

Castlefield Forum
Minutes of Special General Meeting
7.30pm Monday 13 November 2017
The Gallery, Dukes 92, Castlefield

In attendance:

David Abbott, Ollier Solicitors
Stephanie Archer, Resident
Andy Barclay, Resident
Keith Bousfield, Resident
Stephen Broadhead, Inland Waterways Association
Tom Brothwell & Andrew Moorland, Residents
Ken & Sandy Brown, Residents
Jill Burdett, Resident
Deborah Butterworth, Resident
Cllr Joan Davies, City Centre Ward Councillor
Imogen Durant, Resident
Harriet Eakin, Resident
Polly Eaves, Resident
Phil Eckersley, Resident
Ann von Essen, Resident
Colm Feeley, Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel
Clare Fegan, Resident
Giles Grover, Resident (Treasurer)
Catherine Hay, Saul Hay Gallery
Beth Rose Hopper, Resident
Jessica Howard, Resident
Debbie & Mark Hubbard, Residents
William Jeavons, Resident
Jasvinder Jhumat, Resident
Marcus Johns, Resident
Isaac Jones, Resident
Jacqui Lindley, MSI
Anna Longjaloux, Resident
Jamie Lovelock, Resident
Vicki McCarrick, Resident
Calum McGowan, Resident (Vice Chair)
Carol Middleton, Resident (Chair)
Laura Moore, Castlefield Estates
Tina & Jim Mullen, Friends of Roman Gardens
Doug Murphy, Resident
Rachel Mutters, Resident
Dave Noble, Resident
Rodrigo O'Malley, Resident
Sarah Ramsbottom, Castlefield Estates
Alan Rooney, Resident
Samuel Rack, Resident
Ian Scotland, Resident
Jon Stopp, Canal & Rivers Trust
Kevin Temple, Resident
Steve Thompson, Resident
Xi Wang & Keith Bunt, Residents
Ann Webb, Resident
Peter & Roisin Wherry, Residents
Jessica Whewell, Resident
Olga Woszczyzna, Resident

Apologies:

James Bowers, Resident
Ian Christie, Resident (Secretary)
Tom Dixon, Resident
David Greenall, Resident
Roy Jackson, Resident
Cllr N Murphy, Hulme Ward Councillor

1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Calum McGowan welcomed everyone and thanked Dukes 92 for their hospitality.</p>
2.	<p>Applying to the Charity Commission to become a Charitable Incorporated Association Carol Middleton explained that the Forum's independent auditor had advised us that that our current informal status as a voluntary, community group was inadequate for the level of funds we now handle and that we should adopt a more formal structure. The Committee had taken specialist advice from MACC, the Voluntary and Community sector advice agency for Manchester. MACC recommended that the Forum should be incorporated to protect the Committee members, and on the basis of its activities, ought to be eligible to apply for charitable status. The Committee decided to recommend to the Forum that it should apply to the Charity Commission (CC) to become a Charitable Incorporated Association (CIA). This recommendation needed to be agreed by the Forum at a Special General Meeting or AGM which also needed to adopt the model constitution recommended by the CC and previously circulated to members.</p> <p>In practical terms the new constitution meant the Forum would become a charitable organisation and Committee members would become Trustees of the charity.</p> <p>It was then put to the meeting, in this order, that the Forum should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. apply to the Charity Commission to become a Charitable Incorporated Association i.e. a Company Limited by Guarantee with charitable status 2. adopt the previously circulated constitution based on a model recommended by the Charity Commission 3. agree that all current elected Forum Committee members who wish to do so should become founding Trustees of the CIA 4. agree that once the proposed constitution has been agreed by the Charity Commission, elections should be held for additional Trustees. <p>These four recommendations were approved by all these present with one abstention by Cllr Joan Davies who, as a city centre Ward Councillor and to avoid any possible conflict of interest, considered that she should abstain.</p>
3.	<p>Any other Business There was none.</p>
4.	<p>Close of meeting The SGM was closed at 8.00pm</p>