

## **Record of Meeting of Friends of Nutsford Vale Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn**

### **Attendees:**

David Sloane,	Mavis Holt,	Bruce James,	Claire James,
Rita Edge,	Barrie Edge,	Keith Sloane,	Wan Sloane,
Bernie Cree,	Steve Cree,	Christine Prunty,	Barbara Moore,
Ally Fogg,	John Prunty,	Mark Lucas,	Pauline Sergeant,
Alan Gibson,	Frank Pollitt,	Marie Convery,	Susan Bristow.

### **Apologies:**

Brian Osbiston,	Bob Lomas,	Jean Wood,	Daniel Heathcote,
Maureen Riding,	Cllr Suzanne Richards,	Kath O'Rourke,	Chris O'Rourke,
Cassie Spinks-Lewis.			

### **Welcome & Introduction:**

#### **Matters Arising: from Previous Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

1. Professional Planner – Ally has had no feedback yet – will follow up. Claire has had similar experiences with the MoD.
2. Outstanding letters/email for the evidence folder – Claire still has items outstanding - Bernie requested an E.I.R from NHS (expected within 20 working days) - Bob still waiting for replies on outstanding FOI requests.
3. Nutsford Vale shopping bags – Ready to go – Order 100 bags in Natural colour with logo in black agreed.
4. Free legal support – no news yet.
5. Petition – no further news yet on clarification of criteria used to reduce signature count down to 834 from 1050.

### **Main Meeting:**

1. George Galloway had been invited to the meeting tonight but was not able to come due to family matters & sends his apologies.
2. Renaming Nutsford Vale Country Park to the Sir Gerald Kaufman Country Park as a fitting tribute – Everyone should write/email to the MEN to build support for the idea. Mavis was concerned that if the planning application was successful, they might want to name the new school after Sir Gerald. Our response would be that he was against the building of a school and it would be a disservice to his memory.
3. European Commission document – Barrie explained that a copy of the document had been sent to him from Marie, and he had sent copies to Bob and Alan requesting their opinion on it's usefulness. However, nobody has read it yet. It outlines a set procedure to follow and we should ensure the Council know about it. It was noted also that the Aarhus Convention mentioned if the document appeared to be being ignored in the UK.
4. The Big Lunch – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Claire to bring cakes, Mavis to bring sausage rolls, Pauline to bring drinks and look into obtaining a gazebo, Rita & Barrie to bring

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games, table & chairs, gazebo, Barbara to bring cheese rolls. It was agreed that we should aim for approx 50 visitors to the event. We will also try to obtain the services of a face-painter and balloon shaper.

5. Following on from our event on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, there is the ITFAR in Crowcroft Park from 5:00pm to 9:30pm. This to celebrate the breaking of the fast and commemorate Jo Cox's untimely death last year. As a group, we will be able to have a stall – we will NOT be able to sell anything but we will be able to distribute leaflets and take orders for T-Shirts and Shopping Bags and of course show pictures and talk to people about our campaign.
6. Website updated with correct dates of future meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Alan suggested that we may need an additional meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May to make preparations for sending letters to the planning committee etc and waiting until the next scheduled meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, the day before the election, may not give us enough time. It was noted that if we wanted an extra meeting, we would need to clear it with Mark (the Landlord) and the room may not be free.
7. Cllr Suzanne Richards & Cllr Bernard Stone had a meeting with Sir Richard Leese on Monday. Sir Richard explained that whilst he was aware of the future plans for Nutsford Vale, he wasn't aware of the historic events on the the Vale. It was proposed to him as being a short sharp fix as the land was owned by the council and they didn't expect any community issues. He is now therefore prepared to meet with us but no date has been agreed.
8. The group was advised that we had received an email from Jane Dudley (MCC) advising that a new Project Manager was in place and the project team wanted a meeting with a few members of the group either next week or the week after, (before the next Public Consultation Meeting which is to be held sometime in June after the 8<sup>th</sup> June elections) – the group felt we should establish who will be attending and have sight of their agenda. The email indicated that they primarily wanted to discuss what improvements the group would want if the planning application was successful. The group's feeling was that we should say as little as possible and listen to their proposals and provide feedback later after we had considered them. Ally was very concerned that the council were just ticking boxes re consultation and wondered what we could get from this meeting.
9. Spirit of Manchester – all the group were emailed but no images to represent the group were uploaded – Rita and Barrie will provide something suitable.
10. Community Charter – of no interest to the group.
11. Future Events – proposals included Bat Boxes, Nature Trail, How many shades of green could they find etc., Craft Day, Kite making & flying. Mavis is at a meeting with the Co-op on Saturday and will ask about the Woodcraft Folk.
12. How we go forward – Ally suggested one more local leaflet drop.
13. We all need to lobby members of the Planning Committee – details of the members are on the council website ([www.manchester.gov.uk](http://www.manchester.gov.uk)) – click on the following link to bring up a list,  
[https://cms.manchester.gov.uk/info/997/committee\\_membership/2842/planning\\_and](https://cms.manchester.gov.uk/info/997/committee_membership/2842/planning_and)

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[highways committee](#) – Please bear in mind that they cannot directly get involved with our campaign or be seen to show any favours, therefore, it is important that letters & emails are carefully worded along the lines of “I would like you to take into consideration”

14. After tonight's meeting, we will be meeting on Matthews Lane, at the central entrance to the Vale for a Bat Walk. The weather may be against us if it's too cold or wet then the insects won't be out.

### **A.O.B.**

1. Any more T-Shirts required? Good to see some people already wearing theirs – they are quite striking.
2. Itfar at Crowcroft Park on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June – celebrating the breaking of fasting – we can have a stall there, we can't offer anything for sale, but we could take orders for T-Shirts & Shopping Bags, display a range of pictures of the Vale and distribute leaflets.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Bluebell Inn at 6:30pm**

### **Next Event(s):**

**Litter Pick: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 from 10:30am**  
(Meet at the Bickerdike Avenue entrance to the Vale)

**Big Lunch Event: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 1:00pm 'til 3:00pm**  
(Meet near Bickerdike Ave entrance to the Vale at 12:30pm to set up)

**Itfar at Crowcroft Park: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 5:00pm 'til 9:30pm**  
(Commemorating Jo Cox and the breaking of fasting)

**Gorton Carnival: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10:30am 'til 3:00pm**  
(Timings to be confirmed)