



JMC minutes-Thursday 26th January 2023

Attendees: -Jane Davies-Chair, Paul Townley-Treasurer, Jenni Jones-Secretary WDT , Tina Amis-Leasowe Autumn Club, Lol Mousdale-Leasowe Allotments, Karl Greaney-Councillor, Angie Davies-Councillor, Anita Leech-Vice Chair, John Kavanagh-Prima Group, Michelle Langan-WBC

Apologies-Helen Collinson-Councillor, Vera Duckworth-Addy, Ron Abbey, Terry Finlay-Boxing club.

- Barry Fox had been scheduled to attend the JMC, to discuss with the committee what he wants to offer the local community, however he was unable to attend and will attend the next meeting.
- Michelle Langan from Youth and Community's department at WBC will be attending in future.
- Minutes were sent out amended and approved.
- **Matters arising**-Anita Leech -new houses on Twickenham Drive, reason they are being offered at affordable homes rather than social housing rate, this is due to the funding from government which restricts rents to affordable homes rates. **JJ asked about the feedback from the survey from Prima re WDT, JK from Prima to feed back next meeting**
- **Correspondence**-email from Ian Lewis in support of the Addy. **JMC thanked Ian for this.**

Treasurers report-Paul Townley delivered the report, he has been busy supporting Vera at the Addy in the absence of Danny, who we are waiting to return to work. Proposals to close the Addy, excellent public support from older generations and kids who attend the Addy, this was very well attended and we hope this will have a positive impact on the council's decision, discussed attending the next council meeting which is the Policy & Resources meeting, also councillor's from the committee are due to visit all play services to see what they do and the impact, we should all try to attend this meeting. Councillors fed back on budget processes for the council. PT discussed finances of the JMC are relatively healthy and they have £20k earmarked which is restricted for any potential shut down/wind down as per the reserves policy. **PT thanked Karl, Angie, and Helen for their support for the Addy.** Successful in getting HAF funding for Christmas, have household support fund money will work in partnership with WDT to avoid duplication. Have Police money for youth work and work with WDT on this, as they also received monies for this.

Anita Leech discussed the councils neglect of the Addy and all the external monies that have been brought in over the past couple of years to support the Addy and Youth services.

- Michelle Langan is new in post but is happy to keep attending and feeding in, in her new role to look at youth and children's provision and challenging this going forward.

Health & Safety no issues to report, we are unsure who is the contact now in the council-KG to find out who it would be as a contact for the JMC as JJ has been inviting Fergus Adams but it might not be him. There is some confusion over whose responsibility's certain repairs, ML will look into this as well and she will speak to Graham Knowles, the contact would be Paul Townley. Council have rang Paul Townley about the bins and is waiting for response from the council over the bin shed as the bins have now been put on the councils risk register. The CCTV has now been taken down as it was only up for 3 months, we need find out if there is any feedback on this.-KG to look into.

JMC discussed buying CCTV for ourselves or linking into the leisure centres feed, never had a response from the leisure centre. **PT to speak to Zarah from the ASB team at WBC.**

Risk group meeting- an update from the meeting with Jeanette Royale from council was given, to progress strategy we can have for the 2 buildings and the 2 orgs, LYPCA and WDT. Options were discussed as we wanted to set up one community hub with both orgs together in the same base. Jeanette has come up with some workshops, however KG was clear that this needs to be processed asap. There is still overarching questions about Wirral Evolutions and whether they are moving into the radio station and the potential improvements to the community centre. As Wirral Evolutions has been taken back in house to the council and their strategy about the improvements to Community Centre, the timescales are 2-3 years away from decisions and any improvement's. However, the council are open to conversations between the 2 orgs about assets. Both buildings need significant investment and changes to enable both orgs to work effectively to deliver their objectives. JJ discussed how the impact of council services-i.e. Social Services, has impacted determinately on the footfall in LMC as well as the long-standing ventilation restrictions that are still in place, however not across the board in other buildings, this remains a constant frustration that has still not been rectified. **Jenni Jones discussed that she will continue looking for partnership funding for both orgs as we do have time to wait for the council and the speed they move at.** However, we will continue with conversations with WBC about the offer for both buildings. PT stated that we need tangible plans from the council before any decisions can be made about any org moving in either building, as we can't visual, how it work without this. Footfall for both buildings is down for different reasons, LMC due to restrictions and council offices being in there, LCC due to the flooding, pathways and damage. **KG to continue pushing the assets team to expedite the process.**

PT delivered the Snr playworkers report, Christmas HAF was very successful, had a pantomime in, Christmas Dinner and party, the Christmas event also happened on the 17th December, were we had the reindeers again. Have a number of volunteers now who are DBS and food hygiene trained, this has allowed us to operate with reduced staffing levels. Worked with over 100 children each day. Need to keep supporting Vera as she has had to step up and take over some of Danny's role. **JMC wanted Paul to thank Vera for her hard work.**

Tina Amis delivered the Autumn Club report, there was been difficulties getting pallets from HIS Church and the quality and dates have reduced. Have had monies from fund from the council with WDT. Autumn Club is running well and numbers are picking up. Shop is running well and the funding helps with this, however again the path if effecting footfall.

