



JMC minutes-Thursday 8th December 2022

Attendees: Jane Davies-Chair, Jenni Jones-WDT-Secretary, Paul Townley-Treasurer, Karl Greaney, Angie Davies, Lol Mousdale- Leasowe Allotments, Terry Finlay-Boxing Club, Anita Leech-Deputy chair,

Apologies-Prima Group, Danny McGarry-Addy, Tina Amis, Helen Collinson

Group discussed the visit to Leasowe Early years and the potential for both LPYCA and WDT to move together and provide one service. The visit was not very successful as the space that we were offered is not sufficient for both organisations and we would not have access to the kitchen or other facilities. Paul Caldwell WBC came to LMC and WDT after the meeting to look at our existing space and requirements. The question of asset transfer was brought up and the potential for the community centre to be asset transferred however this needs more looking into. There is potential for the Millennium Centre to be asset transferred however there is significant investment needed to get the building to a suitable standard.

Paul has prepared a document for the council, and he is to send to the council, JMC has given the cut-off date as a week from today and he will then send it on to Paul Caldwell. Talked about the potential impact on the boxing club and the allotments with the children moving into Leasowe Early years from the Observatory School.

Minutes of last meeting approved. Jane questioned whether we had moved forward with the bank, Barclays have suspended any new charity accounts, Paul will go to Metro bank to see if they will open an account. Wall has been fixed outside.

Paul T delivered the treasurers report. Busy with the risk group and progress with the early years as detailed above. PT to send the document to Jeanette Royale. Jenni Jones to send to PT potential bids that could be put in for. Any remedial work that needs to be done to the buildings needs listing. Been successful with another round of HAF funding for the kids. Christmas event on the 17th of December at the addy.

Sue Allan is providing a feeding event on the 28th of Dec for local people to attend over Christmas.

Autumn Club Christmas party will be funded by Co-op next week.

Currently no representation from the council on the JMC, Paul to chase Fergus Adams.

Anita Leech asked if the building is COVID compliant and Paul said that it had been assessed by WBC.

However as this is a community asset this is compliant while LMC still has restrictions in place.

Paul T and Jenni Jones delivered playworker report, support is being given to Vera and Kane, Paul T is producing ID badges for volunteers and staff. Jenni Jones is still waiting for the planter and Memorial wall to be made.

Paul T delivered Autumn Club report, club is going well and so is the social supermarket.

Jenni Jones delivered WDT report, Prima not funding next year, so looking at different funding streams, been successful with £50k for gas and electric and food for the social supermarket, this is a Wirral wide project. Has applied for another grant for light bulbs, maidens, blankets, slow cookers, Paul T has put in for the same grant. Lol allotments offered to help pack and deliver winter warmer packs

Anita Leech fed back from Prima-Rent cap at 7%, so money is down for Prima, Prima has created a helping hand hardship fund for people who are unable to pay rents. Prima is doing a door knock for self-payers in January to support people. This is for people who may be in arrears for the first time but due to the cost of living this is happening. Prima has a new app that is being trialled this is real time and is online so encouraged people to use it. Petra and customer voice has dropped off again, they are looking to try to get more people involved. That had been some confusion about dates of meeting and attendance. Prima is moving out of LMC and will be moving to the pop-up shop after the end of March. First hand over of new properties will be in January, the first 3 properties have been advertised. Jane offered to get more people involved in the Petra board. Louise Hooton (Prima Group) has left on redundancy and her role has been merged with the development manager role. Sarah Murphy housing officer has also left. Prima has started a hoarding support group for local people. A new customer satisfaction survey will be delivered to local people. **JJ asked Anita for feedback from the survey that Prima did for WDT.**

- **Council** is under massive amounts of pressure due to funding at the moment. There may be services that are currently offering which may be lost. There may be many options on the table for the council to save money. KG brought up the issue of 100 children being brought to the estate for the Observatory School overspill and how this may affect the estate as a whole. 3 Primary schools have now all have nurseries, however there is no 0-2 provision on the estate.
- **Boxing Club**, confirmed successful with the police money to provide activities for teenagers across the estate, will be putting development nights on for young people. Is currently fundraising and still doing the fun run in memory of Brett Jones. New club is in the process of being looked into a plan have been drawn up.
- **Allotments** delivered report, 3 plot members were recognised for work within the community and were presented with certificates by the mayor. Cleaned up of the area, cleaned the tire planters. Have cut the trees back. Allotments are going to buy some seeds in preparation for the plants for the In Bloom competition next year. Allotments have concerns with the observatory school being moved to the early years.
- **AOB**-Paul Townley asked to change the headed note paper to a new design. There were some concerns about the design and the amount of colour that would be needed. People agreed to go away and think about another design.
- Date of the next meeting-**Thursday 26th January 2023** at 10.30 at Leasowe Community Centre.