



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Leasowe Community Centre on Thursday 8th September 2016.

Members Present

Chair Jane Davies, Paul Townley (Treasurer), Councilors Treena Johnson, Anita Leech and Ian Lewis, Danny McGarry, Sheila Henry, Jenni Jones, Mary Quigg and Lesley May (Secretary),

Apologies

Tina Amis, Pauline Murphy & Councilor Ron Abbey

Last AGM Minutes

These were agreed to be a true record and were approved and signed. Paul Townley proposed the minutes, Mary Quigg seconded them.

Matters Arising

Nil

Correspondence

None

Chair Persons Annual Report

Jane said that once again we are still waiting year to year to hear from the Council about their decision of the future funding of the Community Centre and asked Paul to confirm that there was money in hand should we need to 'wind up' the Centre; Paul confirmed that was correct. During the year the committee had lost two committees, their members and their activities. Ken Williams, Men's Club had reduced its membership to 3 – 4 people plus Ken had been unhappy that Environmental Health, when visiting the Centre, had said the gym equipment needed to be moved from the Autumn Club room. Paul had contacted Ken and asked if they could meet and discuss the matter and Sheila had also contacted Ken but he had never responded to either of them. Iris had been struggling with the numbers attending her Art Class and had decided to close her Leasowe Class. She had donated the paintings to Leasowe Development Trust and Mary said that the money raised from their sale will go towards the Christmas Party. Paul said he would send both of them letters of thanks for their contribution and hard work over the years, together with a token to express the JMC's thanks

Treasurers Report

Paul circulated the accounts and his report. There was a rise in the profit made during the past year. This was mainly due to an amount owed by the Council that had been due in the previous year but was paid after the year end.

The Autumn Club is run with a Social Services grant. The amount has not increased for a number of years and we still expected to provide a service with less funding.

The Autumn Club is subsidised by the Café. Sheila asked if the Cafes accounts could be reported on the Treasurers report each month as should the Councils Auditors come in they would want to look at these accounts because it is the Councils electricity that is being used. Anita asked if it could be an attachment to the Accounts. Paul explained that the café is run as a separate venture and has no input into the management and accounts.

Paul said that the minibus is run at a loss and Mary suggested getting the auditors recommendations on the bus. Paul said he would talk to the accountants. Sheila said that the questions she had raised had been asked about at other community centers.

The audited accounts were proposed by Lesley May and seconded by Ian Lewis. Paul said they will be posted on the Charities website at the weekend. Funding is now in the account for The Digital Project and we need to commence this venture.

Amendments to the Constitution

None were presented to the meeting. Jane did ask Paul if the two of them could find time to discuss the Constitution as she felt there were a few areas that needed updating; one of them being the members details. Jon Martin, Iris Coates and Ken Williams were no longer on the JMC.

Sheila suggested that everyone should look at the Constitution, which can be viewed on line

Annual Reports

- **Senior Play-worker**

Danny said that the biggest issue of the year had been 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.. Volunteers cannot be counted as qualified staff so the three centers 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.

Sheila asked about the funding of the Addy. Danny replied there was no funding, they lived day to day. The Adventure Centre was given no funding apart from staff and overheads, The profits made from running the café went towards funding events to prevent children, who could not afford to pay for the events to save them from being excluded. There is not even funding for a football or pencil.

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

The Fun Day had been a great success

Youth Society

No report submitted.

Autumn Club

Business was ticking over as normal. Some people had died over the year but with new members, sometimes from the Social Services, the numbers were constant and the Club was going from strength to strength. New volunteers are needed to help at the luncheon 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. Jenni offered to help Mary with the Support Group

Councillors Reports

Anita gave out a report from the three Councillors **

It had been a busy year as they dealt with matters of concern, support and encouraging improvements by the Council on behalf of local residents; case work ranging from road repairs/re-surfacing to School Appeals and exclusions, assistance with benefit claims, signposting for advice and guidance to partner organisations, litter picks, fly-tipping etc, amidst further cuts from central Government to the Councils budgets and more to come.

Your local Councillors have been selected to fulfil a Champions role as part of the Council's campaign around the 20 pledges.

***A copy of the report with full details is available on request.*

Wirral Borough Council

Sheila said that in the past year the Council had paid £22,000 towards the running of the Community Centre. There had been no bills for maintenance and/or repair as Billy was doing such an excellent job not only at the Centre but also with the minibus. She 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

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. Mary had attended the Neo event at Beconsfield.

The Social Supermarket will be still be an event. Emma's enterprise had grown and she had left the café in the Millennium Centre to concentrate on her activities in Birkenhead but Mary wants it to 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

Any Other Reports or Updates

None

Election of Officers

As no nominations had received the current officers were asked if they remain for another year. Jane Davies was concerned that she may be seen as not being able to commit as much time as she should due as she was due to have a hip replacement. She agreed to take the role of Chair for another year but said that it was important that a Vice Chair be appointed and that members of the community should be encouraged onto the committee

Chair	Jane Davies	proposed by Mary Quigge Seconded by Ian Lewis
Treasurer	Paul Townley	proposed by Mary Quigge Seconded by Anita Leech
Minute Secretary	Lesley May	proposed by Ian Lewis Seconded by Jane Davies

Any Other Business

Anita Leech thanked the officers for their hard work during the past year

Date of Next AGM

To be advised