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Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association

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## **Joint Management Committee Meeting held Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Leasowe Community Centre**

### **Present**

Iris Coates (acting as Chair), Paul Townley, Ken Williams, Councillor Ron Abbey, Jenni Jones, Sandra Camello, Nikki Groves (representing Wirral Borough Councillor), Emma Hopwood, Lesley May

### **Apologies**

Jane Davies, Tina Amis, Councillors Anita Leech & Treena Johnson, Ian Lewis, Sheila Henry & Pauline Murphy

### **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

These had been circulated. Lesley, as secretary, had received an email from Councillor Anita Leech wanting a change to the amendment on the previous minutes (October 2014); Lesley had asked if Anita could bring the amendment to the next meeting. Anita also wanted to clarify some points of the minutes but as she was currently on holiday, Iris, in her position of chair said that the clarifications could be brought up at the next meeting.

Amendments were made to Wirral Borough Council, Sheila had said that she was advised by WBC how to allocate fuel costs between Wirral Radio and Leasowe Community Centre and under Russell Gates presentation in the third paragraph instead of 'Sheila will ' it should read Sheila advises who is responsible'.

Sandra Camellos' apologies had been omitted

After these amendments the minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and they were proposed by Paul Townley and accepted by Ken Murphy as a true and accurate record of the meeting

### **Matters arising**

- Tina had attended the IOSH course and achieved the certificate.
- Sandra had received the compliance report from Russell.
- Due to problems with the printer not being linked to the computers Emma had not been able to produce the posters that Mary Quigg was going to distribute in the Your Housing properties.
- Ken had been suffering from health problems and hoped to supply the Men's Fitness Club posters soon.
- Emma asked if the rubble, left by the building of Wirral Radios, had been dug out so that the grass area could be mown. Councillor Ron Abbey advised that the area came under the control of Your Housing. Sandra said that she would look into the matter.
- Councillor Ron Abbey said that the Addy and Play Schemes in Wirral would be funded for another twelve months

## **Correspondence**

The Art Club had received a lovely letter from the British Legion, to whom the Art Club had donated their World War I paintings. They said that the paintings would be on display at their building in Wallasey until 2018, when they would be auctioned.

## **Financial Report**

There had been not much activity on the accounts over the Christmas period.

Current Balances are:

Current Account	<b>£23,186.14</b>
Savings Account	<b>£34, 806.21</b>
Minibus Account	<b>£ 2, 137, 24</b>

Paul reported that the broadband has been finally installed in the centre by British Telecom. In November a contract had been made with the previous owners of the telephone line. The owners had then transferred the line to British Telecom; the previous company had disconnected the line and had asked for 11 months payment to complete the contract, even though they were not supplying broadband. Paul had told them that he was prepared to take the matter further with Ofcom, since this the company have sorted out the broadband and to date no payments have been requested. The previous contract was now finished and the BT broadband installed.

The order for the 'Meals on Wheels' equipment (Autumn Club) was nearing completion.

When the final items have arrived a report will be sent to Michelle Gray

All members present congratulated Emma and Tina on the wonderful idea, which was needed. Replying to questions Emma said that it would start on a local basis in Leasowe but hoped that it could cover a far wider area in the future – it would stop people becoming isolated and it can help people to be referred to other services that can help them.

Paul was meeting with PEGS the following week to arrange them moving into the building now that the broadband was up and running. They were still interested and had moved some furniture into the Centre prior to them hiring the Great Escape room

## **Reports:**

### **Senior Play-leader**

No report

### **Youth Report / Youth Society**

Ian had sent a report. The numbers of people attending were between 30 to 50 every Monday. Some of their volunteers due to work and family commitments had resigned but they were hoping to recruit more; all of the volunteers had DBS checks

He mentioned that in the past it had been agreed that a television be put in the Great Escape room for the members but he had noticed the furniture in the room and wondered if this would still be possible. Emma thought that it would not be possible but said that the youths be let back in the main room, under strict supervision. Councillor Ron Abbey thought that the youths should be charged for any damage that they caused.

Emma mentioned that the age of the youths allowed in had dropped. The lower age children had meant that some of the older ones had left and the Society had been set up to help and support the older ones

### **Art Club**

Iris said that her membership numbers were up. She had a Mental Health person attending with his carer and she wished that more could join. Sadly they can only attend if they can find a carer to come with them. It was pointed out that sometimes when the Art Club was running some people with push chairs were having problems getting to the cafe. Iris said that the layout of the Club had changed since the snooker table had been rehoused but she would have a word with Billy to see if the chairs could be laid out differently.

### **Autumn Club**

The Club was doing well and Emma said there were only a few vacancies left for a Friday, even though they had sadly lost some of their members. Emma and Tina had been planning the events for the year, the first of which would be a Valentines event followed by Shrove Tuesday (held on the Monday before). Music provided was going down well and speakers were being arranged e.g. the Police giving a 10 to 15 minute talk on safety in the home and someone with photographs of old Wirral. When the YMCA had realised that the Centre was running the Autumn Club they had said they would donate £500, plus they would give the use of their canal boats in the summer to the Club. Emma's said that they even thought the Club operated Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays they might have to extend their days

At the moment they were looking at marketing strategies, creating information packs and the training of volunteers, Ron Abbey asked if there was a list of their events and when there taking place so that he could spread the word. Emma replied that this was one of the things that they were working on

Emma was asked how the Dinner, on Christmas Day, she runs with her daughter Jen, at the Centre had been. Although the numbers had been fluctuating the week before (due to illness etc.) they had provided 30 dinners in total (some had been delivered) and the success of the dinner could be judged from the way that visitors were reluctant to leave, even though they were told that they could take their cheese and biscuits home. Emma and Jen had also given those attending a full meal (sweet included) to take home. All of the members present congratulated Emma and Jen on a successful event.

