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**Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association**

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## **Joint Management Committee Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

### **Members Present**

Pauline Murphy, Paul Townley (Treasurer), Sheila Henry (WBC), Emma Hopwood, Ken Williams, Roy Sheriff (LDT), Mary Quigg CEO (Your Housing), Councillors Ian Lewis and Ron Abbey. Lesley May (Secretary)

The Committee welcomed John Story CEO of Mersey Media

### **Apologies**

Jane Davies (Chair), Tina Amis (Autumn Club), Jenni Jones (LDT), Iris Coates (Vice-Chair), Councillor Anita Leech

In the absence of Jane Davies and Iris Coates (Vice Chair), Pauline Murphy took the Chair

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

These had been circulated. There was an error on the Date of next meeting, Friday had been written instead of Thursday. Those present agreed the minutes as a true record of the meeting

### **Matters Arising**

In the minutes it was recorded that Dianthus had moved. The new office they are working from is in the Four Bridges Business Centre but the fund is still in Leasowe. Committee members were disappointed by the way the move had been done. No notice had been given and this was not the way things operated at the Centre. Paul said they would have been welcome to a room on an 'Ad Hoc' basis if there had been a problem. Paul said that he would write to them about their decision to leave and report back at the next JMC.

After the previous meeting, where the guests could have been treated better, Paul had amended the Agenda and had sent the members of the JMC the governance pack that states how meetings should be conducted.

It was confirmed that the JMC is an open meeting and anyone can attend.

### **Treasurers Report**

Paul distributed his report. The current bank balances are

Current Account	£21,294.19
Savings Account	£34,787.86
Minibus Account	£ 2,625.81

There are no outstanding invoices and all payments are up to date.

The financial year end accounts have been sent to the auditor.

The website is up and running and Paul reports on the visitors figures weekly by email

Adept Cleaning Services were given written notice of termination and no response had been received from them. The Centre is still being financed for cleaners. At the moment, a volunteer who is starting her own business is doing the cleaning.

Emma said that quite a few people were interested in the job and it was suggested that it might suit someone starting up a cleaning business or Pauline suggested someone who is unemployed. Roy said that he was doing business start-ups. Paul said the contract would be 2 hours a day, Mondays to Fridays and the balance of the grant would be used in the purchase of cleaning products

A minibus permit, for the public or non-profit organisation, from the Dept of Transport had been applied for. A VOSA inspector had inspected the bus and issued a Prohibition Notice to Emma when she had been using the vehicle. The order had been put into effect and repairs carried out. Emma Hopwood had mentioned to the inspector about the one faulty seat belt before he had started the inspection. The cheque for the permit had been cashed so that should mean a permit has been granted.

New calliper's and brakes have been purchased for the minibus and will be fitted. The cost had been £445.20 for the parts.

Paul is looking at costs for third party liability insurance for the Centre and will tell the JMC the prices when all quotes have been received.

Pauline asked for a Vote of Thanks to be given to Paul for the work that he had done in getting the website up and running as well as the other work that he does for the Centre. Paul confirmed that the money from the 'filming' had been received

### **Senior Playleader**

There was no report

### **Youth Society**

Ian was pleased to announce that thanks to the Youth Federations help a new team of volunteers had meant that this had now re-opened. Trustees would be appointed. Ian asked if the minibus could be used to take the young people out in the future and it was agreed. Dawn Tolcher had been approached for information about courses. Thanks were given to Wirral Met for their help and support.

### **Autumn Club**

Tina had a family member of the in hospital so Emma had taken over even though Tina helped when and where she could. Emma reported the Club had held a successful and enjoyable Easter and St George's Day events. During the summer some shopping trips were being planned and May/June there would be a Tea Dance held at the Millennium Centre, the Holy Spirit Church were supplying bunting for the dance hall.

The extractor fan was still causing problems in the kitchen (if the people that worked in there were employed staff this would be a major Health and Safety issue). Wirral Media were still experiencing 'waves of food smells' which were not pleasant. Mary said she would check to see if they could help and Sheila would also look for a grant to finance a new fan.

