



Minutes of JMC Meeting Held on Thursday 8th September 2016

Members Present

Chair Jane Davies, Paul Townley (Treasurer), Councillors Treena Johnson, Anita Leech and Ian Lewis, Danny Docherty, Sheila Henry, Mary Quigg and Lesley May,

Apologies

Tina Amis, Pauline Murphy, Jenni Jones & Councillor Ron Abbot

Minutes of Last Meeting

These had been approved at an earlier meeting (June 2016)

Matters Arising

Nil

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report

The financial report was discussed at the AGM (prior to the JMC meeting)

Health & Safety issues

None

Reports:

- **Senior Play-Leader**

Danny said that the biggest issue at this moment is the shortage of staff across Gautby Road, Beechwood and The Adventure Centre. Each Centre has 3 paid qualified members of staff but if one person is off (e.g. holiday, sickness etc.) then that Centre has to close as there has to be a minimum of three people before they can open, In the past there had been 'a floater' who could be used but this no longer existed and so Centres are forced to close.. so the three centres have to work closely together to maintain staffing and keeping as many Centres open as possible. Anita said she would see if there was a way around the problem.

Damage to the Centre and surrounding area was being caused by youths aged from 14years upward, some of who were on drugs, and had nowhere else to go.

They got into the Addy and where leaving it in an unsafe condition for children. Every morning Danny had to clean away the glass and debris left from their activities before he could open.

Danny was enrolled for a Pyrotechnic course which meant the Bonfire Event would go ahead.

The Fun Day had been a great success

Whilst working at the other two Centres, Danny had seen the interaction they had with their community police. They even help notify them about funding that is available. At Leasowe the Community Police don't get involved with youngsters and their recreation

Anita said that a co-ordinator is needed to keep up to date with funding opportunities. Ian offered to take on the role

- **Youth Society**

Although successful the Youth Society does not cater for all, it is primarily for younger children and due to the closure of the Hype, youths on the estate currently do not have a club that caters for their age group.

Mary said that LCH had funding but she had asked for a funding applications and had been disappointed by the inadequate applications she had received

- **Autumn Club**

As it is so successful, volunteers are constantly needed to help with meals and events

- **Wirral Radio**

No report

- **Leasowe Development Trust**

Leasowe Community Homes will help fund the Halloween and Christmas events and she would be working closely with Danny and the community in organizing these events

Leasowe Community Homes

Mary said that they were moving on with the 'Pop Up Shop' and were making a private garden, where people could sit, in the area next to it. They will be funding the Halloween Event as well as Christmas Party and Lantern Festival

The Social Supermarket will be still be an event. Although Emma had left the café due to the pressure of her work in Birkenhead Mary was hoping it will come back. Sheila said that we must be mindful of the local supermarket. If they were to leave the estate it would cause problems for a lot of people. Mary said they had spoken to the Supermarket and reassured them that they would not lose business.

LCH is seriously considering de-merging with Your Housing Group, who was moving towards a commercial company which did not fit in with LCH values. A letter had been sent to the residents. Anita Leech said that the drive had come from the residents and it is hoped the demerger will take place at the end of the Financial Year

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Sheila was currently working with Tina and Emma on New Room Hire Forms. Your Housing had been looking at the new leases they had acquired for Arena Housing, one of which is the Community Centre.

An asset list had been drawn up and everything in the Community Centre was the property of the Centre

Children had been getting onto the roof of the Centres and Wirral Radio causing damage. Mary said that Your Housing would look for a solution to the problem.

She had also been in touch with the Gardeners Section of the Council re. The area outside the building. The Council had realised that the JMC and Wirral Radio had never paid the Water bill – this was going to be rectified.

Councillor's report

Councillor Anita Leech gave a joint report from the three Councillors (2 had other engagements)

Anita had enquired about a petition to the Government re cuts to Merseyside Police and was given the following link

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110893>.

To view the petition re the potential closure of the Wallasey Job Centre, visit

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/106398>

Tranmere. Discussions re progress on improvement to community pitches, should be up and running by April/May, enhancements to original offer under discussion.

Meanwhile Tranmere has provide 50 free tickets to attend Tranmere home games which the LDT are managing, both ASB Team and PCSO's are aware of them to reward good behaviour

A lot of work has been done around the parks

Many of the parks, due to planning applications approved are becoming tired; some residents are looking to set up friends groups to attract funding.

Anita asked if money left in the Rose Garden fund can be used to help the parks in the area. Paul said he had only just received the invoice for the gates at Kingham Park but there will be approximately £4,000 left in the account. She said that she was getting frustrated that no one at the Council is willing to give her advice. Paul asked if a list of what is required be made. Sheila said if there was a wish list then it can then be looked at what the Council and JMC can contribute. Mary said she would like to involve the community in the making of the list but Anita said she did not want to raise people's hopes.

Problems at Upton Park have been rectified. It is hoped that next year a Green Flag Award will be made. Work is being done to form a Friends Group and it is now even more important that this achieved.

Residents had concerns regarding the safety and quality of equipment in the Ditton Play area. Danny said that there was no 'play value' in the equipment that the Council supplied. Councillors immediately sorted out the safety issues and have been able to get some paint to paint railing. A fund that can be applied to, as a Friends group, to replace some of the tired equipment has been found

Kingham Park has had some incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area, but the local police and ASB Team have been patrolling on a regular basis to keep this to a minimum. Finance has been secured through the Joint Management Committee to put up barriers along the side of the path to prevent the vehicles speeding through this area The Councillors are also hoping to get additional funding for this park.

One of our newest parks, Epsom Park has seen some ASB in this park and has involved the ASB Team and the local police who have been out knocking on doors

People were concerned about White Heath Park. When the park was open the speed of traffic passing outside was too fast. The Councillors were unable to erect the fencing that was asked for, but a 20 MPH zone in this area had been given.

Residents of Ditton Lane had complained about fly tipping etc. The Councillors approached the Council who have now been successful in obtaining the prohibition of driving order of Ditton Lane from the Pasture Road end.

Any other business

None

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th October at 10.30am