

Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum

AGM Report 2020

Due to the current ongoing pandemic and following advice it has been decided that the board report remotely to you the actions undertaken by the board last year.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of last years meeting are attached as a true record of last years meeting. If you wish to receive any issues about the accuracy of the minutes then please contact the secretary on the email below. In the absence of any feedback we will take the minutes as having been approved.

2. Chair's Report – John Liversedge

I am pleased to be able to say that over the last year we have been able to make progress with our re-designation and engagement processes. We are currently updating our website and analysing the responses to the engagement forms. The analysis will go onto the website as soon as possible. When we are allowed we hope to welcome you to a public meeting. Of course, your comments are always welcome – either on the website, by email or by post.

3. Treasurer's Report – Tom Brannigan

TB attached a full copy of the accounts for transparency. The KNF board received a Locality Grant to allow us to continue our work as a Forum. The grant was for £7146 for 2021. We had previously returned the unspent grant from the previous year which amounted to £4138.34 under the terms of the grant if it is unspent. The forum then reapplies for the grant to continue it's work and we were awarded £7146. The report indicates where we spent the money which was mainly on room hire, website, survey monkey and engagement activities. If you have any questions on the accounts please contact the treasurer on the email below.

4. Secretary's Report – Fiona Butler

The Council approved our application for the re-designation of the Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum in November. The KNF currently has 377 members.

5. Election of board members – Fiona Butler

In view of the current pandemic and our inability to meet in person it is proposed to maintain the current board in 2021. However, we do have vacancies for co-opted members so if you are interested in joining the board then please contact the secretary on the email below.

Engagement – Tom Brannigan

TB confirmed that the Forum had finished it's engagement across the Kirkstall Ward and that it would be closed on the 22nd February to allow the board to analyse the responses received so far. We have delivered in excess of 10,00 SWOT forms to properties across the ward, attended Kirkstall Festival and several Kirkstall markets to engage with the public. A number of public meetings have been held in Hawksworth school, Queenswood club, New Burley club and the Post Office club.

I would like to place on record thanks to all the board members and volunteers who enabled the distribution of the final tranche of SWOT forms to ensute we had concluded a ward wide engagement.

7. Update on current planning applications – Councillor John Illingworth

There are no planning updates. The Artisan plan appears to have come to a halt.

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