Volunteers had attended training courses, provided by Dianthus, on First Aid and Manual Handling.

### **Wirral Media (formally 7 Waves)**

John, the CEO of Mersey Media introduced himself to the meeting. Mersey Media had been working with 7 Waves for the past four months. The transmitter had been moved and the radio station would be known as Wirral Radio, as it is the last radio station in the Wirral. A new management structure was in place. Pauline was the Director of Community Affairs and hopefully would now have the time to concentrate on her job and not be side-lined. The radio station will still be volunteer led. On 1<sup>st</sup>

June the station would be transmitting on DAB as well as FM to a Total Survey Area of 2.2 million in Cheshire, North Wales as well as the Wirral. More income will be generated from the wider geographic spread and hopefully this will mean the station will be able to employ people in the future.

The Station Launch will be at 8.00am on 16<sup>th</sup> June and close friends and helpers will be invited. The Café at the Centre will be asked to quote on bacon butties to supplement the Bucks Fizz. A more formal launch will be held at the Floral Pavilion at a later date. A younger people's launch is planned as they will be instrumental in the future of the radio. Ken asked if it was legal to broadcast to a wider area and John told him that the official licences for FM & DAB had been obtained. Pauline said that if it had not been for Mersey Media then 7 Waves would have closed on 31<sup>st</sup> March due to a lack of funding.

Ron asked that the radio station never lose its core identity even though it would have to compete with other stations. John said that would happen although there would be some changes e.g. there would be an hourly news bulletin. Pauline was the anchor man for Wirral Radio and she would strengthen the focus on the local area. Presenters will not choose their own music, the Day is play listed but specialist music programmes were not and the station will include Sports Features. Ken said that it was the JMC that had formed 7Waves and was pleased that John was moving it to a new level. Mary said that it was a professional setup and said well done.

### **Men's Fit Club**

Ken said there was no additional news, the Club was running smoothly

### **Leasowe Development Trust**

Roy said the Dog Fouling Awareness Weekend was taking place in ten days' time. Leaflets were being given out in 'hot spot' areas where the problem was very bad – These areas need to be reported to the local authority. Free dog chipping would be offered.

Leasowe was now a designated 'Cycle Hub' and events would start to highlight it. 'Bike Up Leasowe' was being set up to educate people, especially youngsters. The following day Bike Leaders would start their training on teaching people safe use of the roads. Castleway School already have cycle training lessons but Emma pointed out that the biggest problem was that children missed out because they did not have a bike.

An idea, initiated by Councillor Anita Leech was that a major prize be awarded to the most active cyclist, who would be used as a role model. Merseytravel had responded to the idea, via Wirral Met

A 'Loan' scheme would help provide residents with the loan of equipment that they needed to use and could not purchase or would not need in the future e.g. ladders. Leasowe had no chandlers and it is hoped that in the future a central store can be set up to sell small equipment.

The Neighbourhood Plan would go to the next council as local elections were taking place the following week and the new council may make policy changes.

### **Wirral Borough Council**

Sheila reported that the Centre now had all of the required certificates required for Health and Safety; she had sent copies to Leasowe Housing. She asked that the 6 Fire Officers must ensure that people who hire the building have read and signed the relevant forms and that the Officers keep themselves up to date with Fire Safety.

There were 7 vacant plots on the allotment so these were now available to people who were not Leasowe residents. Answering Mary's query Sheila said that all of the allotments had been occupied at the end of the year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2014) but 5 people had not renewed, the cost was £50 per unit but two units had been given, free of charge, to the local community. Anita Leech had been shocked at poor diets in the area and hoped that 'Healthy Options' would be revitalised and the allotments could provide residents good healthy food at reasonable prices

Sheila would check with the Council re: the cleaning contract as the Centre was a Council Community Asset. Community Spirit has funding for the area.

