

JMC Meeting Held Thursday 21st February `2019

Members Present

Paul Townley (Treasurer), Jenni Jones, Danny McGarry, Councillor Anita Leech, Dave Meredith (Prima) & Lesley May Secretary;

Apologies

Jane Davies, Councillor Ron Abbey & Councillor Ian Lewis & Sheila Henry

Paul Townley chaired the meeting in the absence of Jane Davies, due to illness. There were insufficient members to make a quorum but the meeting started and any matters where a decision is necessary will be emailed to members.

Ron Abbey's wife Sandra had died and Paul suggested that the JMC make a £25 donation to Maggie's (no flowers requested). This was agreed.

Andy Dunn was still in ICU the abscess in his throat had been drained and he was being helped by an antibiotic pack, which was stopping him deteriorating.

Approval of Last Minutes

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

None

Correspondence

None.

Treasurer's Report

Paul said that there had been little change. The balances on Tuesday 19th February stood at

▪ Current Account	£	28,856.55
▪ Savings Account	£	34,910.10
▪ Minibus Account	£	1,402.23
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There were no bills and no invoices outstanding.

The new minibus is proving its value providing an essential service to residents of Leasowe and the outstanding areas. A brick had been thrown through a rear window the previous week. The work was being done through the insurance company.

A meeting with Sheila Henry to discuss the utility bills and the future of the Great Escape room has yet to take place.

- Paul hoped that the Silver Surfers computer training will be soon resolved.
- Councillor Anita Leech asked if we could finally use the Rose Garden Fund, which had been going on for a few years. It had been mentioned at a previous meeting that the money be used to help replace the decks. Danny said that there were

various issues that needed sorting. The two-storey fort and suspension bridge needed work doing to it; a replacement would cost £27,000 but it could not only be repaired. It could be a project for the kids and would take between 3 – 5 months. Some decks needed replacement and a new drill was essential – the complete cost would be £3k. Those present agreed it would be a good investment of the money and Anita said B&Q gave free screws to charitable projects within the area.

Health & Safety issues

None reported.

Anita asked about tests like Legionnaires Disease, Paul said that the centre made basic checks on a weekly basis but he would email Sheila with regard to the other Health and Safety checks

Reports:

Senior Play-Leader

- Danny said that Bonfire night had been a big success. Residents had built the bonfire and should be responsible for the clean-up. The Firework display was organised by Danny at the Addy. It was estimated that approx. 500 had been there.
- The Halloween and the Lantern Parade had been successful.
- When asked, Danny said that the work on the Addy had stalled. Anita said she would contact Jeff Sherlock (who has since left the Council and is replaced by Jim Cookson) as the money had been allocated for the work in the current year's budget.
- The existing kitchen space was to be enlarged and Prima would be building a commercial kitchen, so the kids can get involved. They would be changing over to 'all electric'. Danny wasn't happy with the flooring that had been laid so some of the lads that worked for flooring companies said they would have a look at it.
- The roof needed repair as it had become a health and safety issue and should be done by the Council.
- Danny reported that the Addy would only be open this week for only three days (half term holiday) due to insufficient staff but hot breakfasts had been served daily
- The maximum number had been 56 children's breakfasts and 15 adults.

Danny was asked for his opinion about starting up the Youth Project on a Tuesday night if it was funded by LDT. It had finished 12 months ago and Danny said he would be prepared to look at starting it – the problem was that the whole dynamic of the children it would be aimed at had changed and anti-social behaviour on the estate had increased since the loss of policing in the area. Anita said she would speak to Steve Chan. Danny agreed that it would be worth doing if there were volunteers to help and the children could start 'to police themselves'.

Autumn Club

Paul Townley's reported to the meeting that the Autumn Club continues to progress since the termination of funding by WBC in August 2018. Tina Amis has the overall responsibility for the day to day running of the Club. Chris Connolly has assumed the role of Café co-

ordinator and Leah Graham has taken the role of deputy for both positions within the centre. They have continued to fund raiser for the Autumn Club and to date are maintaining the services for the clients. His thanks go to them all and the band of volunteers in maintaining the running of the café and Autumn Club in what has been a difficult period

Leasowe Development Trust

Due to Andy's illness Jenni had been working with Prima and Income support officers regarding new Universal Credit claims. They are not able to help with existing claims that have been made.

Jenni said their funding had been confirmed for another year. The usual events would take place i.e. Family Fun Day. Lantern Parade etc. Jenni and Danny would be working together on events like Halloween, which would take place at the Addy – this would save money for both of them.

LDT is still hitting their stats.

A bid has been put in to the Department for Further Education for a co-ordinator to work between herself, Danny and Tina.

External funding is being sort to mend the extractor fans in the Millennium Building

Prima - Leasowe Community Homes

Dave said Prima were discussing Fernlea with the Council. They hope to build 30 properties some will be for pensioners to keep them in the community but to free up some of the three bedroomed houses. They would be designed for the elderly and disabled.

In their Investment and Living budget, they would be paying for replacing kitchens and bathrooms and five million pounds will be spent over the five-year period. The painting programmes is now finished and Murrayfield Drive had been added to the program

In their Neighbourhood plan they want to be a multi-agency and people will decide what is important to them.

Anita asked if Prima had a 106 agreement so they could help the community with a multi-use games centre (MUGA) outside the Addy that needed to be refurbished and renewed. Leasowe Community Homes had believed the way forward was for community benefits for society, but there had been objections

Wirral Borough Council

Sheila had given her apologies

Councillor's report

Anita was pleased to say that Elizabeth from Leasowe Road had won an award for litter picking. March 22nd to April 23rd is the Great Spring Clean, run by Keep Britain Tidy and volunteers to help Elizabeth were needed

Council Budget for This Year

Half a million pound had been awarded to the Leasowe Ward to be spent on the Sandbrook Estate and help towards redesigning the drop curve in Twickenham Drive.

Plans for the Recreational Centre had been published and this was the first time either Anita or the Cabinet for Social Care knew anything about it.

3G pitch would be caged and there would be a 3gpitch at the Solar Campus, where Liverpool Ladies Football team were now training. The drainage on Shackleton will improve; residents had asked that the four pitches be moved further away from their houses but this cannot be done.

Leasowe Road will be resurfaced up to the roundabout. The Council will be using new contractors, who will start in spring. Improvements to make the road one lane with parking bays is being looked into

Leasowe Nursery School is experiencing financial difficulties, which they are trying to resolve. There is no Government funding and their Transformation Fund runs out soon Merseyside Police Community Fund will be funding various activities at the Millennium Centre over 2 days.

There have been petitions to reinstate the 106 bus. The Council want the nationalisation of buses. Merseyside Travel has had funds cuts – the revenue from the tunnels subsidises the buses.

There are 119 eco schools in the borough and 100 schools have litter picked. Special needs review is due in March

Wallasey School is designated to be used only for children's education Anita is looking at providing an energy company that will help stop fuel poverty and also a funeral service for Wirral.

Moreton Youth Club has closed whilst emergency work is done to the roof. They were told to use the Leasowe Community Centre but no one at the centre was told. This had been resolved.

Bin collections should be up to date after the snow.

A free grey bin is available to households. For homes with 5 people or more residents can ask for an additional green bin, they would need to demonstrate that they are recycling appropriately.

The quantity of waste recycled is down

Any Other Reports

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be advised