

Meeting of the Interim Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum at Paxton Hall on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 7:30pm

Draft Agenda

Election of an Interim Chair.

Minutes of the meetings held on 18 March and 19 May 2015.

Progress Report: After the meeting on 19 May a draft constitution was circulated to everybody who had expressed an interest. Some feedback was received and a revised version was prepared on 25 June. This was recirculated to all contacts inviting people to sign up as Founder Members. Sixty eight people have added their names to the list and Michael Park (Burley Top CA) submitted an application to register the Forum on 27 July. Ian MacKay will report on subsequent events.

Preparation for the Inaugural Meeting of the Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum: *This meeting cannot take place until our application has been advertised and accepted by the Council.* The provisional date is Wednesday 21 October at 7:30pm in Paxton Hall. The business will include (1) Election of Officers and a Board [=Executive Committee]; (2) Initial spending priorities [we expect to have up to £14,000 available]; (3) Website and bulletin board; (4) Agreement on dates and venues for future meetings. It may be helpful for our Board to include one person from each identifiable community group, although this will be a decision for the meeting. A good website is essential for mass membership and effective communication with the public, but there are some governance, equality and data protection issues to bear in mind.

Some possible topics for future discussion:

1. Age-specific needs: children's play, youth provision, retired people.
2. Climate change, sustainable development and public transport priority.
3. Congestion, traffic management and queues on orbital and radial routes.
4. Design standards for houses, industrial and commercial buildings.
5. Educational provision (nursery, primary, secondary, adult)
6. Headingley stadium: noise, lights and match-day parking issues.
7. High-rise blocks and maisonettes; ending the Argie Avenue leases?
8. Highway maintenance, traffic noise and traffic pollution.
9. Houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) and absentee landlords.
10. Kirkstall Forge Development (both on-site and off-site issues).
11. Mixed use development of the former "Tesco" site. Design competition?
12. NHS, voluntary sector and private health provision in Kirkstall Ward.
13. On-street and off-street car parking provision. Equality issues.
14. Parks, green spaces, sport and recreation. Creating new facilities.
15. Pedestrian crossings, footways and off-road public footpaths
16. Policing, crime, drugs, alcohol and anti-social behaviour. CCTV
17. Refurbishing and insulating older terraced houses with solid walls.
18. Tree works, wetlands and wildflower sowing.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Additional suggestions are welcome. Please could members indicate their priorities?

Any other business.