: The full extent of our current engagement opportunities held in 2019 were reported to the meeting as follows: 2 sessions at Kirkstall Abbey Deli Market Kirkstall Festival AGM (January) Queenswood public meeting (September) SWOT drop (September)</p> <p>It was confirmed that our next likely engagement would be in the Hawksworth Wood area before the end of November 2019</p>	
	<p>AOB</p>	
	<p>Date of next board meeting: 25th September 2019 at New Burley Club NB New starting time: 7pm</p> <p>Date of next public meeting: To be decided</p>	