

MINUTES OF THE TETTENHALL COMMUNITY FORUM
Parish Rooms, Tettenhall
9th January 2025
at 6.30 pm

APOLOGIES

Wendy Thompson.

There were 15 residents in attendance including 1 new member.

MATTERS ARISING

ROCK JUNCTION

John Charles of Wolverhampton City Council has replied to various questions, complaints and issues raised by the Trust and TCF with regard to the Rock Junction. This reply was addressed to both Neal Kelshaw (NK), Chariman of the Trust, and Robin Hacking (RH), Chairman of the TCF, but in their personal capacity and to their personal email addresses. Unfortunately the email from Mr Charles is marked Sensitivity Restricted so it is not appropriate to copy it widely to members of the Trust and attendees of the TCF as we would have wanted to do. However RH has attached to these minutes his reply from which members of the Forum will appreciate the position we are taking and will understand the concerns that we still have.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

It is now 6 weeks since the application for recognition by the Council was submitted together with various amendments suggested by Ian Culley of WCC. NK is seeking a meeting with Ian Culley asap to progress the application.

MEETING WITH WMP&CC

Nothing further to report.

TREES

There has been significant activity regarding trees following the recent storm which resulted in many trees being blown down indicating the probability that these trees were being poorly maintained. NK encouraged people to continue reporting suspect trees via his tree app which provides a permanent record hence enabling us to follow up on any actions requested.

PLANNING

Noted that an amendment to the planning consent for Stockwell House has been submitted, mainly affecting the internal layout of the site.

The groundwork on the Chris Jewkes Fitness Centre has now started.

The objection to the retrospective planing consent given to the unsightly handrails on the roof of the Health Centre on Lower Green is to be decided imminently.

STEERING GROUP UPDATE

The most important items regarding the recent Steering Group meetings concerned our continuing challenge to the Council on the Rock Junction and the plans and preparations for the Trust's AGM, both of which are covered under separate items in these minutes.

AGM PREPARATION

A substantial proportion of the meeting was dedicated to this topic. The Trust AGM will take place at South Staffs Golf Club on Thursday 30th January as previously indicated. Calling notices and the required publicity and promotion regarding this event have been issued and are available on the website. Acknowledging that there was still an incomplete understanding amongst Trust members RH circulated copies of a diagram in an attempt to clarify the relationship between the 3 main entities, namely the Trust, the Tettenhall Community Forum and the Community Interest Company. He spent some time talking through the various roles and responsibilities of the officers of these entities as preparation for seeking candidates needed to fulfil the various roles. NK then went through a version of his proposed slide presentation for delivery at the AGM as this was a major opportunity to reinforce the aims and objectives of the Trust in its widest form as well as raising people's interest in proposing themselves for the various roles which would take place at an EGM later in the year. NK encouraged people to research the detailed documents available on the Trust's website, including the Memoranda and Articles of Association of the Community Interest Company and the detailed Application for Registration which has been sent to the Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was an opportunity for Forum members to put forward any specific motions they wished the AGM to consider but none were forthcoming.

John Green updated the Forum on his communications with Severn Trent in relation to various opportunities which might present themselves regarding access to and use of parts of the Severn Trent site and buildings in Tettenhall which were no longer required by Severn Trent. He expressed high hopes that he would soon be able to meet with a senior employee of Severn Trent to explore opportunities for the Trust to make use of some of the buildings.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.30.

The next meeting will take place on 23rd January 2025 at the Parish Rooms, Tettenhall at 18.30.

Outline agenda for next meeting:

- APOLOGIES
- MATTERS ARISING
- LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY MEETING ON TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY
- STEERING GROUP UPDATE
- AGM
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Rock

R

Robin Hacking

Tue 21 Jan, 18:12 (1
day ago)

to John.charles,

Dear John Charles,

Thank you for your email of 23/12/2024 regarding The Rock Junction.

With reference to your paragraph 1.

Noted that our "petition will be considered as part of the review commissioned".