WDT report - Jenni Jones delivered, were successful with a £50k fund from WBC, were we will provide 750 families across Wirral with a one off £40 energy voucher or Asda voucher to help with the cost of Living, so far we are up to about 200 families or individuals we have worked with, this is a yearlong fund but will probably be finished by March given the uptake so far, we also got £20k within that bid for the social supermarket for the shop and any emergency food provision that may be required. Also received monies from the council to further extend this scheme by providing 72 families or individuals with, slow cooker, energy saving lightbulbs, weighted blanket, hot water bottle and maiden to again help with energy bills, will work with people who have accessed the £50k fund and have been identified as not having the other items, will work with Paul Townley to identify people to access his bids support and avoid duplication. WDT is not being funded by Prima after March 2023, so there is some urgency to apply for other funds to keep our service going, the welfare service is being run down at the moment and we are not taking on any new clients as we will not be able to continue supporting after March and often the forms for benefits take months to be assessed by DWP. Joe will go on redundancy and Aimee's post as an employment advisor will also go, we will move to a more generalised advice service until we can get more monies in. We were successful in the HAF funding for Christmas for the addy and also HYPE delivering Football coaching and collectively we worked with over 200 children locally. The library still only remains open on a Monday, which is ran by the council. The building and footfall still remain a constant challenge and we are waiting to see if Jeanette Royale can get these restrictions lifted. We have recruited to the Youth Worker post and Jamie has started working from home until his DBS is in place. Putting in a bid for the next round of HAF funding and this will encompass working with the teenagers as well.

Prima report - John Kavanagh Prima have struggled to recruit to Karl Rooney's old role and this will be looked at again and readvertised when it has been reformatted. Prima is moving out of LMC and is using the

old Pop up shop as the new base and office, the plans are being finalised and they will be in the shop by April. This will not be a Mon to Fri 9-5 access however there will be access to Prima through the shop. New housing officer has been appointed called Toni Rooney and she will be in post in February. There will be a door knock across the whole of the group starting soon, hopefully Feb, March time. Prima are talking to the connectors about Door knocking an involve Northwest will be doing a door knock after this and any tenants of Prima can feed into the connectors instead. There is an issue with Petra, the numbers have dwindled and this needs revisiting and reviving, these discussions are taking place about how best to do this. There is thoughts it needs more tenants rather than staff and councillors, should be more tenant centric and ask orgs to attend rather than it being run by Prima or staff. John Kavanagh offered to help support in getting more people to attend the meetings, however she does not want to be too heavily involved. JJ discussed that whoever is on the committee for Petra there should be some training around meetings and boards i.e. chair and vice chair, as this will support the professionalism of the meetings and ensure that the meetings run well. New development site will be available for let mid Feb. John Kavanagh talked about the helping hands fund which is available from Prima for people who may be in rent arrears and are self-payers so need some support, this is accessible through the housing officers or income officers. Partnership working with Charis for vouchers and the British Heart Foundation for furniture.

- **Wirral BC** – no report due to no allocated officer to JMC since reorganisation of posts.
- **WBC - Ward Councillors**

Councillor Karl Greaney gave an update on the forthcoming meetings which will make decisions on the future of the Addy; Policy & Resources 15 February at 6pm. Full council meeting 27th February at 6pm. In relation to the flooding of the footpath, a video showing the extent of the flooding has been sent to the WBC Flood Manager to review.

- **Allotments** - Lol Mousdale gave an update, it is quiet at the moment due to winter weather; planting will commence will next in March; the trees on site have still not been trimmed by the council, they are overhanging and could pose a H&S issue. Karl Greaney will chase this matter up. Lol raised some concerns when the school re-opens with pupils from the Observatory school; Councillor Angie Davies will take this matter up with the Director of Education.
- **Boxing Club** – no report.
- **A O B**

Anita Leech reminded the JMC that we should not lose sight of the issue with the Library and associated equipment. This was noted.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd March at 10-30.