



Minutes of the JMC Meeting Held Thursday 20th October 2016 at Leasowe Community Centre.

Members Present

Vice Chair Mary Quigg, Paul Townley (Treasurer), Councillor Anita Leech, Councillor Ron Abbey; Ian Lewis, Danny Docherty, Lauren Wycherley and Lesley May

Jane Davies, Chair, was recovering from a hip operation. Mary Quigg, in her role as Vice Chair was chairing the meeting. She asked Lesley to send a Get Well card from the committee.

Lesley gave thanks to Paul. She had a fall and was late in completing the minutes but Paul had checked and turned them round within 2 days

Apologies

Jane Davies, Sheila Henry, Jenni Jones & Councillor Treena Johnson

Minutes of Last Meeting

Anita corrected the wording that said 'a fund that can be applied to, as a Friends group,' it should read 'a friends group is needed to look for funding'

Matters Arising

Danny had received the Hub equipment and was going to send a letter to Steve Chan informing him.

Anita had looked closer at the problems with the parks in the area and the prices of play equipment, which were exorbitant. To install a 5 aside football pitch costs £1500. There were various things that had to be taken into consideration e.g. swings could not be sited close to houses, if there were no fences for safety. In her research Anita had found that within the budget were markings that could be used to help children play hopscotch etc. Danny thought that it was a good idea. Mary had used the markings but had found that when the tarmac was cleaned the colours did not survive very well.

Ron Abbey said that the Council had a long term plan looking at parks but it was being wound down due to finance costs and health and safety issues also caused additional costs.

Mary said LCH would lease with the Council and see if they could help. Photographs will be taken of the parks and looked at

Anita had spoken to the Council regarding staffing issues at the Addy. Although DBS volunteers could help they cannot be counted as staff members; this is due to OFSTED requirements. Mary said that the volunteers could be used for other things like painting the Addy. There was no council budget for repairs but if it starts to be a Health and Safety matter then it will either be repaired or removed. Mary thought that Friends of Groups could be set up to help

A tree survey is needed as the trees are overgrown and have not been maintained. If the tree cannot be helped then it should be taken down

Danny asked that the Addy be involved in any plans for Baffin Park or as it used to be known as the 50pence Park

Correspondence

None

Invited Guests / Reports / Presentations (if required)

Dave Prowley, Community Police, had attended to talk about the problems of youths dressed in black with their hoodies up attacking cars, taxis and buses in the estate. Arriva have stopped buses coming through the estate from 6.30pm. Ron Abbey said that the buses were reinstated but could be 'pulled' at any time if there is another incident. Two Rail buses had also been targeted. The buses had been recalled when two, travelling in opposite directions, had been attacked at Gardenside. The problem had started with cyclists doing wheelies in the traffic and has now escalated into the cyclists throwing stones at vehicles. Dave said it was hard to get the cyclists as they rode into Cameron Drive. Danny said this gave them easy access to escape routes on the estate.

The cyclists are 12 to 15 years old but 3 separate incidents have been caused by youths on motor bikes, the incidents start at 7.00pm and carry on to 11.00pm. They seem to be residents on the estate and operate in groups of about 4 who head down Grant Road and Twickenham Drive.

Mary said that she was mentioning no names but thought they were the same lads who had caused problems at the shops last year

Thirty front line officers would be working on Mischief Night to be sent out to hotspot areas if necessary. Leasowe has been noted to be one of the hotspot areas Dave said that the local shops had been told not to sell eggs or flour to anyone under 18 years old. A lot of the eggs are being stolen from the shops. Mary said Lidl and Aldi should also be told of the ban the sale of Fireworks on the estate is banned but they are still being sold from car boots etc.

To help alleviate problems on 30th October, twenty four of the youths were helping with the Lantern Parade so they could then attend Armageddon. This should prevent them from causing trouble. Dave was working three late shifts over the weekend to help stop any problems.

Mary said that an inmate of Preston Prison had been on the estate and had built a rapport with the youths. He has probably been released by now but she would see if he could come and talk to the youths again. LCH will get in touch with Regenda Housing about their residents.

Four houses in Kingham Close had their electric cut off, presumably by youths. The resulting cost could be high e.g. wasted food in fridge and freezer.

Treasurer's Report

Paul reported the balances, as of last night were

Current Account	£21, 021.30
Savings Account	£34, 846.80
Minibus Account	£ 2, 299.35

There were no outstanding invoices. The previous years audited figures had been submitted to the Charity Commission and were on the website.

Mary questioned Paul about Wirral Radio owing money to the JMC. He replied that earlier in the year Wirral Radio had borrowed money which was repaid within a matter of days. Before the end of the financial year they had asked to borrow a sum of money, this was recorded on the audited accounts. This sum of money was being repaid at £500 per month.

Health & Safety issues

No reported issues

Reports:

Senior Play-Leader

Danny said he and Katrina has curtailed youths causing problems of an evening at the Addy by confronting them. They regard Danny as the Top Man and they respect him so he had picked out individuals and said that their brother or cousin etc. would lose out if their destructive behaviour persisted. He had been trying to help give some time to them when the young children had finished as the youths problems were they had nowhere to go. Danny was having a night out when he received a phone call that there were youths misbehaving at the Addy, A friend gave him a lift and he confronted a group of about 60 youths dressed in black. As they saw Danny approaching they started to disperse.

