

MINUTES OF THE TETTENHALL COMMUNITY FORUM
Parish Rooms, Tettenhall
17th July 2025
at 6.30 pm

APOLOGIES

Steve & Fran Jackson

There were 15 residents in attendance, including 1 Ward councillor.

STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Neal Kelshaw (NK) requested that the Steering Group update should be taken as the first item since it impacted on most, if not all, of the items on the rest of the agenda. NK spoke to his Steering Group update document which is attached to these minutes for convenience.

With regard to the proposed Business Forum initiated by NK and Nick Berriman (NB) Forum attendees agreed that this was a constructive proposal but raised concerns regarding the fact that many of the business leaders being contacted would be outside the district. Some business leaders already attend the Forum and it is not clear how this forum would fit in with the current arrangements.

Having outlined the current situation regarding registration there was an animated discussion regarding interpretation of the current situation and likely next steps. NK confirmed the current situation as he understood it. The Ward councillors had held a meeting at the end of one of their political meetings several weeks ago to discuss the 2 application situation.

Ian Culley (IC), having understood that Regis councillors had still not engaged with the Trust, in spite of numerous approaches and requests by Robin Hacking (RM) on behalf of the Trust, encouraged by the local Tory party chairman, advised that the COO was now seeking a meeting between the 6 Ward councillors and the Steering Group to progress the matter. The Steering Group have not yet been notified of the date for this meeting although we understand that there is to be a meeting between the COO and the 6 Ward councillors on Monday 21st July. It is not clear whether this meeting has been called by the COO or the Ward councillors.

Wendy Thompson (WT) commented that no doubt there would be a legal view on the 2 applications. She reiterated that no one at this point should consider themselves a chairman, the chair should be elected at a public meeting. RH said that the Trust continue to hope for and look forward to discussions with the 6 Ward councillors and added that the Trust has formally submitted its application to the council for approval and are looking forward to the council giving it due consideration.

WT stated that whoever had the authority to undertake the Neighbourhood Plan work would have to be someone who everyone would accept.

RH reminded the meeting that the Trust had already contacted every resident in the 2 wards and had already had consultations in the Forum regarding potential improvements and

ensure that those large masts that were required should be sited in a more sensitive and thoughtful way in consultation with residents rather than allowing suppliers to simply apply a minimum cost approach.

Listed Building Monitoring

The situation at Avenue House continued to be a cause for concern in spite of a range of effective actions taken on residents' behalf by Councillor Sohail Khan (SK) to ensure that the property was secured. Local residents now identify rough sleepers as a potential problem meaning that it is important that the windows of this building are boarded up in addition to the perimeter being secured. Post meeting SK has also agreed to pursue this boarding up with the council. He appreciates and is encouraging residents notifying him of the potential rough sleeping problem and advises that Ward councillors would be a first point of contact for reporting these sightings in order to notify the appropriate authorities.

Neighbourhood Plan

Malcolm Rudge (MR) has kindly printed off several copies of the existing Neighbourhood Plan and these are being held by the Forum in anticipation of work beginning on updating the plan.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCHYARD

The Forum had received a number of offers of help but there is a need to coordinate activity with the church and to decide and communicate some dates where volunteers could assemble to undertake meaningful improvements to the condition of the churchyard and the provision of waste storage prior to collection and tools. RH to contact Cyril Randles to agree a plan of action acceptable to the church.

