



## **JMC Meeting Held Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2107**

### **Members Present**

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

Jane Davies thanked the committee for the beautiful flowers they had sent. Now that she is starting to feel better she is starting to catch up

### **Apologies**

Councillor Ron Abbey, Tina Amis

### **Approval of Last Minutes**

Danny's surname should have been recorded as McGarry

### **Matters Arising**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Treasurer's Report**

Paul reported the balances, as of last night were

- Current Account      £34,852.64
- Savings Account      £21,271.92
- Minibus Account      £ 2, 504.81

There are no outstanding invoices or payments.

Paul had received a confirmation from Wirral Radio that the cash loan, made to them earlier in the year, will be paid by the end of the JMC's financial year. The last payment they had made was in September 2016. John Storey had emailed Paul and it is hoped that the balance of the loan will be paid back by the end of the week.

Joanne Burrell had written to Wirral Radio regarding the request that JMC should receive some form of hire of the Great Escape from them. A suggested goodwill gesture payment of £1,000 will be made to Wirral Radio. There had been no response, Jane said that it was worrying the amount owed to the JMC was mounting up.

Depending on the outcome of the Autumn Club will depend if the JMC join Fareshare, for the provision of food. The yearly cost is £860 which can be paid quarterly. There are no penalties for terminating the contract.

There is a grant for the purchase of laptop computers for the elderly along with the cost of tutoring; this will be completed by the end of the financial year.

Paul also confirmed that the grant made by the WBC for the Autumn Club is processed through the accounts. This has been done for many years and is shown in the audited accounts for the year. Paul and Tina had met regarding the Café and the hiring of the Centre. It is hoped that the matter will be settled by the end of the financial year.

### **Health & Safety issues**

Sheila reported that the cleaning grant had not been withdrawn from the centre. The only other centre with a cleaning grant was Gautby Road.

A member of WBC attends the centre every week to check that the Health and Safety requirements are being met. There had been a Fire Evacuation test, which had been successful.

Ben Parker had been talking with John Storey, (Wirral Radio) about proposed service levels and Sheila was hopeful that all aspects would be solved

### **Reports:**

#### **Senior Play-Leader**

Danny had staff problems as one member had been off sick since Christmas. The Beechwood Centre has been closed, after the asset transfer, for a revamp. This has meant that staff from there had been able to help at the Addy.

Two pieces of play equipment had been taken down. The Nest Saving Spicker would cost approximately £600 to £700 to repair. Jane asked if the Play Council could help but was told that they had been closed when contacted. Danny was hoping that he could repair the other piece of play equipment if he could raise the money to buy the ball bearings. Danny was asked if he could get firm quotes on the cost of repairing the equipment. It was suggested that Danny contact Mark Newman for funding but the Council only seemed to be interested in Danny taking down the equipment so they were not liable. Jane asked if the CCTV had recorded the vandalism but Danny replied that even when the cameras were working (at the moment the wires have been cut) you can see the problem but not the perpetrator. The images are so grainy that they would not be admissible in court. Anita and Treena suggested that 'Fund Matching' with the Council could be explored. After discussion it was agreed by the committee that the JMC would help as Ian said that there was still a balance left in the Rose Garden Fund. Mary suggested that a 'Task and Finish' group be set up. It was agreed that Treena, Anita, Jenni and Doreen Marcus would meet on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Danny said that the level of vandalism had gone down in the past year due to parents talking to the parents of the youths causing the problems. The Youth Group that he held on a Wednesday night was helping to deal with the antisocial behaviour and members of the Club were starting to talk more to Danny about the trouble and he could say things that the volunteers couldn't. The previous night someone had visited from Moreton and was now banned for causing trouble.

Jenni said that LDH had funded the Youth Club for 26 weeks and had provided an X-box, television and clothing fund.

Bright Ideas were funding an educational Prison Trip. This would take youngster to a prison in Shrewsbury and show them how the prison runs as well as giving them the opportunity to talk to prisoners

### **Youth Society**

Lauren reported that all was good and the numbers had shot up to over 30. A Birds of Prey evening which had been successful.

Preparations for the Mamma Mia show were progressing. They were having a problem in sourcing roving microphones for use in the show but were currently fund raising. Danny said that he had 2 headphones and a receiver unit and Jenni said she had 2 roving mikes. Jane

suggested that Lauren visit Jenni and see what could be used for the Youth Centre. A fuzz ball table had been left by Community Spirit in Robbie's Garage and there was a Facebook page called 'Free For You' that may be able to help with equipment. Lauren asked Mary if any of the craft material was left and Mary invited Lauren to have a look.

