

MINUTES OF MEETING of Over Hulton Neighbourhood Forum
Conference Call held Saturday 21 May 2022 – 8.30am

Attendees : Clr Parkinson, CBevis, MBevis, NTaylor
Apologies from Clr Hewitt

A call was held between forum members to discuss the email received from Bolton Council regarding the forum re-designation status. To also discuss current grant funding.

Andrew Chalmers, Principal Development Officer in Planning Strategy has emailed the forum on 19/5/22 to advise us of the information received from his legal colleagues on the re-designation of the forum.

As with other matters legislated by the Localism Act 2011, there is no provision within the Act for renewal of neighbourhood forums, although it does set out specific requirements for the designation of forums, so in his view he believes a new application should be made by us to be considered against the requirements of the Act.

AC has asked us to resubmit the application late summer for Council decision in order to allow the minimum 6 weeks consultation. The Council will then check the submission meets the requirements of the Act and carry out the usual public consultation. AC explained that the process is very bureaucratic and it does appear there is an oversight in the current legislation. **CB to locate the original email and attachments that was originally sent to Bolton in 2017 following our designation status on 4/12/2017.**

Allocation of Grant Monies

Troy Planning has confirmed to us that we are at the limit of our £18k allocated grant budget. They have advised that if the forum needs any further support, it may be worth approaching Bolton Council for extra funding assistance as they are aware of other local authorities elsewhere making use of the neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy to help fund work on NP's. This was noted by all.

AOB

The previous minutes dated 26/3/22 were approved by DP.

No further business to discuss, meeting ended.