**MINUTES OF THE TETTENHALL COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Spotted Cow Function Room, The Royal Oak, Tettenhall Wood**

**at 6.30 pm**

**5th September 2024**

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| **APOLOGIES**  Malcolm & Nicola Rudge, Sally Hathaway, Becky Cresswell.  There were 8 attendees. |
| **MATTERS ARISING:**  **ROCK JUNCTION UPDATE**  There was considerable disappointment expressed by attendees at the meeting that there was still no response from the Council in spite of promises that there would be one by 14th May 2024 and subsequently information that the officers would respond “as soon as possible”. Robin Hacking (RH) was actioned to contact Democratic Services again explaining our frustration and lack of any response and formally requesting information regarding the council’s current intentions regarding their initial proposal and also indicating their response to the Forum’s petition consisting of an alternative constructive 6-point plan.  **REGISTRATION OF TDCC WITH WCC**  There having been no meetings of the Steering Group since the last Forum meeting there was nothing to report on this but it is believed that the request for registration will now have been submitted.  **TREES – MEETING 19TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  Discussion with Paul Wilson is still scheduled for the 19th September meeting at the Parish Rooms.  **910 AD BATTLES – CONTACT WITH WEDNESFIELD**  There was a discussion on how we could include the residents of Wednesfield in the Aethelflaed project. Members were clear that it would be ideal to be working with Wednesfield residents, them having a similar involvement with the history as ourselves in Tettenhall. RH actioned to seek contact with the Wednesfield History Society as an appropriate organisation to make official contact with interested Wednesfield residents. It was also considered important to involve appropriate Wednesfield councillors and Sally Garner (SG) kindly provided the names of the three councillors for Wednesfield North and the three councillors for Wednesfield South. It was noted that Councillor Jacqui Coogan is also the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education and would be an ideal contact for expanding the role of our 910 AD Project to involve the educational aspects for children at local schools and how to extend any wellness opportunities to local children. RH to contact Councillor Coogan when contact has been established with Wednesfield residents in the hope that we will be successful in arranging a joint meeting with them via the Wednesfield History Society.  **CONSULTATION WITH POLICE COMMISSIONER RE ENFORCEMENT**  Nothing further to report.  **PLANNING – PETROL STATION**  Notwithstanding that this is technically outside the area of our district its closeness requires us to have a view. It was noted that the council have currently rejected the planning application on the basis of an inappropriate building design and that the Applicant has decided to appeal to the Secretary of State regarding this rejection. We will keep a watching brief.  There is nothing further to report on the objection to the 5G mast in Claregate. The developer’s appeal to the Secretary of State against the council’s refusal, this refusal being enthusiastically supported by residents, is ongoing and we await the decision. |
| **AETHELFLAED PROJECT**  A meeting had taken place on the afternoon of the Forum meeting between Neal Kelshaw, Becky Cresswell and Catherene Perry to finalise project plan and to discuss funding. RH was unable to attend the meeting due to an urgent business meeting. The results will be reported at a subsequest Forum meeting. |
| **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  A number of residents expressed concern inside and outside the meeting on the lack of real progress in establishing the Trust and engaging with a wider audience. Particular concern was raised about the lack of funds to further the business of the Trust and the Forum and the lack of any progress towards identifying any funds.  With regard to the number of ongoing issues it was felt that we were starting to tread water and that the need for wider engagement with the community via an issue of widespread importance or concern would be a key catalyst in extending our reach. There is an opportunity at the upcoming Love Your Community(LYC) meeting scheduled for 6.30 pm on 24th September 2024 at Wolverhampton Cricket Club to make very strong representations regarding the lack of action and response from the council on the Rock Junction and the Forum’s petition. RH has asked Chris Jellyman for an aganda item on this matter and also on bin collections where there is widespread concern in the community regarding the council’s current rules and their application. Forum members and Trust members are encouraged to attend the LYC meeting to make our presence felt.  With regard to the LYC meeting there was widespread disppointment about the organisation of the previous meeting and the ineffectual responses which were given by council repesentatives. RH was actioned to write to Chris Jellyman to point out to him the importance of an agenda for the meeting, minutes of the meeting, proper responses to questions raised and the importance of having council officers of sufficient rank to deal properly with questions raised and to take back issues for the council to resolve post meeting where it had not been possible to give a direct answer at the meeting.  The Forum intends to have a desk at the meeting to encourage further membership of the Trust and to provide information to interested residents. |

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:-**

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| 19th September 2024 | Parish Rooms, Tettenhall | 6.30 pm |
| 3rd October 2024 | Parish Rooms, Tettenhall | 6.30 pm |
| 17th October 2024 | Spotted Cow Function Room,  Royal Oak, Tettenhall Wood | 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm  Please note time |

**AGENDA FOR 19TH SEPTEMBER MEETING**

* APOLOGIES
* MATTERS ARISING
* DISCUSSION ON TREES AND REPLANTING – Paul Wilson
* AETHELFLAED PROJECT UPDATE
* DISCUSSION RE FUNDING - Catherine Perry
* ANY OTHER BUSINESS