We interpret this to mean the whole petition which identifies Six recommendations which, if implemented, in the opinion of residents, would improve traffic flow and the safety of the junction for all users.

Your previous email on this, forwarded by S. Scanlan on 13/11/2024 enclosed a (very) brief outline of the engagement arrangements for the consultants which implied that only "most" of the proposals of the petition would be considered by them which would not be acceptable.

The final sentence of this paragraph refers to matters raised through various emails/letters and issues submitted to the customer liaison team in "December 2024".

Is this a typo! I started raising questions with TRO consultants and directly with the Council in December 2023. Will you confirm that your consultants will review ALL matters raised by residents since the publication of the TTRO in DECEMBER 2023. Your paragraph 2.

We need to be clearer regarding your timetable for these events and your intentions regarding publication of the consultants findings. Unfortunately since the publication of the TTRO in December 2023 The Council has failed to deliver on so many promises ("we will arrange public meetings to discuss concerns"; "We will consult with residents regarding the TOR for the consultants"; "We will respond to your petition by 18/5/2024") that your residents no longer believe bland assurances like "its findings will be shared"; "there will be further opportunities to engage"; "all views, concerns and issues can be properly and fairly considered". Fine words but they butter no parsnips.

We (the representatives of the members of the TDCT) once again seek an urgent meeting with yourself and John Roseblade, with Ward councillors present to create a better understanding of our respective positions.

We also urgently seek a meeting with the appointed consultants BEFORE they complete their analysis so that we can be sure that they are in possession of all the residents concerns and suggestions previously documented by them during the preceding 12 months. Please be aware that after consulting our members regarding the Council's summary list of residents suggestions and concerns briefed to your consultants as per your letter of 13/11/2024 they are shocked at the way these concerns have been ameliorated and watered down.

Please be clear we continue to disagree with the last sentence in this paragraph.

The Council has not followed the proper procedures in responding to our petition.

The council is not following its own procedures on complaints ref 5697866, ref 6260845, and ref 7510557 and is unconstitutional in its refusal to escalate these

complaints, which date as far back as 21/12/2023 and have yet to receive a response, to level 2.

The council did not follow its own procedures regarding a question from a member of the public at the Council meeting on 6/11/2024.

This is why we are reserving our position on the issue of maladministration.

I have reviewed again the council's consultation pages for the proposed scheme referred to in your email and have the following questions of clarification.

Will you explain the traffic flow numbers presented from the traffic analysis in 2023.

Firstly am pm obviously morning and afternoon but are the figures from one day, an average of several days and if so what days and for what time period. Is it per hour, rush hour or all morning.

Do you agree with me that traffic volumes have changed significantly since 2023 and a more up to date assessment would be needed to support any decision.

Secondly and noting that the councils motivation/ justification for the proposed TTRO has variously included pollution, traffic flow, safety, and accident statistics at the junction, what research and analysis has been undertaken to understand the deterioration in all of these factors away from the junction on the surrounding roads adversely affected by the TTRO proposals. A particularly vivid example of this would be Lothians Road between its junctions with Tynningham avenue and Stockwell Road.

I look forward to receiving the clarification I have requested and your decision on whether you are yet prepared to meet with us and agree to us meeting your consultants.

