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Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association

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Minutes of the JMC meeting held at Leasowe Community Centre on Thursday 28th January 2016

Members Present

Chair Jane Davies, Paul Townley (Treasurer), Ken Williams, Councilors' Anita Leech and Ron Abbey, Sandra Camello, Nicky Wycherley, Jenni Jones, Sasha Mathias. Sheila Henry, Ian Lewis, Danny Docherty, Lesley May,

Apologies

Tina Amis, Councilor Treena Johnson, Mary Quigg and Pauline Murphy

Minutes of Last Meeting

A meeting scheduled for November did not have enough members present to make a quorum
The October minutes were agreed to be a true record and were approved

Matters Arising

Sandra would invite Emma (from the Neo café) to the next JMC meeting

Correspondence

None

Jane, as Chair of the committee, wished everyone a Happy New Year and said that now the Autumn Club were meeting five days a week in future the committee will meeting in the Great Escape room, which will soon be available

Treasurers Report

Paul circulated his report

The Balances are:

▪ Current Account	£15, 303.87
▪ Savings Account	£34, 830.57
▪ Minibus Account	£ 2, 266.58

There are no outstanding invoices and we are up to date with the payments

The Application to Burbo Bank Community Fund for £20,000 towards a new minibus had not been successful; no reason had been given.

The pensioners Christmas party was a success. Tina and her volunteers had provided a full Christmas meal, entertainment and an afternoon buffet.

Reports

Senior Play-Worker

Danny reported that the Bonfire night had been very successful with over 500 people attending the event. A donation had been given to the Christmas party. A grotto had been built using popup gazebos and each child had been given a present from Santa. Jane asked what had happened to the snow machine but was told that it could not have been used due to the problem it caused by making the floors slippery. It is hoped that next year, with some planning, an up to date snow machine could be borrowed and used between the Centres. A disco had been run for the older children.

Jackie Sutton, who had been a Play-worker in Moreton, was now at the Addy part- time. She was on a rolling contract.

The front of the Addy needs repainting. It is thought that the Hub at the church may still have the Graffiti money. Jenni will invite Danny to the next meeting. The number of children in the area had grown in the last year.

Youth Society

Nicky reported they had run a Christmas party with a DJ and entertainer – the children had enjoyed it. Wirral Radio had invited 10 children to the radio station. The numbers of the current club for 7 to 13 year olds on a Monday were up to 40. HYPE are now running a new club for the older children (12 years old and upwards) for 2 nights per week using community funding. This funding is in place up to March but it is not known if it will be available after that date.

Jane said it was important that the JMC knew about any funding/grants etc. the Youth Society were applying for, especially if they wanted to use the JMC Charity number. It was also important for the Society to complete a room hire form and pay rent to the Community Centre for its use

Men's Health Club

Ken had received an application for a new member, Frank, but he had not attended yet. He was also upset by a notice from 'a Health and Safety Executive' complaining about the equipment that the Club stored in the room; it was explained that this was not from the H&S Executive, it was a note left by another user of the centre. The equipment had been tested and was neatly stored in a corner. Jane said she would look into the matter.

Autumn Club

The Autumn Club had been talking for a while of running 5 days a week and currently giving this a trial run.

Art Club

No report

Leasowe Development Trust

Jenni said that she was looking for funding to go forward and was going to be making some bids. She said that before anything was applied for and sent she would check with Paul, as he had years of experience and knowledge.

The Little Theatre in Birkenhead had been booked for the Glee Clubs show. It was like a 'modern day Annie' and addressed issues on the estate and ASBO's. The dressmaking class had made the costumes. It was hoped to find funding for an additional 6 machines and materials for this class.

Sixteen members of the Autumn Club and their carers had been on a trip to Coronation Street set and had enjoyed the visit.

Fifteen young people from the estate had been taken to see an excellent play at the Royal Court theatre about drug culture

The Library was being manned for eighteen and a half hours. At this moment there was a poor selection of books but there was a lot interest from older people and the 'Homework Club' for the children was becoming popular. A Job Club was also being run from the Centre.

