

C.A.R.P.
Minutes of executive committee meeting 13 July 05

Present:

T Rimmer, R Henderson, D Murray, B Jones, P Beswick, P Quinton, M Guilding, B Simon, R Patterson, D Longley. P Gardner & B Roe arrived later.

Apologies:

There were none.

Minutes:

Proposed R Henderson, sec T Rimmer. Approved without objection.

Matters Arising:

Computer. NJ had spoken to Tesco who seemed favourable but needed more information. BR was going to contact them but we have not heard anything yet. BS asked if we could borrow one from LCC, DL offered to lend one short-term. The telephone line would need to be activated to enable broadband, etc. BR arrived and informed that the letter had been sent to Tesco.

TR asked if phone costs had been included in original budget & is there anything currently in budget which we can apply to phone charges. RP – NWRDA approval would include these expenses but we can claim from LCC up to September.

BS proposed, sec TR, that phone line and broadband be set up. This was agreed, DJL to progress.

Church Clock. DM reported that he was getting flak from the church wardens as they had not had a reply. DJL agreed to write to them. PB said that a scheme to assess applications was urgently needed. RP explained that a strict application & approval procedure would be required by NWRDA. Draft forms are under consideration but cannot be used prior to LCC approval. TR & DM offered to meet the churchwardens & explain the situation. RP proposed that we show them the draft applications. This was agreed.

Skate Park. A meeting had been held to review both the Dunkirk Ave & canalside sites. Site visits & discussions had taken place. It was felt that a proper design study, more info for residents and inclusion of refurbishment for the existing playground might help. It was suggested that a further public meeting be held after consideration of these ideas, the CARP to make a final decision. It was reported that Joe Donlon would back our decision but there was no prospect of that decision before September.

PG reported that a letter from himself and Judith would be going out to residents. As the steering group was to meet in the next few days, BR asked if the letter could be delayed until after that. RP reported that funding issues are still not resolved.

Urban Design:

A copy is now available in the CARP office and all exec members should have received a CD. PB & BJ commented that there was much wasted space and money in the format of the report, which could have been simplified. RH said that his computer could

not read the CD and he would need a printed version. He advised A4 copies only, the A3 ones to be left in the office. Various members requested A4 copies.

TR asked if the report had been approved by CARP or by City Council. As CARP had commissioned the report and obtained NWDA funds, he felt that we should have had the final approval. RP stated that City Council had acted as the accountable body in paying the invoice.

RH commented that CARP's involvement was not made prominent in the document and that CC had only approved planning & quantity survey issues.

BS proposed a meeting to discuss the report as a single issue. BR was unhappy that CD had been issued to Lancs County Council before CARP even saw it. TR asked that due courtesy be paid to the chair in future

RP advised that it is not a policy document and we have not yet adopted the proposals so some caution required in publicising it. It is likely to be low priority in local planning issues so may take some time.

TR proposed a telephone/email vote, with comments to RP, RP to issue a report then to stakeholders.

CARP Memo & Articles:

Some questions still remain & RP has sought other MTI's experiences. LCC legal dept are attempting to resolve the issues. PG suggested that all elected members withdraw their nominations to facilitate progress.

The service level agreement is also being worked on. An EGM will be called as soon as info is available.

BJ proposed that elected members withdraw and the company be set up ASAP. Seconded TR. Motion approved with no objections, PG abstained. BR proposed that all exec members become directors, sec BS. All voting members agreed. It was proposed that the company be called CARP Ltd and we use the existing memo & articles. It was agreed that BR contact Neil Oldfield for legal advice.

Planning:

PQ declared an interest & that she would be unable to comment.

RH proposed that CARP be listed as a formal consultee with planning dept.

BR noted that the original application for the quarry had been rejected after a public inquiry. Planning consent would need to stipulate that no minerals be removed from the site.

Resiting of TDG could solve the HGV problem, but we would need to support exclusive B8 usage of the site. This could be supported if the existing TDG site were to be given over to B1 & B2 usage.

It was agreed that CARP comment on the development and that we support the idea in principle.

AOB:

TR requested that the detailed accounts promised at the AGM be made available for the CARP office.

RH requested a more formal means of including agenda items

DONM:

Arranged for 14th Sept at 7pm.

An EGM or Emergency Exec meeting may be called in the interim.