



Joint Management Committee Meeting Held Leasowe Community Centre on Thursday 12th January 2017

Members Present

Vice Chair Mary Quigg(MQ) , Paul Townley (Treasurer) (PT) , Councillors Anita Leech (AL), Treena Johnson(TJ) and Ian Lewis (IL), Danny Docherty (DD), Lauren (LW) and Nicky Wycherley(NW), Tina Amis (TA), Sheila Henry (SH) Jack Farmer Wirral Radio (JF) and Lesley May (LM)

Jane Davies, Chair, was recovering from a hip operation. Mary Quigg, in her role as Vice Chair was heading the meeting. She asked LM to send flowers from the committee.

Apologies

Jane Davies (JD), Emma Hopwood, John Storey (JS) and Councillor Ron Abbey.

Approval of Last Minutes

SH said that the issues with the utilities bills should read 'delayed; and not 'put on hold' and the matter of the Autumn Club's accounts had been brought up at the AGM, SH had not been in a discussion about it.

Item 7 on page 2 should say 'it was forwarded to JD'

Matters Arising

The minutes when completed by LM were sent to PT to vet. They were then posted on the website and ratified at the next meeting. MQ and SH thought that they should not be posted on the website until they were agreed at the following JMC meeting. It was agreed that LM would send the minutes to JD, MQ and PT for them to agree the draft minutes and after being agreed at the next meeting then be posted on the website. LM was asked by MQ and SH to abbreviate names to initials.

JD was happy with the body of the letter (MQ's proposals re. Wirral Radio) which were that the rental of the Great Escape Room from May 2016 to 1st January 2017, as a goodwill gesture, would be £1,000 and from 1st January 2017 it could move forward.

Correspondence

IL said that next week he would have the decision whether the JMC will be awarded the grant that he had applied for to purchase a new minibus.

Treasurer's Report

Pt reported the balances, as of last night were

Current Account	£17, 764.89
Savings Account	£34, 850.28
Minibus Account	£ 2, 539.81

There are no outstanding invoices and payments are up to date. PT had spoken to JS about the repayment of the loan. Wirral Radio were waiting for a payment and JS said that the balance owing will be paid by the end of the week

PT would be buying the laptops, from the grant money that had been awarded and JJ will arrange for her staff to organise computer training sessions at the Community Centre.

PT had spoken to Fairshare for the provision of foodstuffs for the Autumn Club. The yearly cost will be £860 and can be paid quarterly. There are no penalties for terminating the contract. This would have to be reviewed given the funding for the Autumn Club being terminated and not renewed for 2017/18.

PT confirmed that the grant made by WBC for the Autumn Club is, and has been for many years, processed through the JMC accounts. PT met with TA regarding the Café and hiring of the Centre and the work needed to be done should be in place for the beginning of the new financial year

Health & Safety issues

SH said that there were no issues and the paperwork was up to date. The Annual Property Report is due by the end of the financial year and PT said he had the details which he would forward to SH

Reports:

- **Senior Play-Leader**

DD reported that the Christmas events had been successful and LCH had donated selection boxes.

There had been some problems in the collection of Give a Child a Chance Christmas boxes. The ones that hadn't been collected were given to Danny so on the Saturday he had run a raffle – this had resulted in children who would not be receiving Christmas presents being given toys

Due to antisocial behaviour from teenagers the Addy had been forced to close for the first time ever due to damage and safety issues. Parents of the children who had not been able to go to the Addy were 'sorting out' the families with the children involved but a lot of the teenagers parents refuse to believe that their children could be involved. Not all of the teenagers involved were from the estate. Young children had been informing DD of problems that were happening. DD had no funding to replace damaged items and wood, screws etc. required to repair damage had been funded from the refreshment bar. One lad armed with bolt cutters had cut through chains, locks etc. and could not be identified due to the CCTV cameras and lighting around the area being damaged.

MQ said DD could have the use of their handy man but DD said it was the purchase of items to make repairs was the main problem. LCH still had a small amount of money left and MQ would check to see if they could help. PT suggested that the JMC donate £100 which the committee agreed. DD hoped that the Addy would be open very soon.

