

Leasowe Community Centre Trust

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Minutes of Leasowe Community Centre Trust held on

Thursday 14th May 2026.

Apologies: Cllr Angie Davies

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

Declarations of interest: None

Minutes of last meeting: 18th December 2025 – agreed

Matters arising: The library from the Millennium Centre is now in situ in the community centre.

Governance: Community Centre: the present situation regarding the community centre remains unclear; Les Rowlands & Chris Jones

(Just Wirral Hub C.I.C) have had meetings with Steve McMorron (WBC) and presented plans to them regarding the radio station space; it is the view of the council that the plans have some merit. They currently have in the region of £140k with the projected costs for the project is around £700k. The consortium is looking at the council funding the shortfall of £560k, which the trust board believes is not feasible given the financial position the council find themselves in. We will wait to hear from Steve McMorron before we move forward on this matter. In the meantime, discussions will continue with the Kingdom Life Church and Gautby Rd Playcentre.

The Trust board will look at designing an Operational Plan for the community centre going forward

The Council have made it clear that there are only 2 options on the table for the future of the community centre; the options are: **a)** Asset Transfer the building or **b)** Complete closure of the building. This position has not changed.

Centre Manager Report:

Marie Scott gave a verbal report; We are still attracting interest from various groups wishing to hire the community centre for courses; this is seeing an increase in hire income over the year. The Autumn Club remains an obstacle to future bookings due

to the restrictive practice and amount of space they hold within the community centre.

Treasurers Report:

Paul Townley produced his report, he confirmed that the accounts are up to date and ready for an audit. The audit will be completed if required by the charity commission.

The majority of our funds are being kept in our savings account; this is due to decent interest return each month; since January we have earned £362. We currently see £110,710 in restricted funding.

It was confirmed 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 confirmed/completed.

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. There are issues with the community shop, Marie has no access to the shop. This does cause issues with access when required for inspections etc. Cllr Louise Luxon-Kewley stated that as the building is owned by WBC, the centre manager should have access (to all areas). It was agreed that Tina should make a key to the community shop available to the centre manager. If this is refused, we will arrange a locksmith and have the locks changed.

Safeguarding Lead:

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

AOB:

It was agreed that we look at refreshing the current Asset list for the community centre.

The Trust board will devise a Trustee Pack which will be used to develop new trustees.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th July 2026.