

JMC Meeting Held Thursday 14th December 2017

Members Present

Jane Davies (Chair), Paul Townley (Treasurer), Ian Lewis, Mary Quigg, Tina Amis, Jenni Jones, Danny McGarry, Andy Dunn & Lesley May

Apologies

Councillors Anita Leech, Treena Johnson and Ron Abbey, Sheila Henry

Approval of Last Minutes

The figure in the Current Account should read £27,073.40. The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

None

Correspondence

None.

Invited Guests / Reports / Presentations

None

Treasurer's Report

The balances at this morning were

- **Current Account £27,024.38**
- **Savings Account £34,863.05**
- **Minibus Account £ 1706.56**

Paul reported that there had been very little financial activity. The money had been received from the Co-op which would be used for the old age pensioner's party.

Four laptops had been purchased and the training needs to be organised in January. Jenni said she would organise it. Andy said that once people had been taught to use the computers they can use them to access Universal Credit and Housing Benefit and make their claims online

Health & Safety issues

Andy said the problem with people smoking by the Addy was ongoing. Smoking within a certain distance of a Wirral Council owned building is not allowed by the Council

Reports:

Senior Play-Leader

Danny said that staffing was a big problem. There are 9 placement workers over 3 centres. This was causing problems with opening the Addy. At this moment there were 258 registered young people and half of these attend,

The Addy will be closed from 23rd December until 3rd January as the week after Christmas is always quiet with very few children interested in attending.

Rendering to the toilets and hallway is under way and should be finished soon. The builders have been great. Danny said thanks should go to Ian Lewis, David Armstrong and Anita Leech for making this happen. Ian said David Armstrong said was shocked at the state of a Council building and had moved quickly. Jeff Sherlock was chasing money to start phase 2 of the work. Mary Quigg said there should be money available as the move of Prima to the Millennium Building had been cancelled.

The Youth Centre was going from strength to strength and funding had been received from the Police to facilitate a project over Halloween weekend. The project was aimed to reduce anti-social behaviour within the Leasowe ward, overall the project was a success as ASB was down and there was less aggression towards the workers

Everything is looking good – except for the ongoing staffing issues

Youth Society

Jenni and Paul had secured £1k towards re-opening the Youth Club. Prima and LDT have also offered money the problem was finding someone capable of running it. If a member of the council staff could be found, then they would be insured by the Council. Paul had written a safeguarding policy, which was now on the website which would be needed.

Autumn Club

Fund raising had raised £800.61 from a Craft Fair and £350 from a Bingo event. Paul said a lot of successful funding had taken place and Mary suggested the kids organise a car wash.

It was suggested that a bid be made to the Constituency Committee, who will give up to £500 per bid.

Wirral Radio

There was no report from Wirral Radio.

Smoking around the building and by the Addy by people attending the radio station was a problem. Smoking within a certain distance of a Council site is not allowed

Pauline had posted on Facebook that youths from the Addy had dented the cage but Danny said that he had not been told this. Mary proposed that a letter should be sent to the Radio making it clear about the no smoking policy and Sheila and Joanne Burrell should be informed.

The children at the Radio station have said they want to attend the cafe to buy their lunch but have been told that the Café will not deal with them. This is not true

There has still been no reply to a letter sent by Mary suggesting that a token payment be made for hire of the Great Escape for the previous year

Leasowe Development Trust

Jenni said that they had received a years funding from Prima but the amount given had been decreased. They will be running a Christmas Event, which will be a party and have a Grotto. There are no tickets so people just turn up on the night.

The neighbourhood plan is being processed which is a planning policy where space is allocated within the estate. It will be brought to a referendum where everyone will have a vote but the agreed policy will stay in place for a minimum period of 10 years.

Northwest Construction had complained the bonfire was not safe. The community build the bonfire and Danny is only responsible for the fireworks.

The field is a mess with a caterpillar and dumper track made by Northwest Construction but flammable material is on the field. It was suggested that Jenni raise this matter with a Councillor. Prima had not received any complaints

Prima - Leasowe Community Homes

Mary said that consultation has started with Prima to create a consistent approach and LCH will be rebranded as Prima Wirral. They will look after the stock on the Wirral and have a programme of development. The Council have been approached, and are interested in Prima purchasing of 6 of the 4 bedroom houses. They will be negotiating on Fernlea with the plan of building 2 bedrooomed houses and bungalows – some funding is available, they hope to build 200 units in a 5 year building project. There is a vacancy for an Operational Director, to start 1st April 2018 but Mary is starting to wind down and will not be applying.

In the New Year Mary will be working in Liverpool, doing project work and Sharon McGuinness will be responsible for Leasowe. Mary has a fixed contract until 2019 but thinks it will be finished earlier. She is happy the way the change with Prima has gone and the way they are working with Leasowe.

Mary suggested that Sharon be invited onto the JMC so that a relationship can be built. It will be useful for the JMC to know what is going on at Prima and Sharon will be supplying the funding.

Jane said that it was a shock but thanked Mary for her work on the estate and how she had done her best for the estate over the years

Andy Dunn

Andy was also seeing the start of the problems of Universal Credit and was finding he had far more new clients who had queries regarding their benefits

Andy had raised concerns about the water around the building.

Wirral Borough Council

No report

Councillor's report

No reports

Any Other Reports

None

Any other business

Paul said he was looking at organising Fair Share in the area. Danny said that he had been visiting His Church and bought items that he was able to sell at the Addy for a profit.

Jenni asked that people thought about finding money for a Youth Club. The JMC still have an amount left in the Rose Garden fund. Ian said that at this late date he very much doubted whether anyone will ask where the balance was spent and the money should be used

Date and Time of Next Meeting To be confirmed