



JMC Meeting Held Thursday 20th July 2107

Members Present

Jane Davies (Chair), Paul Townley (Treasurer), Sheila Henry, John Storey (CEO Wirral Radio), Pauline Murphy, Ian Kenyon, Councillors Anita Leech and Ian Lewis, Mary Quigg, Jenni Jones, Danny McGarry, Andy Dunn & Kelly (from the Recreational Centre)

Apologies

Councillors Treena Johnson and Ron Abbey

Due to the Chair, Jane Davies, being ill Mary Quigg, in her role as Vice Chair, took the Chair

Approval of Last Minutes

The following amendments were made

EGM Minutes

The Asset Managers (WBC) name is Steve McMorrان.

Amendments were made by Wirral Radio and so it was agreed that changes be made to the minutes. These would then be sent to Jane Davies (Chair), Mary Quigg (Vice Chair) and Paul Townley for their approval before being represented to the Committee

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Under Councillors Report- Anita Leech, it should read 'meetings are called when applications have been received'

The Asset Managers (WBC) name is Steve McMorrان

The report under Wirral Borough Council was not correct and Sheila will send her report to Lesley for inclusion in the May minutes

These amendments made to the Minutes were agreed. Jenni Jones proposed and Ian Lewis seconded

Matters Arising

EGM

Jane Davies, together with Mary Quigg, had compiled and sent questions, regarding Wirral Radio's proposal to take over the rent on the building, to Steve McMorrان, Asset Manager WBC. It had been agreed that Steve McMorrان, as representative of the WBC (the lease holder) would apply due diligence on the assignment of the lease.

The questions had been sent three times with no response and so Anita Leech become involved to help with the communication problems, After a series of communications Anita had received an email from Steve, in which he said that he been in touch with WR. Ian said he would inform Steve McMorrان that the JMC were not in favour of WR having the lease transferred to Wirral Radio

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There were still items that needed to be returned from the Youth Council. Paul had bought them a printer, Jenni (LDT) had given them some items and Mary (LCH) had given craft items. All of these needed to be returned

John Storey had not replied to Mary about the rent for the Great Escape, nor had he replied to Steve McMorran, Jo Burrell or Sheila Henry.

Sheila had emailed her correspondence to the members, covering the time that John Storey claimed that WR had been offered a 'peppercorn rent'. She said that she would email the correspondence to Lesley for circulation a second time prior to the next meeting regarding the Great Escape.

Correspondence

John Storey had sent a letter to Lesley the previous evening, in which he formally expressed his disgust in the way the JMC had handled the proposal from WR to take over the lease of the total building and the 'confusing minutes' that had been made.. Most of the JMC were seeing the letter for the first time and there was a lot to digest. Mary asked if Jane could send the JMC questions to Steve McMorran again and Sheila said she would have a word with him about the concerns. Mary asked if WR had a deadline and John said they had moved on and were currently looking at new premises to expand into.

Mary asked that a 'Task and Finish' group be set up to look into the matter of the Great Escape rent this was agreed. Members agreed to meet. This will then draw a 'line in the sand' and we can all move on.

Jane said the WR and the JMC had the same purpose – 'Working together for the greater good of the community'.

Nicky Wycherley had replied to Paul about the printer that had been bought for the Youth Society and not returned. She said that she had used her own printer for the Society and due to that additional work it had broken. She was under the impression that the printer purchased was to replace her personal printer and that was why she had not returned it. Paul said the cost had been £54 – and asked if the JMC want him to ask for the printer to be returned. After a short discussion a vote was taken. The majority voted for repossessing the printer

Invitations

Rachel was welcomed to the meeting. She was known to a lot of members, especially for the amount of voluntary work that she had been involved with over the years. Children and teenagers for the estate had asked Rachel if they could attend a successful boxing class that she was running in another estate. After the closure of the Youth Society people had told Rachel that Leasowe did not have any facilities for 8 – 15 year olds and she wanted to ask the JMC if she could set up a class for this age group on the estate. There were a lot of young people trying to get full time jobs and she thought that maybe a club offering social skills would be welcome.

Danny said that he was providing a Club at the Addy, funded by LDT, for 13 to 18 year olds and it was working successfully. Anita commended Rachel for the work that she was doing but said that we did have facilities on the estate, like the Hive and there had been a boxing club, but there was no money to create new opportunities.

Treasurer's Report

Paul had sent a report. The balances are

▪ Current Account	£23,457.36
▪ Savings Account	£34,857.22
▪ Minibus Account	£ 1,893.86

There are no outstanding invoices or payments.

Paul was meeting with the auditor to finalise the accounts for 2016/2017 and they will be ready for the AGM in September.

The application for a grant to Burbo Bank had not been successful but they had not sent feedback. Christchurch Parish Community Centre in Moreton had been awarded money and Paul was curious what they would be using the money for. Ian said he knew the man at the Centre and would email him.

Wirral Radio will be repaying the £1500 loan that day.

A company, By-Box, had contacted Paul about setting up a bank of boxes on the outside wall of the building to be used to deliver goods to overnight; they would be collected by local engineers during the day. The company concerned will cover the costs of setting up the boxes. The Centre would benefit by £1000 per year and the only cost involved would be a small amount of electricity. The idea was discussed but it was decided that it was potentially problematic due to the area. At night there was no activity around the Centre and so the boxes would be an attraction to vandals to try and break into them, to provide an area where they would congregate and the boxes would be used to gain access to the roof. Paul would contact the firm and decline the offer.