The issue of Public Liability insurance for volunteers is now covered by the Community Interest Company as notified in the previous minutes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Colin Whittingham reported that he had taken advantage of the Cuppa with a Copper initiative and flown the flag for the Trust. The speeding issue on Wood Road/Mount Road was acknowledged and will be communicated with Tom Hughes who is the new neighbourhood sergeant for the district replacing sergeant Newton. CW has also reported this concern to the council via Councillor Jonathan Crofts. NK is also in the process of meeting with Tom Hughes. To prepare for this will Forum members report their concerns on particular road safety issues in the district to us via the online form at tdct.org.uk/contact-us or by emailing tdct@tdct.org.uk.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Green reminded the meeting of the importance of engaging with the wider district, for example he identified someone who works in Limes Road but lives in Castlecroft and could perhaps be encouraged to identify people in Castlecroft who would be interested in joining us. He also identified a number of wealthy local business contacts who might be encouraged to contribute to the Trust's work.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 17.55 hours.

changes to the existing plan. The Forum is a public space. Its meetings and minutes are widely published and nobody is excluded from attending and contributing.

MATTERS ARISING

ROCK JUNCTION – specifically petition

RH reiterated his belief that it is extremely unlikely that the council's TTRO of December 2023 will go ahead in its current form, however that begs the question of what has happened to the petition signed by over 1,500 residents and other interested parties. This petition was a separate and distinct proposal to the council for improvements at the junction. According to the council it was to be considered by the consultants who were appointed by the council in June 2024 to advise them on their TTRO proposals. Opinions were sought from those attending as to how we should now proceed on this issue and the overwhelming views expressed were that it would be very important to the people who took the trouble to sign the petition that they should have some constructive response to the various suggestions included in the petition.

It was therefore decided that responses should continue to be sought for the 6 individual proposals in the petition. This should be done in a spirit of constructive cooperation with the council. NK and RH to agree how to progress these matters with the council.

REGISTRATION

See detailed reporting under Steering Group update.

910 AD BATTLES/ART TRAIL

In addition to the items covered in NK's Steering Group update it can be additionally reported that J D Clark of the Ashmore Park Initiative has expressed a willingness to help us to engage with the various Wednesfield groups and a suggestion has also been made, following interest being expressed regarding the loaning of the Bayeaux Tapestry to the UK, that consideration might be given to the creation of a tapestry as part of the artwork for the trail. Rebecca Cresswell (RC) has also approached David Austin Roses to explore the possibility of them creating an Aethelflaed rose. This is a very popular suggestion and initial contacts with David Austin Roses have been very positive.

PLANNING

RH agreed to contact the Stephen Alexander, Head of City Planning, to open discussions on how residents could communicate more effectively via the Forum, which is an approved body for consultation on planning matters, with particular reference to early warning to the council of Listed Building infringements and a more strategic approach to 5G mast siting.

5G Mast Policy

Disappointment was recorded regarding the fact that the council's objection to a 5G mast in Aldersley had been unsuccessful. RH referred to recent information received via WhatsApp about how 5G in a London district had been achieved by lots of small non-intrusive 5G masts rather than the huge unsightly ones being proposed around our area in increasing numbers. It was noted that a more strategic approach for the district would need to be included in the new Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that the needs for widespread 5G connectivity was balanced with the need to protect and not damage our local environment. NK pointed out that one of the reasons for the proliferation of these largescale masts with height was to achieve bulk transmission and it was necessary to

MEETING SCHEDULE

Our next scheduled meeting is on 7th August at 18.30 in the Parish Rooms.

The agenda at this meeting will be;

- APOLOGIES
- MATTERS ARISING
- ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCHYARD
- NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING
- STEERING GROUP UPDATE
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS



Tettenhall District Community Trust

Steering Group Update

17 July

The last steering group meeting was held 8 July

The steering group are considering a brief for design of logos for 910AD, which will be brought to TDCT/TCF members for consultation. Next review 22/Jul SG.

NK and Nick Berriman have initiated forming a Business Forum, initial contacts agreeing to forum include local high street business. Scope to be approved at next WG 22/Jul – consultation with TCF members required prior to 22/Jul.

WCC local planning report that a meeting is still being organised to progress a single application with shared priorities, to be progressed after a councillors meeting with David Pattinson. Cllr Thompson reported that “the council strategic planning officer is calling a preliminary meeting of the six Tettenhall councillors to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan refresh. He will hopefully outline a possible future plan to move forward taking all necessary matters into consideration”. We reported to Cllr Thompson and local planning that no agreements can be accepted unless the meeting constitutes all steering group attendees.

