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Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association

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Minutes of the JMC meeting held on Thursday 29th October 2015

Members Present

Chair Jane Davies, Paul Townley (Treasurer), Ken Williams, Councillors Treena Johnson and Ron Abbey, Mary Quigg, Ian Lewis, Danny Docherty, Lesley May,

Apologies

Emma Hopwood, Michelle Grey, Councillor Anita Leech. Jenni Jones, Sheila Henry, Tina Amis, and Sandra Camello

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were agreed to be a true record and were approved

Matters Arising

Due to work commitments Paul and Danny had yet to meet to finalise the accounts of the 40th Celebration.

Jane asked Danny if the Bonfire was going ahead. He said that it was and had already been advertised in the paper. It would take place around 6.00pm and the Council was providing the fireworks. This year hot drinks would be served in thermal cups with lids on for safety reasons

Mary said the Flood Risk Alarm was a visual alarm in Davies Road and not an audible alarm. She would be communicating with the local authority to produce information leaflets on flood risks

Correspondence

None

Treasurers Report

Paul gave the up to date figures which are

Current Account	£22, 294.36
Savings Account	£34, 824.43
Minibus Accounts	£ 2, 316.56

As mentioned at the AGM an amount of £20k was ring fenced in case the Council withdrew their funding of the Centre. This amount would finance the time needed to 'wind' everything up the organisation.

Burbo Bank had contacted Paul with regard to the application he had made for £20,000 to fund a new minibus. They had asked if the minibus was just needed for the Centre (not applicable for a grant) or was it available for general hire by other groups. Paul had told them it was available and was used for general hire and Mary Quigg said she would bear that in mind as they may have need of transport to Warrington, in the near future.

Reports

Senior Playworker

Danny said he was having a lot of requests to use the '5 aside football pitch' at the Addy. New floodlights were in place but there was a problem with the surface which needed to be renewed before it could be hired out. The special surface needed had been quoted in the region of £60,000. The pitch is important to the area and a lot of children have not got transport to get around other areas, Jane asked if Danny had approached Sports England for a grant or maybe Comic Relief? Ron Abbey said Tranmere Rovers were currently upgrading pitches at the Solar Campus. It was agreed that Danny would try and get quotes. Treena said they had indoor facilities at Moreton Youth Club if he needed to use. Danny said that he would like to give thanks to Kenny Boyd, whose firm had decorated the outside of the Addy prior to the celebration event.

Youth Society

Nikki was not present at the meeting; there were concerns that the Club set up primarily for the youth and was now only open to children of a younger age and this was why youths were now congregating outside of the Addy. A meeting will be set up between Jane, Paul and Nikki to rectify the problem. Treena asked if she could be involved in the talks. It was important that volunteers who could work with older children were involved so the age range could be extended

Men's Health Club

Ken said that his numbers were now down to five, who met regularly. They used the keep fit equipment and also kept an 'eye out' for the various things that need to be done on the premises

Autumn Club

The club continued going from strength to strength

Art Club

Iris was struggling financially to meet the rent. Iris wished that she could offer more placements to people with Mental Health Issues but it was time consuming. New pictures had been displayed on the walls

Leasowe Development Trust

No report

Leasowe Community Homes

Plans to decrease rents by 1%, proposed in the Governments Summer Budget, were causing problems for Your Housing. In total they had a decrease of 3% which was causing problems in the updating of the houses. Universal Credits meant that rent money was no longer paid straight to the Housing Associations causing an increase in rent arrears. In a pilot scheme out of 510 people 360 were in arrears and Leasowe is one of the worst areas, Your Housing had decided to do just one major project instead of investing in smaller projects like their magazine, Halloween etc. The board will have to make difficult decisions and Leasowe has one of the highest staffing costs. Ron said that the priorities should be well maintained roofs and boilers in the winter period. Jane asked Mary how the Association would meet their charity status if their energy and costs were focused on just one project. Mary said that the figures would have to be closely looked at. The Halloween party had been well attended and plans were in place for the Latin Parade. A talent show, involving the Academy was being planned and the Youth Society would be doing a Christmas Show.

They had received five applications for funding – one for Wirral Women, 2 football orientated and two craft.

Mary asked about the Neo Café in the Millennium Centre and was told that Emma was still overseeing it but was now working from the Viking Centre on a project funded by Frank Field MP to help food poverty.

Wirral Radio

No report

Councillors Reports

Jane asked if the Councillors would be brief with their reports as she was conscious of the time the meetings had taken.

Councillor Ron Abbey said he was waiting for the news of the Governments funding of the Council before plans can be made. It will be necessary to look at the best value for funding

Councillor Anita Leech had sent an email report, which included links to 2 petitions. The first was a petition against Government cuts to Merseyside's Police Budget and the second to save the Job Centre in Wallasey. Paul would circulate this information with the links to committee members.

Tranmere Rovers are in discussion about improvement to community pitches and have donated 50 free tickets to be used at their home games.

Councillor Treena Johnson said the way to deal with horrendous cuts will be to set up Friends Groups. It is important to inspire volunteers to operate on a small budget to help get 13 year to 19 year old off of the street. A Friends group is needed for the parks to help restore them and residents were interested in doing this at Upton Park. The Yew Tree Friends have won an award to be spent on enhancing the allotments and creating a disabled path. She said that it was important to be sure that you were on the residents list by 1st December as this list will be instrumental at the boundary review

Wirral Borough Council

Sheila was unable to attend the meeting but had supplied the following report

Health & Safety - all up to date, with exception of boiler report, which will be completed in near future by SURE.

- Fire Drill: - after discussion with Wirral Radio it has been agreed that the test will take place between 12-1pm any day of the week when the radio is not on air. This is alleviate the problems that have occurred in the past.
- The Fire Marshalls will be given a refresher course and the opportunity for fire marshal training will be offered to other volunteers. It is essential that when accepting a room hire booking, one of the fire officers go through the procedure with the Hirer. A list of the Fire Officers is on display in the office, as per requirements.
- Kevin has agreed to take a weekly gas meter reading and provide the details to Will McCormack 606 2356.

Energy

- There is to be meetings with the Energy Team from Wirral Council to review all issues that have been raised, a new meter had been fitted to show exactly the amount of energy used.

Room Hire Forms

- Annual Room Hire forms need to be completed by all users within the Centre and the appropriate conditions of hire will be issued. These need to be with Sheila before the end November.

Asset List

- The assets of the JMC to be updated with support of Paul.

Keys

- An up to date list of all key holders is required, with a signature of each, that they hold them.

Smoking

- It is Council policy that you are not allowed to smoke within 10ft of the building and certainly not in the front. This needs to be adhered to.

Any Other Business

Ian asked if the Annual Christmas Lunch will be taking place and it was confirmed that Emma was organizing it and the minibus had been booked.

Paul had seen the people involved in PEGS, who said they were waiting for notice of funding

Jane thanked everyone for their help

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 26th November at 10.30am

This will be the last meeting for the year