The Silver Surfers computer equipment was up and running and just the training needs to be set up.

Health & Safety issues

There were no issues

Reports:

Senior Play-Leader

The JMC had offered to pay up to £1k to help towards the repair of equipment. When Danny had priced it the total cost would be £2,500 so he had asked the Council. They had sent an order acknowledgment. During the summer the Council will be installing a 10 foot slide that Sheila had found thrown away in another area. The Slush machine had been repaired by Danny with the use of second hand parts. The tuck shop money was now depleted as it had been used to buy a zip wire. The kids and the Youth Club will help with any future repairs. Ian said that David Armstrong had been looking at the Leisure Facilities and he would ask David to visit the Addy to see if he could help in any way.

A programme had been set up for the 6 weeks of school holidays and Danny had worked with Jenni to co-ordinate the Addy Events with those of the LDT, It may be necessary to close on a Tuesday and everyone go to a school playground in Beachwood.

Katrina from the Youth Service will be coming in to help with drug awareness and sexual activity advice and information.

Air conditioning was needed for the office. It was upstairs in the building and in the hot weather it was impossible to work there due to the lack of air

Autumn Club

Everything was running well

Wirral Radio

John reported that they had an opening for an apprentice, to be involved in sales. The person needed to be between 16 to 25 years old.

WR had been viewing property (owned by Your Housing) in Liverpool. The Radio was also setting out to create digital inclusion in the New Ferry and Rock Ferry areas.

During the summer they would be taking part in a lot of local events. They would have a large stage at the Birkenhead Firsts Festival – 6000 had attended the previous year. There would be a family festival at Hamilton Square in July, a Wirral Fest, put on by Mencap, for people with learning difficulties in August and the RNLI Hoylake Open Day on August Bank Holiday Monday – these are just examples of the marketing strategy,

WR had a new website and people could upload their events where they can be viewed and broadcast. This service will be free to local community groups

Leasowe Development Trust

Jenni reported that Courtney and Danny had been working together on the Family Fun Day on 15th August. This year it will be held in front of the Millennium Centre on the Fernlea grass area. There will be a £1.50 ticket fee but this will include everything except the Donkey Rides, the Popcorn and food.

A one day course for Community Organisers Training will be held

Leasowe Community Homes

Mary said that they were now 3 months into working with Prima and could report that, from a satisfaction survey of the residents, the response times and accessibility has improved. There was a new Resident Officer, Mark Brown. He had been working with volunteers at the allotments to provide planters around the estate.

Jenni and Mary had attended a meeting a Council meeting about how local areas should be 'pulling together', which had been happening in Leasowe. When Mary mentioned Wirral Radio none of the consultants were aware of it. John said that they 'spoke' to WBC but had never been approached to work with consultants

At the meeting the suggested changes to the Leisure Services parks and gardens were mentioned. The Council are talking about the idea of putting together all of the assets (libraries not included) and setting them up in a CIC

Andy Dunn

Andy asked Mary if she envisaged the problems that are occurring in Warrington (a trial for the Universal Credit) hitting LCH. Mary said they knew of no problems yet, as their money still came from the DWP. Andy said that Universal Credit was making a large financial impact on housing associations and Frank Field was becoming involved to help people become citizens so they can make arrangements on line. A lot of residents were unaware that Council Tax would be a separate issue from rent. There was a delay in paying the credit and people were unaware that they were falling into arrears. Mary said they were setting up a Transfer Group to help with the changes that Universal Credit will make

Wirral Borough Council

The Neighbourhoods and Assets Teams had moved to the Public Health Department run by Fiona Johnson. There were only 2 community centres left in Wirral, Leasowe and Gautby Road.

Councillor's report

Councillor Anita Leech

Anita explained that large police presence in the area, plus the police helicopter, a few days before had been due to youths having a gadget which opened car doors and they had been in the area stealing vehicles.

The car park at the Tranmere Rovers training site was now operational and had freed up Leasowe Road and Heyes Drive from parked cars. There was money in the 2017/18 funding to make changes to Leasowe Road and a bike track will be put in. At Cabinet the Council were looking at selling assets and the Harrison Estate (McGills) was one of these areas. Ron and Anita were looking at it closely and may put in an objection.

The Kingsway Academy was closing despite calls to the Government to prevent this happening. Discussions were taking place with the children having individual plans made for them as they had not been taught the state curriculum and this may cause problems with Kingsway pupils being integrated into state schools. This will be a costly exercise and there would be a motion to Council that the Government should be picking up on this. Discussions are ongoing. The Year ii will be bussed to Liverpool but this is normal. Angela Eagle will be at the Community Centre to help with parents' worries and concerns

There were 2 new bins in Twickenham Drive to help solve the litter problem on the grass and roadside

The Community Allotment was badly overgrown and only 3 elderly women were trying to cope with it. It was planned that the allotment will be given back to the Allotment Society and school children will take it over

Any other business

Danny had tried to take the children to Chester Zoo but even the concessionary prices had not made this viable. Instead the money will be used for an 'End of Summer Celebration'. Mary said that Mark from LCH will be looking in to helping with this.

Jane asked Mary if, when she had some time to spare in the future, she would be looking at the parks in the area. Mary confirmed the matter would be dealt with at a later date

Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be confirmed