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Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association

Registered Charity Number **702959**

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JMC Meeting Held Tuesday 6th December 2016 at Leasowe Community Centre

Members Present

Mary Quigg (Vice Chair) Councillor Ron Abbey, Councillor Ian Lewis, Sheila Henry, Jenni Jones and Lesley May (Minute Secretary)

Apologies

Jane Davies, Paul Townley, Councillors Anita Leech and Treena Johnson

Minutes of Last Meeting

Amendments were made to the minutes. Under Matters Arising it should read 'Mary Quigg said she would liaise with the Council'. The Invited Guest was Dave Crowley. In Dave's report it should read 'youths were attending the lantern parade so they could attend Farmaggeden

The minutes were then agreed to be a true record

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered within the meeting

Correspondence

None

Invited Guests / Reports / Presentations (if required)

None

Treasurer's Report

Paul had sent in his report.

The Bank balances are:

▪ Current Account	£18, 859.62
▪ Savings Account	£34, 849.13
▪ Minibus Account	£ 2, 704.81

There are no outstanding invoices and payments are up to date.

MQ read out PT's report and updated the committee of actions taken. MQ informed the committee of recent meetings with Sheila Henry from WBC in relation to Wirral Radio, Autumn Club/Café and the room hire for the Great Escape room. MQ advised that she and Paul Townley had met with Sheila to try to move the rental agreement for the Great Escape forward. MQ and WBC agreed - that the original day rate for the room hire was excessive but MQ did not have delegated authority to agree a new figure. MQ suggested that a compromise be consider as the JMC could be left in a position whereby the funding had ended and no monies had been received. .

MQ was requesting approval for Jo Burrell to contact Wirral Radio and ask them for an offer towards the rent with possibly a good will gesture for payment due from March to date. This offer could be brought back to the January JMC for consideration and a service level agreement could be signed. MQ advised that she would discuss with JD before the next meeting and update the committee.

Sheila Henry advised that the historical issues relating to utility bills had not yet been resolved and these would need to be addressed – they had been put on hold due to Jane being unavailable. MQ advised she would be happy to deputise in Jane's absence and would speak to Jane about this. SH advised that new meters had not been fitted and agreement would be needed with Wirral Radio on the gas/electricity historical issues.

A discussion had taken place at a previous meeting with Sheila Henry around the Café/Autumn Club. It was felt that the Autumn Club accounts would need to be included within the JMC accounts as the monies received via WBC and income for the JMC would need to be accounted for correctly. It was unclear whether the Café was a separate business and it was agreed that PT would meet with Tina to clarify the position to ultimately understand the responsibility and accountability of the JMC. This included room hire income and cleaning of the building.

MQ was proposing that:

1. The loan to Wirral Radio to remain separate to any rental negotiations and this would be with Paul Townley to pursue and update at January meeting
2. Agreement for Jo Burrell to contact Wirral Radio to recommence negotiations based on a more reasonable rent due to the delay in finalising the payments. MQ would be the JMC representative.
3. Committee to consider the offer from Wirral Radio at the January meeting.
4. MQ to work with Sheila Henry to understand and agree a way forward for the utility bills.
5. PT to update the committee as to the Café and associated income at the January meeting.
6. MQ is given delegated authority to continue negotiations on all issues in Jane's absence.
7. Jo Burrell to send MQ a copy of the proposed letter to Wirral Radio for approval – MQ to discuss with Jane and Paul to seek approval. “

Health & Safety issues

Nikki visited the Community Centre each week to check that there were no Health and Safety issues

Reports:

Senior Play-Leader

No Report

Youth Society

No report. Nikki Groves does report to Joanne Burrell each week

Autumn Club

No report

Wirral Radio

No report

Leasowe Development Trust

Jenni said that she is attending a meeting about the problem of Anti-Social behaviour on 22nd December. Representatives from LCH, JMC, local Councillors and LDT had been invited by Councillor Leech. JJ advised that the Halloween and the Lantern Parade had been successful with no anti-social behaviour recorded on the evening, but it was now the 9 to 11 years old children that were causing the majority of any trouble on the estate.

The Annual Carol Concert will be taking place on the 20th December at Kingsway Academy but sadly only one primary school will be involved. The Glee Club and the New Community Club and the Trust will be taking part and Jenni had spoken to the Autumn Club and invited them to come along.

The Christmas Grotto and Panto would be held on 21st December. It will follow the usual format but there will be £1 entrance fee to prevent overcrowding as the hall has a limit of 150 people.