Bonfire Night will be going ahead but St Johns Ambulance are busy on that Saturday There will be a Halloween party at the Addy on the Friday and the Lantern Parade on the Sunday. Parents are helping to make the lanterns out of card and paper. The parade will finish at the Addy where there will be free food. There is a new teacher at Leasowe Primary School who is eager to get involved and is encouraging v the children to make Lanterns

Youth Society

Lauren gave a verbal report - the Clubs funds had been running low so they had done a Sponsored Onesy Walk from the Centre to the Leasowe Lighthouse and back, which had raised £400. The numbers were lower and so Lauren hoped to attend Assembly at three of the local schools to attract more members.

She asked if they could have a display of Birds of Prey and Reptiles at the Centre or would there be a problem because of the café .She was told that as long as any mess was cleared up then there would be no problem.

The Youth Society will be closed on Halloween as the volunteers were helping elsewhere. She and her mother want to help the older children but they have no funding or volunteers to help. Dave said that older children can cause more problems and damage but the Hub in Wallasey was underused.

They were hoping to go to a Pantomime, the cost per person is £16.50 and the Youth Society would subsidise this.

Chester Zoo was holding a Christmas event costing £12.50 each and there were joining forces with the Addy. They were hoping that the community fund will pay for the bus. All of the paperwork needs to be completed before the event and as yet there are only 8 people who have paid the £5 deposit. It starts at 6.00pm but people can stay until the Zoo closes at 9.00pm. There is a 1 to 5 ratio for helpers and children so if a 52 seater coach is booked there will be a need for 20 to 25 adult volunteers.

Lauren will be asking Tina is she can cook them a Christmas dinner on a Monday in December.

Autumn Club

Paul reported the Club was ticking over with no problems. Mary was co-ordinating between the Club and Neo Café to order a pallet from Fair Share

There used to be a Wirral Diversity Luncheon in West Kirby until the funding ran out and the chef went to a group in Liverpool once a month. He has agreed to come to the Centre and cook; this will see taster sessions of his Caribbean food for the Autumn Club. This will be funded by LCH

Wirral Radio

No report

Leasowe Development

No report

Leasowe Community Homes

Mary reported that a Newsletter had gone to all residents about the changes. LCH have left their association with Your Housing and are joining Pier Head Housing Association and taking on the Birkenhead stock. Your Housings way of working was with the emphasis on self-service and through their website plus their interests was more along commercial lines meaning that it no longer suited Leasowe. There would be no redundancies and Your Housing will be moving to Warrington.

The three boards had agreed and the new scheme is operational from 31st March 2017. Nothing would change in the area, all that is happening is LCH will be moving from one parent company to another. Anita said the smaller things would happen quicker. When running a smaller operation it would reduce costs, benefitting the estate. Mary said the phone loop would be changed straight away. Mary gave credit to Anita for her hard work in leading this to successful ending. Ron said it had been a bad time and Mary said that all of the work had fallen on Anita.

Paul asked if this may any difference to the lease for the Community Centre and Mary replied that the Centre and Wirral Radio will remain with Your Housing There had been no discussions with anyone. The staff would be ring fenced to Leasowe but were allowed to apply for jobs at Your Housing.

There would be Drop Ins for people to ask questions or answer any problems. These would be on 18th November, at the Pop Up Shop, on 21st and at the Centre in the afternoon and on 25th November at the Addy. It would also be on Facebook and the website. Vulnerable people on the estate will be visited so the change of parent company can be explained. Four MP's here and in Liverpool have been notified and a second newsletter will be sent at a later date answering people's questions.

Wirral Borough Council

Sheila was unable to attend the meeting

Councillor's report

Councillor Ron Abbey

Ron said that on 17th November Jenni and Emma will be starting to run the Community Supermarkets on a regular basis. Hampers would be made and packed for the vulnerable and those in need on the estate. They would consist of reclaim goods which come from various sources.

Merseytravel were involved with The Million Books Campaign which was providing children's books for South Africa. Ron asked if they could be dropped at Leasowe development Trust in the Millennium Centre and he would transport them to Liverpool. There was a new bus bill clause – Local authorities cannot run bus companies, they can be franchised.

Treena had been looking into Anti-Social Behaviour in the area

Councillor Anita Leech

Anita was dealing with the Highways Structural and Maintenance and asked if she could be given information of any problems. Dropped kerbs were being put in to address some complaints.

Treena was dealing through Street Scene with the problems of the new houses in Cameron Road

The Development of 299 homes in Pasture Road (Burton Development) would be going to the Planning Committee this evening – there was a 106 agreement attached to it. Other applications being heard will be Manor Drive opposite Upton Park, 60 affordable properties by Barrett Homes and David Wilson homes will go to planning in December.

The development at the Solar Campus had been subject to damage and vandalism. There were new people in Shackleton Close who were against the new pitches. The U turn issue at Heyes Drive should be resolved in the near future.

There will be a bench by the Cenotaph in memory of Maxie from the Boxing Club, although this probably won't be done in time for Remembrance Day

Funding

Councillor Ian Lewis had found the Department of Transport were giving grants and Ian Lewis said he would complete a bid with Paul Townley for a new minibus for the Centre Money was also available from the Lottery Youth Investment Fund, It was agreed that Mary, Danny and Ian would have a meeting to discuss what this money could be used for.

Any other business

Ken Williams had been in touch with Paul and had said he would try meet Paul at the Centre this morning but -had not arrived. Paul had already written a letter to thank both Ken and Iris for their work over the years and would by £50 of gift tokens to go with it.

Mary suggested that £1 could be charged to take part in the Lantern Parade. Ron thought a bucket be used so that everyone could take part. Danny suggested if a 50 pence donation was asked for then the money could be used towards the Christmas Party for which there was no fee

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th December at 10.00am