Meetings were held with Tettenhall College leadership team 9/Jul; agreeing to form relations on a joint collaboration to promote TDCT/TCF and Tettenhall College aims, charitable and community objectives including facilities and 910AD project working groups. Precise MOU or MOA scope has been drafted but still being agreed, expected approval byw/c 22/Jul. The proposed 26/Jul event will now be held at Tettenhall Towers Theatre/Garden space as a joint promotion for TDCT members.

Old Tettenhallians, other residents group(s) to promote: Tettenhall Towers Community Consultation | 910AD Project | Tettenhall Community Forum/Neighbourhood Planning | Business Forum

Dates to be agreed – expected w/c 22/Jul and cooperation required with all SG members, TCF Officers to align dates and scope of promotions.

Meetings were held 17/Jul at Coppice Academy Wednesfield, agreeing to collaborate within a working group for 910AD Educational project, delivering a syllabus and lesson modules for pre-1066 for the Anglo Saxon period and featuring lessons on Aethelflaed | Battle of 910AD. Further, to consult on art trail learning needs for schools and other vocational opportunities. History department will be attending Wighwick Manor Living History Weekend 9/10 Aug

Wightwick Manor are hosting a battle re-enactment 9 – 10/Aug. It has been agreed that TDCT and TCF may attend with either outdoor pergola or presence in an inside space, for promotion of both 901AD project and Tettenhall Community Forum. Co-operation is required to volunteer to man the stand or display space. To be planned offline prior to any next meetings.

Correspondence and media posts concerning signage or restriction on open fires and disposable BBQ following lit fire on Lower Green. Cllr Khan has responded with suggestions for the council comms team – consultation input required from TCF.

5G Mast – WCC lost an appeal at Bristol Planning Inspectorate by Atlas group for a lattice structure 20m including 3 access apertures and 2 transmission dishes. Location at infrastructure now installed along Aldersley Rd beside old entrance to stadium. TDCT SG expect to write to WCC planning department to discuss processes for advising TCF on planning applications which affect the district as per MOA of forum already lodged with WCC.

Progress made for WM Police meeting, which local policing team (Tom Hewitt) have written to confirm will take place concerning initial scope of “Red light abuse, and how this can be addressed”, along with other traffic and road safety concerns. Consultation required to agree scope

and how soon to meet: existing action plan for Rock Junction and immediate surrounds OR to include other traffic abuse – consultation with members will be required. Consult at TCF and to be approved at 22/Jul SG.

Posters for Tettenhall Community forum continue to be posted in local pubs (Swan, Two Greens, Claregate) and local shops eg Post Office. Social Media advertising is continuing for members to join TDCT.

Friends Of St Michael's: Jennings (Dignity) Funerals have agreed to provide labour to assist in churchyard maintenance, to be managed from Codsall office, being closest Dignity branch.



Signed

Neal Kelshaw, Chair, Steering Group TDCT

Trust & CIC Meetings Schedule & Minutes | [Link Here](#)



THE TETTENHALL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY TRUST

UPCOMING EVENTS

FORUM MEETINGS

7th August

28th August

Parish Rooms, Tettenhall 18.30 start

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF TETTENHALL AND WEDNESFIELD

9th & 10th August

10.00 – 17.00

£10 admission

Wightwick Manor

LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY MEETING

10th September

18.00 – 20.00

St Columba's Church

Finchfield

WV3 8BZ

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE EVENTS

21/07/2025 - ASB ADVICE STAND, ART GALLERY. 12.00 – 14.00

28/07/2025 - CRIME PREVENTION STAND, CENTRAL LIBRARY

06/08/2025 - CUPPA WITH A COPPER, CENTRAL LIBRARY

26/08/2025 - CRIME PREVENTION STAND, WULFRUN CENTRE