Tranmere Rovers were taking part in a consultation 'Unity in the Community'. Information was being collated for a Neighbourhood Plan open meeting.

Natalie, who has replaced Russ, was coming to look over the Millennium Centre building.

Jenni and Sasha had started a running club during the lunch hour on a Tuesday.

Leasowe Community Homes

Sandra reported that they were in the process of publishing an A5 12 page information brochure, which is replacing the newsletter. It should be completed by the end of February when it will be distributed to homes on the estate.

A Community Grant was available of up to £2,000. Tranmere Rovers had given free tickets, which were being given to families on the estate. Winter warming packs had been given out. A day would be spent replanting spring flowers.

They would be using a 'pop up shop' for the business workshop.

Wirral Radio

No report

Councillors Reports

Councillor Ron Abbey

As yet no decisions had been made about the Council spending cuts that will happen in the new financial year. The details will be in the Budget in March. The introduction of the 'living wage' would increase the Councils wage bill and enhanced pay rates for weekend working are being looked at

Tranmere Rovers were re-applying for planning permission. When the work commenced they would be building a large tank to hold and store water. The water would then be used for the football pitch. Tranmere had aspirations of using the site for training purposes, other than football training.

An announcement had been made that Tunnel Tolls would be frozen. It will be free for emergency vehicles and on Christmas Day. The price of 'flash tags' will be reduced by 20%.

Park and Ride car parks had been a huge success, especially at Birkenhead North where the car park was being extended. Mersey Travel were increasing the age of 'young peoples' prices on bus travel to 18years old

Councillor Anita Leech

Anita asked what the restrictions were to the use of the money left in the Rose Garden Fund. Paul said that he was still waiting for an invoice for the second barrier installed at Kingham Close then he would be able to give an updated figure. Ian said that the money had been given last August to the JMC to spend at their discretion. Anita thought the money could be used to paint railings, Jane thought that the purchase of the large rocks in Birkenhead Park would be a good idea for the children to play on. A small group will look at various ways the money can be used

Anita updated the JMC on Your Housing Group. As a company they were £46million down and so were looking at streamlining and making cuts of twenty million off their costs. Leasowe Community Homes were being asked to 'fold into it' but decisions had yet to be made by the board

The council was changing the street lamps with LED as they had a longer life and were cheaper to run. Only 200 can be replaced per month but any broken lights in the borough (about 2,000 at the moment) were being replaced by the new LED lamps.

Wirral Borough Council

Sheila asked that all Room Hire Forms be completed by 1st February. Sheila and Paul would agree a hire charge for each room. Any changes to the agreed rent will be decided by the JMC. It was important that charges made are seen to be transparent and accountable.

Sheila had received complaints from two council officers that the No Smoking area of 10 foot in front of the building was not being adhered to. It was a hard rule to successfully implement. Members of the Autumn Club with mobility problems and people who had used the building for years forgot at times and bad weather caused problems. Sheila suggested using area around the back door. More signage about the 10 foot rule at the front of the building will be looked into.

A complaint had been made by someone, who brought his young granddaughter to the café, that there was a lot of swearing in the café area Jane said she would talk to Tina and see if there was a way to prevent too much bad language being used

A request for the soundproofed door at the end of Tina's office be taken back by Wirral Radio. It was decided that they could take the door plus frame if they 'made good' the area that was left after its removal as it is not up to the JMC to pay. Jane would be speaking to the radio today as PEGS had left some of their furniture to the Centre and would broach the subject of the door. Sheila said that once the door has been removed then the community bills can be sorted

There would be a Fire Review on Tuesday 10th February and the updated files will be kept in Tina's office.

Any Other Business

The NHS had funded £35,000 improvements to the allotments to make access to them easier for those with disabilities.

Jane said her daughter had been unable to find a 'mother and toddler' group in the area and was looking at starting to run one herself. Maybe the Centre could be used. The Early Years centre used to run such a group and it will be checked to see if this is still running.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 09.30am