Sheila said she hoped the Neighbourhood Plan would enable the community to benefit and get the best use from surplus buildings on the Estate

### **Councillor Reports**

#### **Councillor Ian Lewis**

Ian said that the Council had been to the Burton site with regards to the planning application. They had not passed the application as it had been pointed out that some of the area already had planning permission, so why was more needed?

The Asset Management department of the Council had looked at the Holy Spirit Church with a view to creating a small car park and easing the parking on Gardenside.  
An independent auditor was looking into Fernbank Farm

Barretts were transferring some of their land to help problems with Kingham Close  
Gardenside roundabout would be closed for one day work to help traffic flow problems and put down road markings

In the past Ian had criticised Community Homes but Ian thanked Val Foot for her help in producing a list of problems that he had asked for.

BT had confirmed that a full Fibre Optic Broadband service would be operating in the area by the end of July.

United Utilities have finished their work in Baffin Close

#### **Councillor Ron Abbey**

Ron reported that he, with Anita, would be attending the meeting of the Tenants Association with Leasowe Community Homes on 20<sup>th</sup> May. As he is a board member he couldn't say much but it is a fraught situation and it is vital that all tenants attend. Emma mentioned the posters for the event. Steve Legerton, the chair was ill at the moment.

Plants are being removed from Fernleigh

The gates had been erected on the Allotment site, making it safer.

Kingham Road residents were being provided with bigger bins

There had been complaints that Biffa were taking the refuse from the bins before 7.00am. They would be monitored

Moreton Day Centre would be open in mid June

Merseytravel were releasing the £2 per day ticket for youngsters. It would cost Merseytravel £500,000 but if widely used it will become self-financing. It is currently for under 15's but it is hoped in time this can be extended up to 18 years old

There had been 205 referrals to the Food Bank in Wallasey School

Wirral Met were running a Construction course

Crime was up but Pauline said that in Leasowe crime had dropped by 4%.

It was agreed that Leasowe Community Homes be included on the new agenda for the meeting.

### **Leasowe Community Homes**

Mary reported that Universal Credit was being introduced into the area from June. This means that housing money will be sent direct to tenants. This is the only money LCH get. As the majority of the tenants in the area will be affected by the change. Pauline and Jenni will be training people at the Job Centre and Emma asked if they could help point people in the right direction for help. John said the radio station would run an Awareness Campaign.

LVH would be running a Money Advice Project on a Thursday. People could just drop in for help.

PEGS was now up and running from a shop and there would also be a call centre offering free insulation etc. There would be a 3 year priority roofing programme and 2 apprenticeships would be awarded. Free winter warm packs will be given away

Employment and Skills courses that are run give resident's basic training .  
Fusion 21 will start In August and the Job Club are taking names. It will be based in Manchester, Liverpool and Cheshire.

Sheila said as she was in the Centre every Friday could posters be emailed to her and she would ensure that they were displayed.

A trip to Liverpool for the World War celebrations is being organised. The transport and a picnic lunch in Newsham Park will be provided free of charge. Posters had been sent out.

### **Any Other Business**

A Fun Day is being organised on 13<sup>th</sup> August at the Millennium Centre. There will be football coaches  
A Community Hub has gained 50k funding on a 5 year programme. Emma will represent the JMC.  
Dianthus were donating trees to the area. Scouts will come and plant them.

Paul mentioned that now Dianthus has gone the Centre had no Internet, as it used to 'piggy back ' on to theirs. Sheila said she would check with the Council about Internet facilities.  
Mary said that Fernleigh was being demolished and turned into a car park.

Complaints had been made about parking near the Millennium Centre. Roy said that CCTV would be covering the area the next day.

The gardens outside the Centre were now looking nice but there was nowhere for people to smoke out of the weather. A smoking shelter would cost £630, Wirral Media offered to pay 50%. Sheila thought that the Council would not agree to the shelter. The Councils policy is 'no smoking' within 35 metres of council owned. Buildings but said she would look into finding a weatherproof area for smokers

No other business – the meeting closed

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To Be Advised