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Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association

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JMC Meeting

Held Thursday 17th September 2015

Present

Jane Davies (Chair) , Paul Townley (Treasurer), Ken Williams, Councilors Ron Abbey, Anita Leech and Treena Johnson, Jenni Jones, Sandra Camello, Ian Lewis, Emma Hopwood, Pauline Murphy, Dell from Wirral Radio, Danny McGarry Lesley May

Apologies

Tina Amis, Sheila Henry & Iris Coates

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

The previous meeting numbers of attendee's were short of a quorum and so the meeting was not an official meeting but notes had been taken. These notes were circulated and approved by those who had been present.

Matters arising

Sandra had heard that PEGS had funding and were now operational but had no official confirmation of this. Jane had seen their shop open. One of them had been seriously ill and Paul had considered it as inappropriate to contact them at that time. As they were now operational Paul offered to contact them and find out what their plans were. If they were not going to use the Centre then they would be given a time limit to remove their property so the room would be available for use.

Nicky Wycherley (Youth Society), had asked for some funding for the Christmas period. Paul expressed concern that the Youth Society were under the impression that the JMC was funding them, this is incorrect as we stated that we would assist them. If funding has been agreed for a particular item or event etc. then it cannot be used for anything else. Paul suggested that a television is purchased and placed in the cafe area. This would enable it to be used by those attending the centre during the day and the Youth Society in the evening which means the room, used by the Autumn Club, would not be required by the Youth Society.

Correspondence

None

Invited Guests / Reports / Presentations

None

Financial Report

Paul distributed printed copies of his report for those present.

Balances are:

Current Account	£17, 577.14
Savings Account	£34, 820.36
Leasowe PYCA Minibus Account	£ 2, 368.08

There are no outstanding invoices and payments are up to date

Paul reported that Wirral Radio had a temporary cash flow problem at the weekend with having to pay the wage bill before some cheques had been cashed by the bank. The JMC had lent them £3000 to 'tide' them over; Pauline confirmed that the money would be repaid later that morning and thanked the JMC for their support.

Paul had applied for a grant of £20,000 to Burbo Bank. The application is an attempt to replace the minibus, which has become a drain on resources. Emma had also applied to Burbo Bank for a grant for the Autumn Club. The paperwork had been a day late in being sent due to Emma being ill, so it was not known if the application would be accepted

The year end accounts have been finalised and Paul circulated them to committee members prior to the AGM. The community centre hire income was 50% down on the previous year, mainly due to the loss of Dianthus renting a room. It is important to look at and promote room hire. The main activity of the Centre had been the Autumn Club and the Youth Society had been funded by one thousand pounds over the year.

An amount of £20,000 has been put aside as an emergency fund to be used should the Council withdraw their funding. This would mean the Centre could be kept running for three months so alternative funding can be sourced.

When the work at Kingham Close is completed the invoice will be paid out of money in the 'Rose Garden' account

Paul and Danny will be meeting to finalise the accounts for the Addy celebration and he offered a big thanks to LCH for their support in making the event a big success

Reports:

Senior Playleader

Danny reported on the 40th Celebrations of the Adventure Centre that took place in August. Despite a damp start in morning it had been an excellent day followed by a phenomenal night. There had been a 6 foot barbeque in the evening. Danny wanted to thank everyone that had been involved, especially those working behind the scenes. Jane, as Chair congratulated Danny and Paul on the success of the event. Pictures have been posted on the website.

Staffing is an even bigger problem at the Adventure Centre as Gemma has left and it means that staffing across the centres was stretched with everyone helping out to try and keep the all of the Centres open for at least three days each week. . It was not known whether Gemma's position will be filled. Danny asked the Councillors if they could help but Ron Abbey said that the Government funding was restricting what the Council could do. In November when budgets are awarded by the Government it may be clearer as to what could be funded

Holy Spirit was running a mock evacuation on 14th October with year 6 children. This is to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The 'evacuation' will end at the Adventure Playground where 'war time' refreshments would be served e.g. tea and Victoria sponge cake.

