

**Minutes Meanwood Valley Partnership Open Meeting
7.30pm 9th January 2018 Holy Trinity- Fenton Room**

Present : Chis Sheard - Chairman, Gordon Charlesworth, Paul Almond -Treasurer, Chris Swales, Sue Sheard, Annie Skelton, Karen Waddington, Rachel Ramsden, Carolyn Hull, Janet Matthews, Cllr Sharon Hamilton.+ 18 local residents,

Apologies : Rachel Fletcher, Norman Ramsden, Sylvia Jay, Rebecca Charlwood, Vicky Coleman, Anne Burgess, Ally McVey

Minutes of previous meeting - agreed.

Sharon Hamilton introduced the new labour candidate for councillor in Moortown Ward, Mohammed Shahzad who praised the work MVP had done.

2 Jackie Prestcott and another member of the audience asked questions to Cllr Hamilton as Sharon had to leave at 8pm relating to unspent Section 106 agreements mentioned in a Yorkshire Post article. SH pointed out that the funds were kept in reserve for their allocated projects. JP pointed out that the Highbury S106 was 14 years old. SH said that the developers' and Council need to discuss. The Waitrose monies were still there and extended for highways as was the WMC development which had not yet commenced. After SH left the meeting Jackie Prescott said was concerned about the Weetwood and Meanwood boundary changes in 2018 (Weetwood Lib Dem, Moortown Labour) with Highbury ground now coming under Weetwood ward and Weetwood Cllrs saying it should have been sorted out by previous councillors. She asked that we minute this and she will email CSh. She also said she could not say more as they had been told by the Council that they were forbidden to discuss this with anyone at present.

3 CSh congratulated SH and the Council on the swiftness of the response to repairing the bridge in the park following damage by a fallen tree.

4 Treasurers report PA Confirmed healthy balance of £10,200. £120 received from Tandem as a donation from their music evenings. Still waiting for an invoice for Xmas lights set up. The Annual audit has been set up to be completed before the AGM.

5. Janet Mathews confirmed Heritage Lottery Fund of £65,000 received The project is to be led by the senior ranger at Leeds City Council and the majority of funds to be used for a part time Ranger for the whole of Meanwood valley Advert going out to recruit at end of January 18. They are holding a steering group at the Rangers Hut at 7pm on the 22/1/18. Janet to do press release. Sue Sheard congratulated Janet on her hard work in achieving this.

6. GC updated on Festival which is going very well – 4 new sponsors and 7 renewed sponsors to date. Organised events now being scheduled.

7. SS updated on Funday. Again going very well and most stalls now booked up and activities booked. She is holding a meeting next week and put a request out for teddy bears for the Teddy Tombola stall and any items for tombola prizes.

8. Friends of Meanwood Park. CH informed that there is a work schedule for the FoMP every third Sat of the month 10am to 12 noon. They have been granted £1800 from Green Leeds. Items e.g raised beds and planting has been ordered from Arium (the Councils nursery) which will arrive mid January. Arium will deliver and FOMP will install the raised beds between the toilet block and the park entrance near the arch on Green Road.

9. CSh to arrange for Raffle License for the Funday

10. Jennifer James, aged 11 from St. Urban's school won the Xmas Tree Light design competition for 2018 with a gingerbread man design. We will have at least 2 more Christmas light in 2018.

11. Agreement to get more bulbs for planting next year. Discussion took place regarding tree planting and bulb planting for next year. CSh to speak to Highways about planting trees on verges next to roads.

12 AOB Jackie Prescott asked for it to be minuted that the next Committee meeting discuss the 2009 Conservation Plan with respect to management of trees.

13 Kingsley Dowling informed us that the church hall refurbishment is on track and the official opening will take place on the 10/3/18. Working with the Yorkshire Ambulance a defibrillator will be installed on the outside of the hall.

14 Question was raised by a member of the audience regarding the sighting of a bin on Church Lane which he thinks should be placed at the bus stop He will email CSh regarding this.

15 Cynthia Ruston said MVA are applying for a £3000 grant to commemorate the WW1 centenary as well as publish a book about a local man who did much for the area. It was agreed that MVP will provide a letter of support to be sent with the application. Maintenance of the memorial was also brought up which we will support too.

Date of next meeting & AGM 20 March at 7.45pm in Community Hall Annex (agreed after the meeting)