



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

## **Minutes - JMC Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Attendees:** Karl Greaney (Chair); Paul Townley, Cllr Angie Davies, Cllr Paul Jobson, Danny Mc Garry, Cllr Louise Luxon-Kewley

**Apologies:** Michelle Langan, Tina Amis. Dave Curtis; Ron Abbey Jennie Jones.

- Minutes of the last meeting will be circulated for any matters arising.
- No declarations of interest
- **Governance**

We have still not moved forward on this matter in relation changing from our current status of non-corporate into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). We are to make contact Cathy from Locality to gain further advice and to try and progress this matter. Karl has met with Vicky Shaw (WBC – Head of Governance) regarding the changes required to the constitution considering the currently process for ward Councillors being part of our organisation. Karl is also meeting with WBC Assets Team to discuss the current state of the community centre and what is their intention into the empty space left by the radio station, a refurbishment would be the minimum for this empty space so we can get it back in use for the community.

- **Adventure Playground**

Danny McGarry gave an update on the Early Voluntary Retirement scheme; he and Vera have been successful and awarded the EVR. They have met with Michelle Langan this week and she has confirmed that Danny and Vera will leave their posts on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Whilst this is good news for both members of staff, it leaves us in a difficult position, the summer holiday scheme commences that week and we do not know what (if any) the council has in place for the adventure playground. The ward councillors will take this matter up with Lizabeth Hartley and report back.

- **Centre Manager**

Rebecca Rourke withdrew from her appointment the week prior to her commencing her employment. This is disappointing as we will now have to commence the whole process again to recruit to the post. Paul Townley has signed a service level agreement with Forum Housing to provide DBS and payroll services for LPYCA. He has also obtained a business account with Vodafone for an 18-month contract. The only outstanding item is the Pension scheme, we will be registering with NEST which will allow us to enter our centre manager onto a pension scheme.

- **Finance Report – Paul Townley**

**The current balances are:**

- Current Account £ 63, 871.12
- Savings account £ 119, 518.11

The balances above show a healthy financial position, we were successful in gaining the Henry Smith Foundation grant balance from WDT of £56,400. This is earmarked for the appointment of a centre manager. Work has commenced to proceed with this project. I have signed an SLA with Forum Housing to provide payroll and DBS services. I have obtained an 18-month mobile phone contract with Vodafone. The funding is in situ for a 2-year period from commencement of the centre manager post. The balance has been put into the savings account at present and is attracting some interest income!

I have completed work on our end of year accounts and they are currently with the auditor.

We are still attracting a more interest in our centre being hired by various groups since the closure of the Millennium Centre. This should see an increase in our income from hiring out the community centre.

The Adventure Playground and Autumn Club take most of my time up and the community continues to support local residents and groups which is increasing since the closure of WDT.

In relation to money held on account, currently we hold the following income:

- £30, 510 (from closure of WDT) £20,000 ringfenced for Cruyff application
- £52,400 (Henry Smith Fund – community centre manager post)
- £30,000 (Reserve Policy)

- **Health and Safety** – No issues raised.

- **AOB**

1. The proposed Well Being Project for the community centre has stalled. Karl will be meeting with Andy Keog (WBC) to get an update on the community centre.
2. Cllr Angie Davies has met with Jean Stevens – Wirral Evolutions, currently there is no funding in place to go forward with the integration of Wirral Evolutions into the community centre.

**Date of next meeting:** This will be agreed following the various meetings have taken place