### **Autumn Club**

No report

### **Wirral Radio**

There was no representative and no report had been sent. Lesley was asked to contact Pauline and ask if they could send a report to the next meeting and answer three questions

- A written report to update the JMC on their use of the Great Escape
- How to apply for funding for children
- Any more details about the Wirral Diamonds Project

### **Leasowe Development**

Jenni was preparing a report for Pier Housing to justify their existence using the software she had mentioned which gives up to date information on key performance indicators. Jenni said that the Autumn Club would find the software useful

There was a staff shortage; Sasha had left in March, Sam had left last year and another member of staff was off sick but it was 'business as usual' and they were currently organising a Community Litter Pick on the estate

### **Leasowe Community Homes**

On 7<sup>th</sup> March the Regulator will be contacted and asked if he agreed to the change from Your Housing to Pierhead Housing. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March the changeover will happen and Orbis will take over emergency repairs. The changeover for tenants will be seamless.

A new board of 10 directors will be appointed. The staff team will stay the same but there will be a new job of an Income Assistant. The existing KPI's had been scrapped

Your Housing concentrate on property development and were not interested in social housing whereas Pierhead Housing Associations culture is about tenants. They are a small association with 130,000 properties. Some of the properties are in Birkenhead and these will be managed by LCH. A warehouse will be given to Feed Birkenhead and this will link up with LCH tenants. Mary said that it is hoped that LCH and Pierhead Housing will grow together.

Anita said there was a need for 2 and 4 bedroom houses, by tenants who did not want to leave the estate. This had been highlighted but Your Housing had not been interested and this was when the trust between Your Housing and LCH had broken down. Pier Housing were open to new ideas

Mary said that once the merger had taken place she would be looking at the parks in the area and hoped to set up a Friends of the Park on the estate so grants for the parks can be applied for.

### **Wirral Borough Council**

The Blue Badge was needed for the minibus. Emma was off sick so Sheila suggested that she come over and help complete the necessary form.

Beechwood Centre was looking for a Co-Ordinator as soon as possible. The salary would be £22k per year. They had started a Neighbourhood plan using Big Local Funding (the first on

Wirral to use this) and needed someone out there talking to people and create a link between planning and the community.

### **Councillor's report**

#### **Councillor Anita Leech**

Anita said that there had been a change of head teachers in the local schools and she had started to visit them,

The Holy Spirit had a 12k fund for a co-ordinator from the estate and they wanted to appoint someone ASAP. They had the funds last year but the time period was too short to find someone. The co-ordinator would work through the Hub and link in with schools

The Boxing Club had been awarded a grant from the Sports Council which was allowing them to run a 12 week course. Their boiler had broken but LCH had found a sponsor for a new one.

The Club was currently fund raising to re-clad the outside of the building

Anita had raised two thousand of the eighteen thousand pounds needed to run more Freedom courses (Zero Tolerance of domestic abuse). Jane asked why money was needed and Anita explained that the people taking the courses were trained counsellors, documentation was needed plus advertising etc. and the course was over 12 weeks. There had been 3 courses of more than 12 people and the women had been predominately from Leasowe. Free room hire with the use of a crèche are needed to run the next courses. Jenni said the Holy Spirit Hub had funding and maybe able to help

There were problems with the accidents at the roundabout outside the Holy Community Church and Gardenside. The railings surrounding it had been all but demolished. A different road surface may help to prevent accidents

A young man had formed a Nature Reserve CIC at Ditton Lane. The lane had been blocked at one end to try and stop the fly tipping.

More bins were needed at the Gun Site. Owners were collecting the dog poo but there were not sufficient bins to cope.

#### **Councillor Treena Johnson**

A communal greenhouse had been erected at the allotments. Gary Mitchell and Kate O'Neil had asked if they could be members of the JMC, representing the allotments, as they were keen on getting involved with the local community. Sheila was for the idea as she said they were a part of the Community. Mary suggested that they come to the next meeting, as observers and make a presentation but Jane thought it better for them to be invited to meet for an initial chat.

The Friends of Yewtree had set themselves up as a CIC and were working with the allotments to set up a sensory garden on council land that was not in use

A lot of Leasowe Youths had started to attend the Moreton Youth Club. Tranmere Rovers had provided futsal balls in addition to the match tickets that they give to the Club. They were also going to set up football trials

### **Any other business**

Anita rings the police weekly for an Impact Report, this shows the Anti- social behaviour in the area Jenni asked how the area was divided – is Moreton separated for Leasowe and can roads that are a problem be highlighted? . Anita said it is broken down into wards. The police have increased their presence. Dave, the community policeman, was no longer a foot soldier but was in a car. Treena said that the Moreton Youth Club had meetings with the Police.

The Councils Contingency Managers had been taken away from David Armstrong and now came under the Public Health department.

Paul said he had added Andy Dunn to the insurance policy and they were fully covered until the end of June, when the policy will be revised. Mary was concerned that the JMC was covered for any problem related to information that Andy may give. Paul said that 90 days before the next policy was due to start he would be given a separate quote as for the cost of Andy's advice being covered.

Ian said the Play Council was in breach of regulations with regard to having sufficient Trustees and volunteers. If anyone can help could they contact Beverley.

Treena said The Allotments would be holding a Car Boot Sale and for International Women's Day the Tomorrow Women's Centre in Birkenhead would be holding an event

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 10.30am