Danny was hoping to run some cookery classes in the half term and Halloween will be celebrated by a party later on in the evening. Funding of the events was a problem, with the majority of money being funded by profits from the Tuck Shop.

Jane asked if the Bonfire will go ahead and Danny said he was unable to say at the moment. There had been talk about four areas, one of which was Leasowe, joining together to run a bonfire in Moreton. When asked Danny said it would cost in the region of £1200 to fund and run an independent Bonfire with fireworks in Leasowe. If people knew the story behind an independent event he was sure they would get a large contribution towards it. from those attending the event. Jenni said the Neo cafe in the Millennium would provide refreshments and Pauline said Wirral Radio would provide the music.

Youth Report / Youth Society

There was no report from Nicky but members of the committee expressed concern. The Youth Society had been set up by Jane Davies and Ian Lewis as a place where the older children could meet. The age range had dropped and Danny said it could no longer be called Youth Society as it had become a club for children, who already have the 'Addy' for play and entertainment. The age range had been decided by the Youth Society along with other rules, with no reference to the JMC.

It was thought the reason behind the change of ages catered for could be that younger children are easier to handle.

A meeting will be arranged between Nicky and Paul and Janet. Permanent volunteers, who have experience with older youth, are needed for the Society.

Art Club

No report. Iris had been called to attend a family matter prior to the meeting

Autumn Club

Emma reported that sadly they had lost a few long time members but new members had joined. The District Nurses were now sending the Club referrals. The current figure was about 34 people, which was keeping Tina and her team very busy. More people attending the events meant that transporting people was taking longer. Emma asked if further training could be provided for the helpers as some members of the Club had various problems e.g. early dementia. Pauline said that Lyn Jones talks about early dementia on Wirral Radio and Sandra said she and other people she knows would also be interested in dementia training, as they had only attended half of a training session a few years ago

Wirral Radio (7 Waves Community Radio)

Pauline thanked the JMC for helping out with the short term loan. Dell said that due to now transmitting on DAB they were attracting a wider audience and more 'big name' advertisers e.g. M53 Ford. Lookers etc. Sainsbury's were talking to them with regard to joint community ventures.

The problem of displaying Art Club paintings in the foyer was ongoing. John from Wirral Radio did not want any pictures as he said Wirral Radio was a business and the paintings did not reflect this. Jane said that the foyer (and Community Centre building had been standing before the Radio began) looked drab without. It was suggested that paintings that link with the Radio (e.g. musical or Wirral orientated) be used. Ron Abbey said that maybe Your Housing, as it is their property, be involved in the decision. Emma said signage (especially Health and Safety signs) that had been removed during the redecoration should be replaced first and then the space left can be looked at. It was agreed that Anita, Paul, Jane meet with John and discuss the matter of the pictures

Men's Fit Club

Ken reported that not much had been happening with the Club, there are currently five members. The Club did not meet in December so the room can be left for the Autumn Club Christmas Celebrations. His members were despondent regarding the future of the Club due to the uncertain future of the building remaining open. Paul said that the Community Centre was funded until next April but more about the future should be known in November (when Government Funding to Councils is announced).

Ken said he kept an eye on the building making sure that things like locks were working.

Sandra asked for flyers for the Men's Club so their housing officers can distribute them.

Leasowe Development Trust

Roy Sherriff has now retired. Jane welcomed Jenni to her new role as CEO and asked her to pass on the JMC's thanks to Roy for the work he had done on the estate over the years.

On 28th October the Millennium Centre will be running a kid's disco and later on there would be a scarier Haunted House for the older children and teens. Danny was impressed with the work they were doing to make younger people aware of their heritage.

Leasowe Community Homes

Sandra was taking part in an abseil down Leasowe Lighthouse on behalf of Alzheimer's Society. Others taking part will donate money raised to a charity of their choice.

Your Housing will be running a two day event at Magenta Centre in Birkenhead on 28th and 29th September to help people with their housing problems.

