



JMC Minutes-18th April 2024

- **Attendees:-** Karl Greaney-Chair, Paul Townley-Treasurer, Jenni Jones-Secretary, Tina Amis-Autumn Club, Dave Curtis-Prima group, Ron Abbey-community rep, Danny McGarry-Leasowe Adventure Playground.
- **Apologies-** Cllr Louise Luxon Kewley, Cllr Paul Jobson, Cllr Angie Davies
- Minutes of meeting approved

Karl and Paul did meet with David Ball, but nothing has progressed any further since the meeting, however meeting again tomorrow. Karl has spoken to Wirral Council about a rep on the JMC unfortunately it does not appear that they will be taking this up.

- **Correspondence-** Written to 3 families on the estate re the teenager's behaviour due to the damage and abuse to staff and volunteers. This letter was hand delivered to the addresses; Paul has spoken the ASB team. Dave Curtis asked to be involved in this if they are tenants. Paul Townley to send Dave Curtis the addresses to check if they are tenants.
- **Guest Speaker-** Cathy Varley from Locality came to speak to the JMC about governance, structures, and liabilities. Currently the structure that the JMC currently has is an historic set up, set up as JMC in partnership with WBC, to set up a community centre and work with youth and children's activities on the estate. However, this has changed in the last 20 odd years and there is currently no input from WBC into the JMC. Constitution has not been updated since 2010. The reps from the council should have been council officers not just councillors, as the councillors are representing the ward and not the council, also between the 3 councillors they only have one vote on the JMC.

The JMC currently is a charity but is unincorporated, this poses several problems around who is liable and this is currently the trustees of the charity. Cathy provided options for the charity,

- Becoming a company ltd by guarantee
- Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Cathy will send structure options after the meeting. JMC needs to have a think about what they believe would be the best, most effective structure to govern the organisation.

There is currently no lease or formal agreement with Wirral Council and the JMC.

There are complexities due to the council and the adventure playground which is a council funded project but is supported by a charity (LYPCA), the inception of the charity was for the adventure playground.

However, with the council and Wirral Evolutions potentially moving into the Wirral Radio space how will this impact on the JMC and how can we work with them. Cathy discussed approaching and setting up a formal agreement with the council around the JMC running the centre. This would safeguard the JMC and the community centre.

If you opened an CIO we could transfer all assets from LYPCA to the new CIO.

Board needs to look into succession planning for roles such as Chair, treasurer, secretary.

Cathy can support us on this journey, however the JMC needs to make the decision going forward with the structure of the organisation.

Treasurers report- delivered by Paul, minibus account has been closed and any additional monies have been transferred to the other account, accounts are being prepared with accountant. Unsuccessful with the SIA funding, we have met with the Cruyff foundation, and we believe we have a promise for the funding, which we need to put the bid in, however we need the costings first. Jenni Jones has heard that the council are also looking at a play zone in the area as well, so we need to find work with the council on this. We can also look at fundraising. Applied to the West Wallasey fund for £1000 for the addy. We also have trustee insurance which covers the trustees for any liabilities. AGM should be in September/October

Snr Playworker- has reported 2 repairs for equipment, this has been reported to the council. HAF ran through the half term. Looking to up the numbers for Summer. Michelle Langan due back in June.

Anita had asked if the Health and safety checks were up to date, there is concern the fire checks have not been done.

Take Risk group off agenda.

Autumn Club- Still running and providing food in house and delivered, Friday is the busiest day.

WDT- Jenni Jones fed back about the lack of funding for the trust and who she has applied for. Will apply for Summer HAF in partnership with the Addy and the football.

Prima Group-Asked PT for some photos from Easter, have provided money across the group, Emma Baxter was successful in obtaining money from Prima for an activity. Dave discussed the other pots of money that he has. No update on the Hive. Fly tipping is an issue across the estate at the moment. Big Door Knock is starting soon, this will provide Prima with valuable information for themselves and identify repairs, fly tipping.

Jenni Jones fed back email from Anita.

Next meeting -Thursday 6th June at 10.30 am