MQ asked that all incidents of antisocial behaviour be reported to LCH and then the police, together with LCH, can visit the tenants involved and the trouble dealt with. People believe that if they own their house then no action can be taken against them, which is not true.

JJ had run a meeting at the Millennium Centre attended by Mark Newman, the Head of Youth and Play Services of The WBC, to try and find activities for the youths and ways to prevent the problems. Kelly Smith has applied for a £1000 grant from the Wallasey Bright Idea's Fund for a community led project. DD will be involved and work with them

AL told the committee the Boxing Club, sponsored by Sport England, were holding free foundation courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 31st January. They are for both male and females over 9 years old, but younger children may be considered

- **Youth Society**

NW and LW had problems on the Monday with teenagers hanging around the foyer whilst the Youth Society was running. They had felt threatened and locked the inner door. MQ said

that no one should be in the foyer and asked JF if Wirral Radio kept the outer doors open. JF said the doors were locked at 10.00pm but there was a 'latch' on the automatic door which could be used. They hadn't reported it to the police because last year when they rang the police, they never attended.

Their main problem is funding. They ran a sponsored 'Onsey Walk' before Christmas which should have raised £400 but most of the money had not been received. They had run a Christmas Party but were unable to pay for a DJ so a young lad, Michael had acted as DJ and had been very good.

Numbers had decreased as children had grown and changed schools. MQ said she had mentioned that NW and LW should apply to LDF for funding but they said they were unsure how to fill in the form, JJ said she would help. She also mentioned that there were things stored in the Millennium Centre which could be used by the Youth Society and Addy e.g. bean bags etc. and they should come along and have a look.

They asked TA if they could use the Autumn Club room for scripting and TA had no objections – there was a notice on the door saying the Youth Cub couldn't use the room but that was for games and entertainment etc.

MQ said that she had craft items that were left from Maria, who would have wanted them to go to a good home.

- **Autumn Club**

TA had received a letter from WBC informing her that they would no longer be funding the Autumn Club from 1st April. AL and TJ had known that the Business Committee were going to look at the funding of Luncheon Clubs but they were stunned that a decision had been made as they weren't aware that any discussion had taken place. IL had emailed the committee members information on the Luncheon Club. Councillors and rest of the committee did not agree that private clubs had been granted subsidies and not community ones.

It had been suspected that funding may have been withdrawn but it had been thought that there would have been more warning. JJ said that she had a software program which could calculate the 'social value' of the Autumn Club; TA said she would go the Millennium Centre and work on the software with JJ. When all of the details are known a protest will be made to the Council about their withdrawal of funding. PT said that this will put the contract with Fairshare on hold.

The Autumn Club had been going from strength to strength with 40 people attending on a Friday. They were receiving a lot of referrals including those from Social Services.

- **Wirral Radio**

JF was standing in for JS as interviews for 2 new sales people were taking place that morning. They had increased their number of listeners and would be launching a new project called Wirral Radio Diamonds in the near future, although he did not have any details about it at this moment. They will be running a '*Win a Wedding*' competition for the third year. They will also be running a '*Wirral Kids*' charity initiative to help individual children with their special needs. JF said he will let the committee know how people can apply and what the criteria will be.

MQ asked what was happening with the Great Escape project and JF said he would enquire. TA said that the younger children were in another building and only a few of the older children visited the Cafe.

- **Leasowe Development**

Jenni said that they were rebranding and will be known as Wirral Development Trust. They had an annual timetable for the activities they would be running.

The bike rides would continue and they had signed up to Britain Litter Pick and would be carrying on their community litter picks. Other events include Family Fitness (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30), Debt Advice and courses in Health & Safety, Introduction to Adult Social Care and First Aid. Visitors to the Library have increased.