It is hoped that the library won't be subject to more cuts in the Councils new budget. At the moment the Trust are running it for eighteen and a half hours. Councillor Abbey said that at this moment he had not heard or seen anything about future cuts.

Jen Dougherty has said that her Mum and Emma Hopwood were unwell and therefore there were not enough volunteers to run the Christmas Dinner that usually takes place at the Community Centre. However, There would be a dinner in Livingstone Street in Birkenhead and there would be transport for anyone that is interested in attending

Leasowe Community Homes

MQ said they were running a 'Mince Pie' morning on 13th December between 10.30am to 12.00pm.

LCH (MQ and Louise Wallace, Housing Manager) had ran in the 1k Santa Dash, proceeds from the event were for Alder Hey Hospital,

A meeting had taken place with the families of the children responsible for cutting the electric power to parts of the estate. The children were 10 years old and the Police, Wirral ASB team and LCH staff had visited each family and advised them that any further issues from the children would lead to legal action being taken against both the children and tenancy with LCH. The problem with the buses had a major effect on those trying to get to work. The area in rear of the shops is to be refurbished to provide a small private garden area for community events. The front signage was being upgraded and it was proposed to provide additional planting to the car parking area before year end although this is subject to YHG being able to fulfil before the de-merge.

The garden area was being renovated by a charity in Liverpool Councillor Abbey said it was being referred to as the 'secret garden' due to the fact that it could only be accessed by going through the 'Pop Up Shop'. MQ advised that this was the name being associated to it and felt it would have a good feel for the children who would benefit from using it.

The funded Caribbean Cooking Course had been well received and good feedback had been received. It is hoped that further sessions can be arranged as the food was healthy and fitted in with the Wirral Change Initiative.

Working with the Trust forthcoming community events will be reviewed.

Talks will take place with the local authority on LCH moving to the ground floor of the Millennium Centre and it is hoped that more car spaces will be created. Mary said that the

LCH, council and Trust are planning for a One Stop Shop service within the Centre which will be open until 10.00pm. It is proposed that the service will not use agency staff but will create local jobs.

Paul will be contacted to purchase the laptops for the computer training that money has been given towards. The council planning session on 22nd December, led by Anita, will be discussing the opening of the Addy on a couple of evenings. Councillors and LCH are supporting this motion.

Wirral Borough Council

Niikki would be supporting Emma Hopwood to ensure all policies and procedure forms were up to date. Sheila still supported the JMC and reports back to Council officers. An Asset list will be completed by the end of the year. The majority of assets in the building belong to the JMC but Paul will be consulted to verify this. Talks are taking place about the future funding of luncheon clubs. If the decision is made not to fund in the future three months' notice will be given. Any profits that are made by the Autumn Club go towards funding social trips, days out etc.

The JMC membership and members voting rights need to be looked at; there must be a minimum of 4 voting members. The Constitution, which is available on the website, needs to be looked at before the next meeting. Councillor Abbey said a lot of verbal agreements had been made and these should be minuted in the future. Andy Dunn provides a welfare advice service in the building under the JMC, but there was a question mark around the insurance cover for claims. Whilst public liability insurance is in place there needs to be separate advice and guidance insurance due to advice being offered in relation to benefits and tribunals. PT looking into this.

Councillor's report

Ron said that in the meeting a lot of points had been covered.

Neo Café has been trying to get funding for Beaconsfield. Their social supermarkets, supported by Frank Field, are offering a lot of food at very reasonable prices. Jenni had also been looking for funding for additional hampers but can't find any at short notice MQ advised that LCH would possibly be able to assist for LCH residents and suggested this be taken outside of the meeting.

Any other business

Councillor Ian Lewis advised that his membership is not as a Councillor for Leasowe but as an independent. Ian had put in a bid to the Department of Transport for a new minibus, Sheila had supplied the statement. Mary said that LCH would be interested in taking over the old bus if the bid was successful.

There had been complaints about Jacobs bailiffs being too aggressive with tenants owing Council Tax. These bailiffs are appointed by the Local Authority but there were complaints of abusive behaviour, threats and intimidation. MQ advised that the Council Tax collection process was discussed at a recent "Feeding Birkenhead" meeting MQ had offered to facilitate the proposed pre-court meetings and text messaging in the Leasowe area with the local authority.

Ron asked if MQ had written to Phil Davies and George Davies, who were involved in the housing department to see if the system can be adjusted to give people prior warning and advice before court papers and bailiffs are sent. MQ advised that she had not, she has just offered Leasowe as the pilot and would await the Council's response.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 12th January 2017 at 10.00am