

# Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum (RMNF)

## Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

- Meeting Location:** Owd House, Fern Hill Lane, Rochdale. OL12 6BW
- Trustees Present:** Morley Morgan, Roy Thornley, Nick Green, Councillor Cecile Biant and Alan Rawsterne
- Also in Attendance:** Fran Healey (Treasurer) and Andy Meek (Chair)
- Apologies:** John Newcombe (Trustee)
- Minutes:** The meeting commenced at 19:00

### 1. Introduction

We discussed the possibility of a joint venture with RMNF, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Rochdale Borough Council (RBC) to secure the long-term future of the cobbled section of Rooley Moor Road, also known as the Cotton Famine Road, which runs from the cattle grid in Catley Lane Head to the junction of Knacks Lane.

The following was discussed:

- Consider phased project:
  - Phase 1) The cobbled section of Rooley Moor Road, which runs from the cattle grid in Catley Lane Head to the junction of Knacks Lane - improvements to the cobbled sets and drainage
  - Phase 2) Heritage trail from Catley Lane Head to Healey Dell Nature Reserve – to include information [history] boards, way markers, etc.
  - Phase 3) Smallshaw Road improvements to the footpath and cobbled sets
  - Phase 4) Prickshaw access and egress
- Explore the possibility of RBC funding part of the project and establish contact in Rochdale Council to work on a joint venture
- Undertake a feasibility study for the Phase 1 work, to establish the condition of the road and work required to improve its condition and secure its long term future
- Consider Invitation to Tender (ITT) process and suitable contractors – Nick to provide contact details and introduction to George Cox & Sons Ltd, Bolton
- Seek permission from the BBC to share their plans, for the Cotton Famine Road, with HLF
- Make application to HLF for monies to undertake feasibility study recommendations

## 2. Actions from above

What	Who	When	Status
Explore the possibility of RBC funding part of the project and establish contact in Rochdale Council to work on the joint venture	CB	ASAP	
Contact project delivery consultant	FH	Done	Initial meeting planned Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April with Marc Collett, Burns Collett, The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge, UK HX7 7BY Email: marc@burnscollett.com Phone: +44 (0)7830 245 292
Provide introduction to George Cox & Sons Ltd, Bolton	NG	ASAP	
Seek permission from the BBC to share their plans, for the Cotton Famine Road, with HLF	AR	Done	Email sent 15/04/16. Meeting arranged with BBC on 21st April 2016
Make application to HLF for monies to undertake feasibility study recommendations	AR	TBA	Subject to the above

## 3. AOB

In any other business we discussed:

- a) Bank account – Approved, just waiting for account detail
- b) Grant - £2.7K through Locality / Groundwork – 6 months to spend
  - I. Have got formal offer – need bank account detail before we can accept
- c) Launch event
  - I. Can we link with the BBC? - TBA
  - II. Field available in Catley Lane Head
  - III. Launch event volunteers established
- d) Conservation Status – Catley Lane Head
  - I. Planned recce 04/05/16
  - II. Three people have volunteered to support our conservation officer, Sue Oakley
  - III. Consider contacting the People’s History Museum - <http://www.phm.org.uk/>
- e) RBC - planned work for area – Have asked Wayne Pool – waiting for feedback
- f) GMP involvement in area – Keen to be involved and will attend next forum meeting
- g) EON - CCTV - Help / advice required to make contact
- h) Rochdale Youth Council - Help / advice required to make contact
- i) Friends of Healey Dell - Help / advice required to make contact

- j) NCVO – Membership - Trustee training
  - I. Qualify for free membership – Need to send bank statement, etc
- k) CVS - Rochdale – have registered to access funding information
- l) Manchester Histories Festival 3 -12 June 2016  
<http://www.manchesterhistoriesfestival.org.uk/>
  - I. Have made the festival aware of our area
- m) Community payback initiative – discussed, but no action agreed
- n) Organise a community litter pick – CB able to provide equipment

#### 4. AOB Actions

What	Who	When	Status
EON - CCTV - contact required	CB	Done	Council contact provided
Rochdale Youth Council - contact required	CB	Done	Contact provided
Friends of Healey Dell - contact required	CB	Done	Contact provided
Organise a community litter pick	AR	Pending	To be included as part of an update bulletin to all RMNF members
Contact the People’s History Museum	AR	Pending	Subject to heritage appraisal outcome

#### 5. Next Meeting

- TBC