

Leasowe Community Centre Trust

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Minutes of Leasowe Community Centre Trust held on

Thursday 16th July 2026.

Apologies: Louise Luxon-Kewley. Jenni Jones; Paul Jobson

Present: Karl Greaney (Chair); Paul Townley (Treasurer); Marie Scott (Centre Manager); Angie Davies; Nicky Proctor; Kathryn Runswick.

Declarations of interest: None

Karl welcomed Nicky Proctor and Kathy Runswick to the meeting, they applied for the posts and are new Trustees of the board. An induction day will be arranged for all Trustee board members to get together.

Minutes of last meeting: 11th May 2026 – agreed

Matters arising: A fresh asset list for the community centre needs to be completed. A Trustee pack is to be produced.

Governance: **Community Centre:** the present situation regarding the community centre, the building remains owned by the Council; their clear strategy is to asset transfer the building which must include the radio station space/area. To date the Trust board has refused this option.

Karl Greaney and Paul Townley had a meeting with Steve McMorran (WBC) on the 9th July 2026 to discuss the current situation; the trust confirmed with him that asset transfer would not be agreed. He discussed the option of the council 'gifting' the building to the trust in an effort to move forward with the project; if this option was agreed by WBC, the trust board would meet with all interested parties to agree a service level agreement for the development of the community centre. This SLA would have to be agreed with WBC. The interested parties are Just Entertainment; ExtravAdance and Kingdom Life Church. If the building was 'gifted' to the Trust and if at any time in the future the project failed to meet the expectations of the SLA and full refurbishment of the community centre. There will be a process and procedure for the Trust board to relinquish the community centre and formally hand back the whole of the building.

Centre Manager Report:

Marie Scott gave a verbal report; We are still attracting interest from various groups wishing to hire the community centre; this is seeing an increase in hire income over the year. We are

seeing various organisations using the community centre to meet individual clients (smoking cessation) and group meetings (diabetic). It is important that we maintain usage for local residents. Kathy Runswick asked if we kept data for attendees of the centre as this is important data that can be used for funding opportunities. Marie states she keeps certain data but will look at improving on this matter. Karl requested Marie to open some dialogue with The Henry Smith Foundation to see if they will extend the current grant for her post which is due to end in June 2027.

Treasurers Report:

I have been working with the accountant, all my accounts are up to date and draft end of year audit is now complete. This audit of accounts is required by the Charity Commission for ***Leasowe Community Centre Trust***. It is also important as this will be the first set of audited accounts for the new Trust.

The majority of our funds are being kept in our savings account; this is due to a decent interest return each month;

Whilst we have a healthy amount in the savings account, the following designated £85,375 is accounted for with the remaining amount £31,550 being restricted funding for the Trust. The finances carried across into this financial year shows the money transferred across from LPYCA to the new Trust, this has been completed with the auditor and shows a majority of funding is for designated funding relating to items for individual user groups.

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 as the designated safeguarding Lead for the Trust. No issues to date.

AOB:

The Autumn Club are currently having difficulties getting a driver for the minibus due to volunteer holidays; work is on-going to resolve this issue. The community shop is seeing a big drop in footfall; Tina is looking at the issues and trying to improve the current situation.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th September 2026.