

Chadderton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Launch

The Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum held its first annual general meeting on Monday 21 November 2022 at Chadderton Wellbeing Centre with 23 members and supporters present. All officers and committee members who have served on the interim executive committee were re-elected. The Chair, Tony Tomlinson, reported that Chadderton together (registered charity 1164788) had helped to sustain the idea of developing a neighbourhood plan through its formative years. It was explained that the new Chadderton Partnership is a partnership as defined by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The group have an approved constitution and have established a system to allow members to join as well as having a website that people can access.

An application to locality for funds to undertake some initial trial consultation events proved to be successful and a grant of £2485 was awarded. It will now be necessary to develop leaflets and documentation to help stimulate ideas and discussion throughout the consultation process. The neighbourhood plan is likely to take several years to develop and will require advice and support from Oldham Council Planning officers as well as other independent planning advisors. It will also be essential to identify other sources of information. It was also noted that a number of Ward Councillors had also given a considerable amount of support.

The officers elected for the next 12 months include:

Chair – Tony Tomlinson

Vice Chair – Jing Walker

Secretary – Graham Taylor

Treasurer – Duncan Prince

Joint Membership Secretaries – Adrian Ball and Jing Walker

Residents can view details of meetings, keep up to date with events and join the NCP by submitting an email application to newchaddertonpartnership@gmail.com via the website at <http://www.newchaddertonpartnership.org> or with a written application to **New Chadderton Partnership c/o Chadderton Town Hall, Garforth Street, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 6PY.**