

Leasowe Community Centre Trust

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Minutes of Leasowe Community Centre Trust held on

Thursday 18th December 2025.

Apologies: Jenni Jones

Present: Karl Greaney (Chair); Paul Townley (Treasurer); Marie Scott (Centre Manager); Cllr Paul Jobson; Cllr Angie Davies; Cllr Louise Luxon-Kewley.

Declarations of interest: None

Minutes of last meeting: 16th October 2025 – agreed

Matters arising: WBC have put on hold the moving of the library from the Millennium Centre to the community centre until a decision is confirmed on the future use of the community centre.

Governance: The LPYCA JMC will now cease to exist with the formation of the new CIO, the severance of the Adventure Playground is now complete with Gautby Road now managing all aspects of the adventure playground. There are plans in place to close LPYCA with HSBC and The Charity Commission. Work is ongoing with the auditor to complete an audit of the accounts to identify what money needs to be transferred to Gautby Rd in respect of the adventure playground. Once this is complete, work will commence on closing LPYCA down. The new bank accounts are set up on-line and ready to go.

Community Centre: The Council have made it clear that there are only 2 options on the table for the future of the building; the options are: **a)** Asset Transfer the building or **b)** Complete closure of the building. It has been difficult in getting exact running costs of the building from WBC; it is estimated that we would need in the region of £20,000 per annum to keep the building open.

Centre Manager Report: Marie Scott gave a verbal report; Marie is working with The Hive with a view to carrying out some youth outreach work. We are attracting interest from groups hiring the community centre for courses; this is seeing an increase in hire income over the year.

Treasurers Report: Paul Townley produced his report, he confirmed that the accounts are up to date and ready for an audit to be completed. He is waiting for a reply to an outstanding invoice from Chester Zoo, this relates to the HAF summer program. The on-line accounts for Leasowe Community Trust are set up with HSBC. Once the audit is complete, LPYCA accounts will be closed and the money transferred across. It was agreed that money set aside for the Cruyff Foundation pitch would be kept by the Trust and paid directly to Cruyff Foundation once the project is underway.

Health & Safety Nothing to report; Marie is carrying out weekly H&S checks; she is also conducting H&S briefings with the groups using the building.

Safeguarding Lead: Marie Scott will be designated as the safeguarding Lead for the Trust. We will look at on-line courses to bring her up to date with procedures etc.

AOB: It was agreed that we look at updating the current website for the new Trust.

Paul will discuss with Forum Housing the issue of sick pay as Marie Scott has pre-planned surgery in January 2026.

Actions:

- 1) Karl will invite interested parties in the new year to discuss their plans/proposals in relation to use of the community centre and derelict radio station space.
- 2) The view would be to form a consortium of interested parties to move forward on asset transfer of the building.
- 3) Karl to contact Asset team at WBC and update them on our proposals.
- 4) Paul to email Cathy Varley (Locality) to enquire about membership for the Trust.
- 5) After will be sent to JMC members confirming closure and thanking them for their support over the years.

Date of next meeting: **To be confirmed.**