HYPE had received community funding for a youth area and wanted to use the bike hut. Those at the hub, doing repairs wanted to use other premises.

The Bursary to help give financial assistance to 14 – 25 years old in gaining employment has currently closed. It will be running again and Sandra will notify the committee when it starts.

Sandra said that Your Housing had supported Matt Horton as they are trying to supply complimentary help for youths in the area

Wirral Borough Council (Sheila Henry)

Sheila had sent her apologies to the Committee. She was currently on leave due to family matters

Councillor's Reports

Jane said she was conscious of the time and asked if the Councillors reports could be short. In the future maybe the Councillors could present short written reports to the JMC,

Councillor Anita Leech

Anita had been working with domestic violence issues for over 9 years and said that Wirral had the only male perpetrator course. She was working with the Council to help males, who are or have been subject to domestic violence. It costs £12,000 to run two courses a year and there is a need for one to one counselling. It is hoped that these facilities will not be lost on the Wirral.

Tranmere Rovers were upgrading football pitches but they have larger ideas and are working with Housing Associations.

A meeting, with United Utilities and other involved parties, had taken place at the Maryland's Centre the previous week, about the flooding that had happened in the area. Some people had been badly hit, losing everything and in these areas it was not possible to get insurance cover. Anita said that a Flood Risk Emergency plan had been drawn up a few years ago but she did not know where it currently was. There was a Flood Risk Alarm but no one present knew what it sounded like. Sandra said she would check if they had the plan, or maybe Mark Campbell knew. Anita thought that the leaflet from the Council should be promoted more.

Pauline commented that thanks to the work of United Utilities this time there had been no problems with Reeds Lane and Reedville Grove Jane asked if 'new build' had to have a tank to hold overflow water. Pauline warned that if it is a bad winter, as predicted, then melting snow causes a risk of flooding.

The good news was that rents in the estate will come down, over a four year period.

Councillor Ron Abbey

Ron was pleased to announce that Merseytravel had extended the age, allowed to purchase My Ticket, up to 19th birthday. Jane said the ticket was a good idea but was concerned that the price was high. Ron said they were looking at ticket which would link all of the transport services available.

They were looking for a combined authority devolution policy but at the moment the Government were asking for too many things so it was a case of sorting out priorities.

He said there would be radical changes in nursery funding, which will affect Leasowe Family and Nursery Centre.

Councillor Treena Johnson

Friends of the Yew Tree Group had been looking for funding for an area on the allotments. Treena suggested that the Moreton Youth Club, held on Wednesdays and Thursdays, could work together with the youths in Leasowe

Any other reports (updates)

Nil

Any other business

Wirral Radio had a new lock fitted on the foyer doors, after an attempted break-in. Pauline had given 10 (of the 14) sets of keys to Chris but people were still being sent to Wirral Radio for a key. Paul said it was important to find out where the 10 sets of keys were now.

Ron said that the Transport Festival was being run over the weekend. It would cost £4 but was good value for money.

Anita suggested that a group be set up to look at future funding for the Community Centre. It was agreed the group should consist of Emma Hopwood, Jane Davies, Paul Townley, Councillor Anita Leech and Jenni Jones should be asked.

Treena asked if the Yew Tree Group could have hire of a room FOC for a 'one off' meeting. They would be using then café, for coffee and tea during their meeting. Jane said she would ask Tina. It was agreed the Lantern Parade would finish at the Centre. The Autumn Club would provide food and drinks at subsidized costs. The JMC will put some money towards the event. Wirral Radio and the Adventure Centre want to be involved.

Leasowe Community Homes will be running a Carol Concert but the problem at the moment is finding sufficient space. Pauline will record the concert for Wirral Radio and it will be broadcast on Christmas Day. There will also be a Pantomime.

Emma asked if the Centre and also the minibus could be used on Christmas Day for the Christmas Meal – it was agreed. Last year the visitors took a meal home with them. This year it is hoped to give them hampers

Date of AGM & Next Meeting

Thursday 15th October at 10:30am

Followed by the JMC Meeting