

Record of Meeting of Friends of Nutsford Vale

Wednesday 28th June 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn

Attendees:

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| Frank Pollitt, | Bernie Cree, | Steve Cree, | Claire James, |
| Barbara Moore, | Ally Fogg, | Mark Lucas, | Daniel Heathcote, |
| Maureen Riding, | Pauline Sergeant, | Bob Lomas, | Jean Wood, |
| Barrie Edge, | Rita Edge, | John Prunty, | Christine Prunty, |
| Mavis Holt, | Wan Sloane, | Keith Sloane, | David Sloane. |

Apologies:

Cassie Spinks-Lewis, Alan Gibson.

Welcome & Introduction:

Matters Arising: from Previous Meeting on 14th June 2017

- Bob has had a reply to his request for info regarding Sponsors for the proposed new school and has been referred to Michelle Devine.
- Ally outlined the proposed actions of the Strategic Action Group, (now meeting every Thursday), and supplied details of our “to do” list so far which included sending invitations to local dignitaries & Community Group leaders to visit and have a walk round Nutsford Vale Country Park at 7:00pm on Wed 19th July 2017. The option of a protest walk/march through Gorton or Levenshulme with placards etc, and whether we would require authorisation from the police. Ideally, this would need to tie in with getting residents on the boundary of the Vale to write objections to the planning committee once a planning application has been submitted. Also our “Silent Protest” in the Town Hall at the Council Meeting at 10:00am on 12th July 2017 for which John, Christine, Bob, Jean, Mavis, Barrie, Bernie, Danny, Maureen, Claire, Rita and Ally volunteered.
- At the last meeting, we discussed Fields in Trust and their Deeds of Dedication and Asset of Community Value and agreed we should follow this up. Therefore an email has been sent to our 3 councillors with the Asset of Community Value application form and a guide to the purpose, procedures and benefits involved requesting their completion & submission of the application form. Cllr Bernard Stone acknowledged receipt of the email and indicated that he would check it out.

Main Meeting:

- The group were also advised that we are currently organising a meeting with Cllrs Rosa Battle & Amanda Corcoran. It was noted that Cllr Rosa Battle, commenting on the Marina development, said the council have been ignoring the wishes of the local people.
- Minutes from the Site Meeting on 31st May 2017 were passed round the group for comments. Bob and Claire had already advised Jane Dudley that they didn't fairly represent what happened at the meeting. The group had asked, amongst other things, for details of the final footprint of the proposed new school but weren't given a clear answer and there was no mention of it in the minutes. Jane agreed to update the minutes and re-issue them.

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- Cassie had emailed her apologies and reasons for not being able to come to the meetings and would be happy to arrange for someone else to manage the website if they wished to. No one at the meeting felt they had the necessary skills.
- Bob advised the group that he had reminded Cllr Bernard Stone on numerous occasions that we were still waiting for the answers to the questions we raised at a meeting on the 2nd May 2017.
- We have still not been advised of the date or location of the 3rd Public Consultation Meeting. This has been chased up and we await a reply.
- We should continue to lobby the councillors on the Planning Committee, and any Levenshulme residents should lobby their councillors to find out what's going on.
- The Group were reminded that it is important that we post comments/information onto our "savenutsfordvale" Facebook page regularly to maintain interest.
- Spirit of Manchester: Nutsford Vale Country Park has been nominated in the Best Community Space category. There are 13 nominations in this category. On-line voting is between 3rd July and 31st July 2017. We will be sent a link to the "voting web page" shortly before voting begins.
- A very big thank you to Alan for his review and scanning of pages relevant to the group from the Ramboll Report.

A.O.B.

- Fields in Trust in conjunction with "38 degrees" are arranging "Have a Field Day" events around the country on Saturday 8th July 2017 to highlight the reduced (and getting lower) resources now available to parks and green spaces and emphasise their value to the local communities that use them. The nearest event to us is being held at Swinton Grove Park, off Plymouth Grove, M13 0EU between 12noon and 4:00pm. No need to book, just turn up with something to eat and sit on. Have fun and use this opportunity for networking.
- There now followed a discussion about the impact the horrendous fire at Grenfell Tower Block is having. It would appear that schools do not need sprinkler systems. Dean Trust on Stockport Road were having panels tested for conformance to regulations. Cost is no problem regarding peoples safety.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Wednesday 5th July 2017 at the Bluebell Inn at 6:30pm

Future Meetings:

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn

Next Event(s):

Litter Pick: Wednesday 5th July 2017 from 10:00am
(Meet at the Bickerdike Avenue entrance to the Vale)

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