Regards Robin

TETTENHALL DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRUST

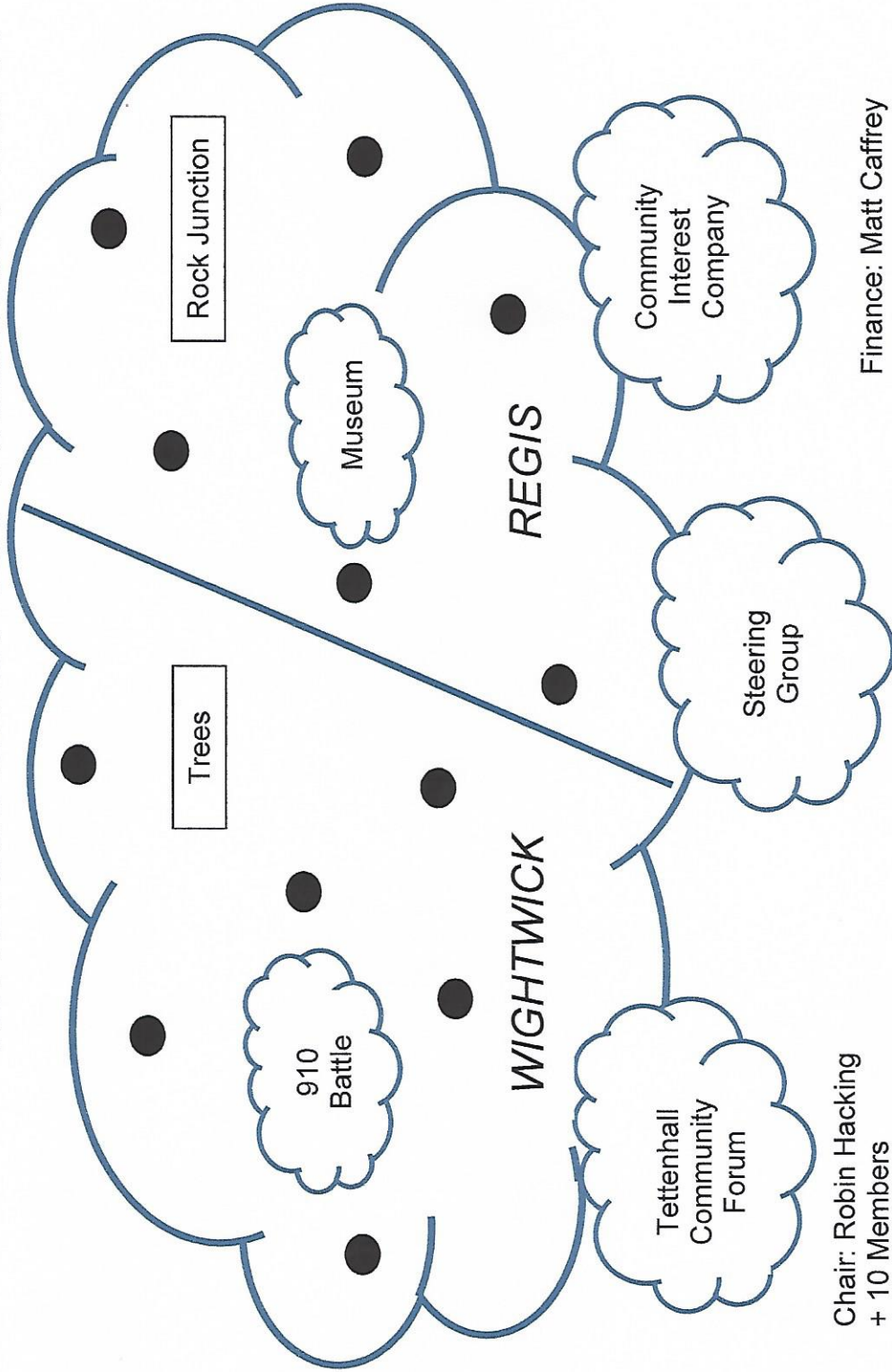
● TRUSTEES 12

● Members 150

● Residents 23,000

☁ Interest Group

▭ Campaigns



Chair: Robin Hacking
+ 10 Members

Communications publicity
Planning oversight
Neighbourhood Plan
Trees safety/replanting
Any residents' issues

OPEN TO ALL 23,000
RESIDENTS

Chair: Neal Kelshaw
+ 5 Members
+ co-opted Councillors

Strategy
Compliance
Registration
WCC Relations
External Bodies

Finance: Matt Caffrey
+ 3 Directors

Holding of funds
Raising funds
Account for spending
Account for loans/donations

SEPARATE AGM FOR
TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED
AS DIRECTORS