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Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association

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Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
held at Leasowe Community Centre
on Thursday 16th October 2014

Members Present

Chair Jane Davies, Paul Townley, Iris Coates, Ken Williams, Councillor Treena Johnson and Anita Leech, Sheila Henry, Sandra Camello, Jenni Jones, Ian Lewis, Danny Docherty, Lesley May, guest Eddie Salisbury

Apologies

Mary Quigg, Councillor Ron Abbey, Ken Murphy, Michelle Gray, Tina Amis & Pauline Murphy

Last AGM Minutes

These were agreed to be a true record and were approved and signed

Matters Arising

Nil

Correspondence

Councillor Anita Leech had written, on behalf of the Council, to Sheila asking her for income and expense costs for the Community Centre and the Millennium Centre. Sheila had all of the figures with the exception of the income figures for the Millennium Centre. Jane asked if there was a reason that the Council had asked for the figures and Sheila replied that these figures were usually collected and presented to the JMC

Chair Persons Annual Report

Jane said that she reiterated what had been said the previous year by the then chair Ian Lewis. That it been a tough time, and will be in the future, fighting to keep the Community Centre open and operational. She thanked everyone for their time, commitment and the hard work they had done during the year.

Iris asked for a vote of thanks be given to Jane for the time that she had spent in her role as chair and splendid work that she had done

Treasurers Report

Paul circulated his report to those present. It had been a relatively quiet year for the Centre, with the Autumn Club being the major group at the Centre, who supplemented their Social Services funding with fund raising activities. Paul gave his thanks to Tina Amis, who with a small group of volunteers for their tremendous hard work.

Paul also gave thanks to Danny and his team at the Adventure playground and Chair Jane Davies and Ian Lewis who were the driving forces for the Youth Society and the management committee, who had helped with the initial funding. Room hire income had decreased by just £107 from the previous year. The Centre had made a small surplus of £2,163 which was mainly due to the close and prudent scrutiny of expenditure Paul recommended that Mr. S Eyre be retained as Auditor and an operating fund of £12,000 is set aside which would enable the Community Centre to run for a period of 3 months in event the Centre was closed or its funding withdrawn, this was agreed at the meeting.

A copy of the Treasurers report is available on request.

Amendments to the Constitution

None

Annual Reports

The AGM is for the year that ended on 31st March 2014 and does not reflect the changes that have happened since that date

Senior Playleader

Danny reported that John Davies had retired after 26 years and this had left the Adventure Playground short staffed. Eventually a new member of staff was appointed but their job was only part time so this had reduced the time that the Playground could operate (if one person was off the site then it had to close). There had been talk about employing another person who would move between the four centers (Gautby Road, Beechwood, the Play Council and the Adventure Playground).

By the end of the financial year 2015, the council has intimated that funding is withdrawn at the 4 centres mentioned above, there is a consultation process underway and if this proposal goes ahead we would see funding withdrawn and the centres closed.

Youth Society

Over the past year half a dozen people had been recruited and trained to help with the Youth Society. Ian said that he was grateful to the Youth Federation and the JMC for all of their help and support in getting the Society up and running. They had been able to arrange trips out and had only needed to ask the youngsters for a small contribution towards it. The Society had started with just a dozen people but it had grown to 54 people using it and the age range allowed had been reduced to include some younger children, who had wanted to be involved.

Men's Health Club

Ken reported that it was still a struggle to find new members and various avenues had been explored as well as it being advertised in various newsletters on the estate. As new members were found sadly other members left and the Clubs numbers had decreased by 3 during the year. The Club had been started, 30 years ago; in response to the Health Service wanting to help members in a community to keep healthy Chair Jane thanked Ken for his time and hard work in keeping the Club up and running

Autumn Club

Tina had not been able to make the meeting but the Autumn Club had experienced another successful year

Wirral Radio (7 Waves Radio)

Pauline had been unable to attend the meeting but during the year the Radio Station had been taken over and changed its name to Wirral Radio, as it was now the only radio station based in the Wirral. Its coverage had been extended and it was now available on DAB

Councillors Reports

The Councillors had been attending and reporting to the JMC at their meeting over the past year and had nothing additional to add,

The Allotment Society

Ian had attended their AGM and had been asked to pass on their thanks to the JMC for their continuing help and support

Wirral Borough Council

Sheila had nothing to add to the reports that she had given the JMC throughout the year and just asked if everyone could carry on the working relationship between her and the JMC

Election of Officers

As no nominations had been received it was agreed by the Committee to re-elect the officers on block

- **Chair** Jane Davies
- **Treasurer** Paul Townley
- **Minute Secretary** Lesley May

Any Other Business

Sheila asked for a vote of thanks to be given to Paul for all of his hard work that he did and had done for the JMC and the Community Centre through the year.

Danny asked if the 'Addy' logo be included again in the Letterhead of the Committee

- Audited accounts will be available on request; they can also be accessed via the charity commission website and downloaded.