



**Minutes of 2nd Cloud AGM 30 October 2018 Boot and Shoe, Cobblers' Suite
7.30pm-9.00pm**

Present: Cloud members and supporters, Erica Lewis (County Councillor for Lancaster South East), Tim Hamilton- Cox (City Councillor for Bulk ward)
Committee members and experts: Stephen Constantine, Mary Breakell, Tony Breakell, Rosie Morgan, Mark Salisbury, Tony Blendall

Apologies: Abi Mills (City Councillor for Scotforth West), Deborah Otway, Jet Harris, Peter Quick, Tom Wilkinson, Alex Forsyth, Helena Dixon, Val Purnell, Susan Aspinnall

Pre- agenda item: presentation of a Cloud mug and thank you letter to Alasdair Clark, landlord of Boot and Shoe, for generously allowing us to use the Cobblers' Suite free of charge to host our meetings. Very much appreciated as a gesture of goodwill to local community.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of last meeting held 30 August 2018. Copies of these were handed out and also available on Cloud website. Approved.
2. Lancaster City Council has produced a list of modifications on its Strategic Policies and Land Allocations Development Document which is part of The Local Plan. This is available on the City Council website for people to comment on until November 2nd. Guidance on how to submit responses is available on Cloud website but important that people do respond rather than allow modifications to be accepted without challenge. Response can be via the council's form or via email or letter to planning department. Stephen has submitted a written response on behalf of Cloud and committee members have submitted individual responses.
3. Report by the chair, Stephen Constantine, on Cloud's activities over the year from October 2017- October 2018.

Summary:

19 October 2017 Inaugural meeting. Approved constitution. Elected Committee. Agreed to form expert working group. Reported on council drop in sessions. Start of investigations on housing demand and transport issues. Agreed on fundraising and opened a bank account at

Cumberland Building Society. Thanks for donations so far. Preparations for 20 December 2017 full council meeting to debate Local Plan.

22 November 2017 Floods. Cloud response to this. Contacts with local flood action groups. 20 December 2017. Council meeting in Morecambe Town Hall when Mark Salisbury representing Cloud spoke for allocated 5 Mins. Local Plan voted through.

20 March 2018 Cloud general meeting. Planning individual and Cloud responses to Local Plan to be in by 6 April. Report on private funding by committee members of an expert report on housing demand. Agreed on raising money for flyers. Again thanks to distributors.

30 August 2018 Cloud general meeting, Minutes available.

Several Cloud Committee meetings taken place. Contacts made with local and national organisations. Media activity via website, Facebook and Twitter. Regular news briefs sent out. - Details can be found on CLOUD website <https://www.cloudbgv2017.co.uk/>

4. Report by Treasurer, Tony Breakell, on Cloud's finances. Statement of accounts distributed. Summary: All credits shown have come from Cloud members and supporters. Total £2900. A marvellous achievement and many thanks.

Expenditure over the year entirely on printing and distribution of flyers to publicise campaign and advertise meetings. Total cost £1439.

Current balance £1461. This to cover the fee for Neil MacDonald, our expert consultant, to represent Cloud at the Planning Inquiry in January 2019. Cost around £2000 so well on the way. Reminder this cost is underwritten by some Cloud committee members so no debt incurred by Cloud members or the group.

5. Election of management committee. Rosie Morgan, secretary, invited nominations for the committee and read out those received prior to the meeting.

Chair: Stephen Constantine
Nominated by Anne Windsor
Seconded by Cliff Windsor
Elected

Secretary: Rosie Morgan
Nominated by Abi Mills
Seconded by Helena Dixon
Elected

Treasurer: Tony Breakell
Nominated by Val Purnell
Seconded by Nigel Cooke
Elected

Committee:
Mary Breakell
Nominated by Debbie Foord
Seconded by Anne Windsor
Elected

Mark Salisbury
Nominated by Joyce Pollard

Seconded by David Brown
Elected

Sally Salisbury
Nominated by Joyce Pollard
Seconded by David Brown
Elected

Jet Harris
Nominated by Mary Breakell
Seconded by Tony Breakell
Elected

Tom Wilkinson
Nominated by Helen Wilkinson
Seconded by Sally Salisbury
Elected

Jenny Burridge
Nominated by Stephen Constantine
Seconded by Mary Breakell
Elected

Current expert group will continue to work with committee. Anyone else welcome to join.

6. The Local Plan and Planning Inquiry

There will be two separate inquiries, one into The Local Plan as a whole and one into BGV. Our current immediate focus is on the first of these, The Local Plan.

The Local Plan will now be looked at by a planning inspector to determine whether or not it is 'sound'.

We now know this Inquiry will begin 8th Jan 2019 for two or up to three weeks at Lancaster or Morecambe Town Hall. The inspector will have looked at all objections including Cloud's. Cloud will be able to represent the group at the Inquiry and have an expert speak on our behalf about housing need figures.

We should get further information from Inspector mid November about more precise issues to be addressed so we can formulate our response. Updates will be on our website. Links to council planning site also on our website.

The Inquiry is PUBLIC so a good, respectful, turnout is encouraged.

Any Other Business

Point raised that we should gather information from estate agents to provide evidence that there is not a shortage of housing in Lancaster.

Can individuals register to speak at Inquiry? Advised to contact planning department

Question asked about our profile in the press. Mary said we have good relations with local press who are happy to publicise when we have a news story. We will inform press of public interest in Inquiry nearer the time.

Next meeting to be arranged when further information received from Inspector.