

**CARNFORTH AND AREA REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7.15 P.M.

17TH MAY 2005

PRESENT:- Bob Roe – Carnforth Partnership (Chairman)
David Longley – Local Business (Vice-Chairman)
George Wilson – Carnforth Cricket Club
Jean Dent – Lancaster City Council
Melanie Guilding – Carnforth Youth Club
David Murray – Carnforth Resident
Ralph Henderson – Resident and Silverdale Parish Council
Tony Rimmer – Local Resident and Carnforth Twinning Association
Brian Patrick – Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council
F Burton – Town Councillor
Kay Farrell – Lancashire County Council North Lancashire Rural Transport Partnership
Sandra Moon – Youth Club and Soroptomists
S. Scott – Local Business Owner
H. Scott – Local Resident
Judith Jones – Lancaster City Council
David Holliday – Carnforth Town Council
Sarah Fishwick – Lancashire County Council
Fred Attwater – North West Development Agency
Mandy McKnight – Signposts
John Heath – Signposts
Barry Lees – Carnforth Police
Paul Gardner – Lancaster City Council
Deb Cannon – Lancaster and Morecambe College
John Shannon – Carnforth High School
B.Simon – Carnforth Scout Group
Chris Leadbetter – Resident
Liene Leadbetter - Resident

Apologies for absence:

Officers in attendance:

Chris Pearson – Principal Regeneration Officer, Lancaster City Council
Rick Patterson – Rural Regeneration Officer, Lancaster City Council
Wendy Thompson – District Partnership Officer, Lancashire County Council
James Doble – Principal Democratic Support Officer, Lancaster City Council

**MINUTE
NO.**

ACTION

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Carnforth Area Regeneration Partnership, held on 28th April, 2004, were agreed unanimously as a correct record.

In addition it was noted that Lancaster City Council had agreed to become the accountable body. Charitable status had been explored but was currently very

difficult to achieve.

2 PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Sarah Fishwick queried why the Annual Report had been made available so late? It was confirmed that there had been very limited time to produce it and in fact it had only been completed the previous day.

Councillor Fishwick proposed that in light of this that the report should not be considered at the meeting. Upon receiving a seconder, this proposal was put to the meeting but was clearly lost.

The Annual report was read to the meeting. In the course of discussion the following points were made: -

- Skate Park – It was outlined that this was a controversial issue and it had been agreed that a further re-appraisal would be carried out of both sites. It was outlined that a member of the public had written several letters raising concerns and had spoken to several CARP Members but to date had not received a response. Tony Rimmer apologised and confirmed that he would write in the next three to four days.
- Children's Centre – Concern was expressed that this should not become a centralised service and that it should cover the local area from Silverdale to the Kelleys, concentrating on bringing together what was already there.
- Urban design study – It was noted that a paper copy of the study had been received today. It was noted that whilst the framework the study proposed was aspirational, it was hoped it would guide planning decisions and help to lever in further funding. It was further noted that several local businesses and property developers were taking the plan seriously and that the Fire Service were considering possible relocation and development options.
- Financial Statement – Concern was expressed that the Financial Statement contained no breakdown of expenditure. It was confirmed that in fact there had been only very few CARP transactions with the majority of transactions being made by the City Council, whose accounts were published and open to inspection by the public, according to statute. It was agreed that in future the accounts would be presented in greater detail and that a fuller set of accounts would be sent out with the minutes of the meeting.

Resolved:-

RP/CP

That the report be agreed.

That more detailed accounts be produced to be sent out with the Minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8.20p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8.30 p.m.

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David Longley outlined to the meeting that whilst discussions had taken place with the Charity Commission, it had been made clear that regeneration was not

viewed as a charitable aim, however members of the partnership Executive were keen to ensure that they were not jointly and severally liable and to achieve a structure that would allow them to achieve limited liability.

In order to achieve this it was felt that the most appropriate structure, which would not preclude alternative structures was through creating a company limited by guarantee.

It was proposed by Councillor Sarah Fishwick and agreed that an 'in-principle' decision should be taken that CARP should become a company limited by guarantee, subject to further legal clarifications on the suitability of the structure, the role that Councillors could legally take and clarifications over the relationship to local authorities. In light of this it was agreed that the appointment of Directors be deferred.

It was agreed that any comments on the new structure should be forwarded to Rick Patterson during the 30 days following the meeting.

Additionally, it agreed that following and subject to the legal clarifications an Extra-ordinary General Meeting should be called to agree the new structure and in light of this structural change the term of office of the existing Executive be continued until the Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

Resolved:-

- (1) That it be agreed 'in-principle' that CARP should become a company limited by guarantee, subject to further legal clarifications on the suitability of the structure, the role that Councillors could legally take and clarifications over the relationship to local authorities. **RP/CP**
- (2) That any comments on the new structure should be forwarded to Rick Patterson during the 30 days following the meeting. **ALL**
- (3) That following and subject to the legal clarifications an Extra-ordinary General Meeting should be called to agree the new structure and in light of this structural change the term of office of the existing Executive be continued until the Extra-ordinary General Meeting. **RP/CP**

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Chairman

(The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.)

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