

MINUTES OF HOCKLEY AREA ACTION PLAN
RESIDENTS'/TRADERS' MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2009

Time: 20.00 hours

Held at: CJ Bowling, Eldon Way, Hockley

Present:

Miss Gabrielle Yeadell, Mr. John French, volunteers called following the initial meeting held on 17 April 2009 (the “**First Meeting**”) and other interested parties.

Chairman: The meeting was chaired by John French (at the request of Miss Yeadell).

1. Minutes of the First Meeting were read out, mostly for the benefit of those that had not attended the First Meeting (no objections).
2. John French informed those present that the meeting had in fact been set up to bring together those who had indicated their willingness to help with the Committee and its activities and whilst others were welcome to stay they were also free to leave as the business of the Committee was going to be discussed. A number of people then left the meeting.
3. The First Meeting had raised initial campaign funds of £321.00 from voluntary donations.
4. John French informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the Strategic Development Engineer (Mark Lawrence) at the Highways Department of Essex County Council (“**ECC**”). Mr. Lawrence had advised that ECC’s observations on the road proposals had been sent to Rochford District Council (“**RDC**”) on 24 April 2009. Mr. Lawrence mentioned that any proposals made had to be safe and take capacity and utilities into account (an aside remark was that it costs around £500,000 to move a fibre optic cable). Mr. Lawrence happily gave John French his mobile number.
5. Fay Byford advised the meeting that she had spoken with RDC who advised her that the Hockley Area Action Plan consultation period would close on 30 April 2009 and that there would be no extension.
6. Vivienne White announced to the meeting that she had seen a remark made on a website appearing to be linked to the Hawkwell campaign to the effect that Hawkwell was pleased that the housing proposed for Hawkwell was probably going to be built in Hockley instead. Representatives from Hawkwell quickly came to the defence of their action group stating that no such remark had been made by them and that they supported Hockley in its campaign. Vivienne White agreed to send the website link to the Hawkwell representative.
7. The need to appoint members of the Committee was announced: Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity/Media/Distribution/IT/Fund Raising.

8. The following persons volunteered to form the Committee and the Committee was confirmed as formed:

Chairman(person)

Fay Byford Lee

Treasurer

Vivienne White

Secretary

Jenny Abbey

Publicity & Press Officer

Moira Marchant

IT and Communications

Harry Goss

Planning Interpretation

David Dare

Publicity/Fund Raising

Gabrielle Yeadell

Publicity Distribution Coordinator

Simon Field

9. Harry Goss mentioned that the name of the campaign needed to be established as soon as possible in order to secure the website name. "Hands off Hockley", "Hockley Action Group" and "Save Hockley" were suggested.
10. The Secretary requested names and contact details of each of the Committee Members.
11. It was mentioned that the Evening Echo had in fact written a small piece on the Initial Meeting.
12. Rosina Villick of Aid for East of England has offered advice in Area Action Plans and it was proposed that she be asked to give training to the Committee on interpretation of the Hockley Area Action Plan.
13. Also the Victorian Society should be contacted with regard to proposed demolition of buildings in Hockley.
14. Other Hockley associations such as Hockley Traders should be contacted to inform them and to gain support.

15. Fay Byford announced that she would contact the Committee Members to arrange for the next meeting that would be held at her home.

Date: 13 May 2009