



*Leasowe Play Youth & Community Association  
Registered Charity Number 702959*

## **Minutes - JMC Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Attendees:** Paul Townley, Anita Leech, Jenni Jones, Angie Davies, Paul Jobson, Danny Mc Garry,

**Apologies:** Karl Greaney, Michelle Langan, Tina Amis.

- Minutes of the last meeting accepted
- JJ apologised for the confusion for the dates.
- No declarations of interest
- No actions from previous meeting.

**Health and Safety-** Addy has had a full outdoor inspection, some things Danny can fix some things are over to the council to fix. This needs to be reported to facilities and then the repair will be logged. The bushes by the side of the cable ride have not been maintained since Danny has been off, so this will be about £2k.

**Governance-** KG has met with TA and PT to discuss the governance of the JMC, Tina is currently a trustee, however she is currently running the shop and autumn club as a provider for the JMC. We are trying to find out who would be accountable for finance management of the autumn club and community shop. Possibly Tina could look at setting up as a CIC, this would then mean there is no risk or responsibility of the JMC. JJ has previously put in joint bids for WDT, LYPCA for things like the household support fund, however things like receipts and invoices need to be held by the accountable body.

KG is still unsure how the Adventure playground fits into the governance of the JMC. LYPCA was set up to run the adventure playground originally, however the relationship has changed and morphed over the years, with the council no longer sitting on the JMC. We are waiting for Michelle Langan to come back off sick.

WBC still maintains the community centre and funds the utilities, however there is no lease in place for LYPCA. We are not looking into an asset transfer from the council.

Proposal for Wirral Revolutions to take over the old Wirral Radio space, another proposal for a play zone to be put on some land between the community centre and the recreation centre. Proposals for work to be done to Claremount school, one-way system around the rec and other changes. The quote for the works to Wirral Radio as a new build for the community centre as well is £3 million. There is also potential for WDT to move over to Leasowe Community Centre to have one hub for the community. However, there is concerns on time scales for works and improvements as WDT is currently in financial difficulty and is running on reserves. David Ball who is also the driving force behind this is also retiring at the end of October and to lose his input could be detrimental. One solution is to invest LYPCA's reserves into employing a manager at Leasowe Community Centre, this could take some strain off Paul for his financial duties.

JJ could not progress the community ownership fund bid as we did not have enough of business case due to income from LYPCA, the fund is now closed due to change of government. Anita is concerned that use of reserves for a manager would be risky.

Governance wise we still need to look at changing to a CIO, however the purpose and role of LYPCA is still unclear, re with the relationship with the council.

AD asked about how much work goes into the CIO, JJ discussed that we would need a new bank account and would also need to discuss who the trustees would be; however, we would need more detailed financial reporting going forward. Discussion need to be made about the use of reserves, manager position and the relationship with the council/addy. Michelle Langan is crucial to these discussions. The purpose of manager would be to pick up all the work Tina does for the community centre as a volunteer, as well as Paul, also Tina could then look at the café being open, which she desires to do. Also, the council may at some point stop paying the bills for the community centre, so income generation is key to the future.

- AL stated the manager role would have to be self-funding as we do not want to eat into the reserves.
- PT delivered the treasurers report, currently we are in a healthy position, he has closed the minibus account as this is redundant.
- PT delivered the autumn club report, club is doing well, currently have different people coming on different days and still provide the meals on wheels service. Shop is also ticking over.
- DM delivered the playworker report, currently running the HAF programme which is going very well, numbers were reduced from 100 to 72, due to funding, the addy is getting pallets of food to be given out in September to the community.
- JJ delivered the information about Wirral Development Trust currently running on reserves and is looking for core funding but so far has not been successful.
- AL stated that footing have been started at the boxing club.
- PT has passed the accounts to the accountants, however has been able to go due to the loss of his dad. JMC was very sorry to hear about the loss of Billy Townley-long term volunteer of the community centre.
- AL asked about the Addys 50<sup>th</sup> celebration, did not get the West Wallasey money, however PT thinks we may have enough money to fund this. AL spoke about the Prima community fund which could be applied for by a tenant. JJ to send application form to DM. AD spoke about the councillor's fund as well. Also spoke about Shirley Ballas, possibly to come to the event or possibly donate or support the event.
- Councillors delivered report, there is problems with fly tipping, over growth and flooding, this is an ongoing problem.
- JJ discussed the fun day is the 21<sup>st</sup> August 12-4.
- AGM date to be set.