The Lantern Parade will take place but in 2016 there had not been the usual involvement from the schools and there had been a poor response from the residents. This had reduced the number of lanterns. A marching band for this year's event has already been booked. There had been a change of Head Teachers at some of the local schools so JJ together with AL would be visiting them and then the Trust will have 6 weekly meetings with the schools

- **Leasowe Community Homes**

The date for the demerger from Your Housing and merger with Pier Housing is scheduled for 31st March. Mary was working on the development plans and they will be moving to the Millennium Building, where there will be an additional 50 car spaces, so that everything will be centralised. Approval has been given by the WBC. Places, on the skill based board, have been advertised and so far there have been 36 applications. People will be appointed on merit and 3 members from the 'old' board want to join. Including AL and MQ there are 9 appointed members the maximum number will be twelve

- **Wirral Borough Council**

SH needed an up to date list of the JMC key holders and what keys they had. PT said he would supply it. She was close to a solution for the split of the utility bills but there were still unusual things like the heating of the sinks came from Wirral Radio. Ben Parker was coming up with a figure and there would be a Service Level Agreement. It had been discovered that neither the Community Centre nor the Radio had paid water rates. The Energy Team on the Council will have a full list of readings and will take weekly readings for both sites

IL asked if Your Housing Group would be handing over the lease to the Community Centre when they left Leasowe. MQ said YHG would still have property in the Wirral SH explained that the WBC had a sub-lease from YHG on the Centre. IL asked that if there was a short term left on the lease than wouldn't it be a good time to sign it over. MQ said this had never been discussed. AL said she had taken advice and the Centre had nothing to do with the demerger

SH said that WBC paid the telephone bill, as it was for the community but the Council would like the JMC to pay a part of it. PT said that arrangement was the JMC would pay for the WIFI but had not been billed for it. The alarm system works on a separate line and the Council pay for that line. PT and SH would meet to discuss the telephone

- **Councillor's report**

Councillor Treena Johnson

Treena reported that the Friends of Yewtree had met with Magenta and would be working with Leasowe Development Group. There was a dog fouling problem at the Yewtree Centre It is hoped to erect a greenhouse on the allotment in February and the disabled access is up and running. Treena asked if the Youth Society would like to use the allotment. Excess produce is left on the allotment for people to use.

The Friends of Upton had held their first meeting but only 2 residents turned up despite advertising the event but they were going to persevere. There had been litter picking in the park and 35 tonnes of rubbish had been removed. A Park Ranger will work with children in the spring.

Tranmere Rovers were still working on preventing anti-social behaviour. Moreton Youth Club was doing well but a project for the girls needed to be found as they just watched the football. As the nights start to be lighter Treena wanted to find a cage that could be used so the football can be taken outside.

Mental illness is being highlighted in the area and ADHD Foundation were looking into work with 2 schools

Councillor Anita Leech

Manor Road Development will be coming to the Planning Committee; they will be building 122 homes with 24 additional homes for social housing.

Budgets were very tight and significant and challenging cuts will be made.

Tranmere Rovers 1st team will be using the Solar Campus. The changing room and toilets will be available to children and the Academy. There is an indoor viewing area and kitchens etc. and a car parking area will be finished before the opening day in 2 weeks' time. Tranmere Rovers had sponsored a game for Zero Tolerance.

Funding had been found for a third session (12 weeks) of the Zero Tolerance programme in Leasowe but more funding is needed as money will run out in April.

The bus stop outside the Church had been removed for safety reasons; the railings around the roundabout were badly dented.

There will be a constituency meeting 26th January which gives people a chance to ask questions – the police usually attend.

- **Any other business**

Danny would be meeting Tesco Community Champion the following week at the Addy. The money Tesco raise from selling 5p carrier bags is spent in the community and they are looking at groundwork to produce and veg.

Tracy Allen's grandson Alex had been diagnosed with stage 4 Lymphatic Cancer before Christmas and DD was organising a Race Night on 3rd February to raise money. MQ offered the Pop Up Shop for use.

SH said Phil Baker, a Chief Council Officer who had been involved in Leasowe for many years had died before Christmas

PT had checked into whether Andy Dunn was covered for liability under the Centres insurance policy and they had asked for more information, which he would be supplying

MQ said that LCH were not going to renovate the garden at the back of the Pop Up shop

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 11th March 2017 at 10.30am