### **Wirral Radio (7 Waves Community Radio)**

No report. Committee members asked if Paul could write to Pauline and ask who they would be sending to the JMC meetings in the future with reports as Pauline's job has changed since the station became Wirral Radio.

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

Ken reported he had a total of 6 members and could help anyone join the Fit Club. The strategy of the Club is that members do what they want to do there is no set exercise programme and people work to their own capabilities and in their own time, there is never any pressure. He could plan exercise for Mental Health patients and create exercises and plans to suit each individual person.

Although he had mentioned it before Ken wanted to repeat that he felt that the idea of exercise clubs, which is promoted by government bodies, councils etc. should be free of charge. At present Ken charges £1.50 but the matter is a debate that has been going on for a while. In the Main Room at the Centre there is a 'walking machine', which is PETS tested and Ken has been asked to keep it locked but the cycle machine, which runs on batteries can be used, and is used by a member of the Autumn Club.

### **Leasowe Development Trust**

Jenni reported there would be a YHD event on 21<sup>st</sup> March in Manchester. It will be starting at 12.00pm and people will not get home until about 12.00am. There are looking for 30 young people to go to the event.

The LDT hopes to launch the bike hub on 13<sup>th</sup> March but it is uncertain at the moment whether work on the old Youth House will be completed in time.

Saccha had been taking 25 people to the Mollington Banastre where it is hoped they will gain their certificate in Community Organisation.

A first aid course will be run, initially for Your Housing tenants but other courses will follow that will be open to anyone who wants to attend- courses will be put on for everyone who wants to attend

### **Leasowe Community Homes**

Lesley apologised that she had circulated the wrong Agenda but the current Agenda did display the Leasowe Community Homes 'slot'.

Sandra gave out copies of the compliance report she had received from Russell, which also showed the dates by which the items needed to be up to date. These items need to be checked. Nikki said that a council contract was needed for the boiler and checks would be carried out every three months.

There would be an estate Walk About, with Street Scene on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February and anyone was welcome to join in. Councillor Abbey said that as well as joining in this walkabout Councillors also took part in the Magenta Homes walkabout. These walks were good for the estate as they highlighted problems that could be solved to the benefit of the residents.

Emma asked if there was news about the steering group that Russell had talked about creating. Sandra said she would pass this query onto Russell

### **Wirral Borough Council (Sheila Henry)**

Nikki read the report from Sheila. The car park at the Millennium Centre was almost finished but still need to be fitted with the floodlights (these would also help with the poor street lighting in the area) and maybe some touching up to the surface before it will open. There had been criticism about the cost of the car park but the neighbours in the area had problems with the congestion caused by cars. Nikki was asked if the hedge would still stay as it caused a hidden area, which could be a problem. Ron Abbey said he would have a word with Dave Armstrong regarding the hedge being removed

### **Councillor's Reports**

#### **Councillor Ron Abbey**

The future of the Play Schemes and the Addy had been saved for the next year

A small amount of money had been secured for repairs to the roads and he asked that people notify him of the problem areas. It may not be possible to repair all of them at the same time but the list would be kept for the future.

There had not been a lot of business at Council due to the Christmas period. The next business on the Council agenda would be the setting of budgets. Most of the cuts in spending were known and had been discussed.

There had been a fire on the estate in the early morning

#### **Councillor Treena Johnson**

Treena had sent an update saying that she was working with Dave Meredith and police officers to help with anti social behaviour. Councillor Ron Abbey thought that there was no longer a great problem in the area except for pockets like the shops and Kingham drive. Jenni said that you need to be careful in using the label 'anti social behaviour' sometimes a boisterous bunch of children can be easily mistaken for being anti social.

She also asked if the LDT, LCH Autumn Club and Moreton could join together to create a luncheon club. Emma said that this was not practical and the Autumn Club already had some members from Moreton. People will chose where they want to go

### **Any other business**

- Paul had spoken to the web developer and there was now a Bulletin Board on the website, which could be used for posts. He said that after Lesley had sent him the minutes, he checked them for accuracy and then posted them on the web site, where they were available to anyone, as were the Agendas.
- Councillor Ron Abbey mentioned that a planning application for 6 houses on the old site of the flats had been presented to the Council. If approved one of the benefits would be to eliminate the fly tipping there
- Ken was worried that since the Wi-Fi had been installed the alarm system was not working. He was told that this was due to the alarm system being linked to the phone line, which was now discontinued and was told that Sheila Henry was looking into the matter. When the main doors were locked then the Centre was fully alarmed but when the doors were open it was no longer possible to alarm the Centre.
- Iris as well as other members were concerned that the Main Doors were being locked by Pauline Murphy at Wirral Radio during the day. Pauline had explained in the past why this was being done but Paul said he would contact Pauline about having the doors working on automatic during the day, when the Centre was operational.

### **Date of next meeting:**

**Thursday 12th March 2015 at 10.30am**