



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

## **JMC Minutes May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Attendees:** Anita Leech-Deputy Chair, Jenni Jones-Secretary, Paul Townley-Treasurer, Karl Greaney, Michelle Langan, Lol Mousdale, Terry Finlay, Tina Amis, Cllr Angie Davies.

**Invited guests-**Peter Wright and Barry Fox.

**Apologies-** Helen Collison (She will be stepping down from the JMC), Paul Jobson, Louise Luxon-Kewley.

- Minutes of last meeting approved.

**Matters arising-** Bins update, the infrastructure for the bins has been put in place. No updates on CCTV and lighting. Karl Greaney has been chasing this with Wirral Borough Council Assets team unfortunately several meetings have been cancelled by the assets team, Karl is asking whether he should make a formal complaint on behalf of the JMC and WDT. As these decisions about the assets is something that we need to move forward with as soon as possible as we do not have the time that local authorities have. Barry Fox offered cameras and CCTV for the community centre.

- Peter Wright and Barry Fox introduced themselves and the purpose of their work with the Health and Wellbeing board and creating a platform for communities to have their voice heard. Discussed the role of their work in regards to Leasowe. -Peter to send out the plan that has been put the Health and Wellbeing board.

Michelle fed back on the youth meetings and the progress that has been made. The next steps will be planning current provision and looking at gaps in service.

IT policy and insurance has been approved, new IT equipment insurance is in place, this has not been captured on the minutes. Insurance is due to renewal later this year.

- Shed funding has been acquired for the allotments, however they are still looking for a container.
- No correspondence.

**Treasurers report:** Paul Townley delivered his report, healthy position, accounts are now at the auditor's office, this will give us a break down of restricted funds. Computer systems are up and running for the digital connectivity programme. Applying for funding from the Co-op, youth diversion fund is also out for summer.

**Snr Playworker report** delivered by Paul Townley, hopefully Danny would be returning back to work by the end of the month. Steve Chan will be leaving his post at the council soon, so the direct oversight will move to Michelle Langan this will involve the management of the play service.

**Tina Amis-** talked about the autumn club and what is achieved each week, party for the coronation for the pensioners.

**Jenni Jones-** discussed the partnership working with WDT and LYCPA, undertaking our social value report, this year it will involve the community centre and building up a bigger picture of the value of the work that estate does. The library will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023, the library will be self-service with a new RFID machine with some food and the library will be open 5 days per week and all day, we will work with the schools to come in for story time and building the service back up. On Friday we have the Eurovision Egg on display and this is a competition that was launched by WBC. Jamie the new youth worker is working on the estate in the evening and is working with young people to develop the youth provision, he is using the youth survey to talk to local young people and find out about what youth activities are needed on the estate.

Jenni Jones-Fed back Prima's report, hope to be in the new shop by the end of June, want the shop open to be open a number of days in the week but we are still working on staffing for this. New builds are being allocated, there has been delays with utilities and council services. Pilot phase of the big door knock and the results will be analysed and then looked into the next phase of the big door knock.

Anita is chair of the customer voice board, with issues coming through from the tenant's association, Anita can pick this up and feed this back to the board. Anita asked all members of the JMC to look at the booklet and to feedback on things that are not in. Government has recommended a 7% rent increase; business case has been made to mitigate this. There is a hardship fund set up through the housing officers and income officers to access this. Jenny Devon has been promoted and is now the Manager of the tenancy support team.

**Health and Safety** -nothing to report, but the JMC are still unaware who should be representing WBC on the JMC. Karl Greaney to go back to Fergus Adams as to who should be the contact.

**Angie Davies-** Delivered the councillors report, fed back about the local elections. New mayor will be Gerry Williams. First election were people had to take photo ID and information was collected as to how many people were turned away due to not having ID with them. The 2 new councillors are now working with the area, they will be out visiting groups and people to introduce themselves

**Terry Finlay-** delivered the boxing club report, they had their show in March and the Brett Jones 10k fun run will take place on Saturday, this fun run takes place to raise money for pancreatic cancer research. Barry Fox and Terry were able to link in. Terry has funding from the police and has been running sessions for the youth on a Friday afternoon. Michelle talked about the rep Emily who is a female boxer and could link in with Terry Finlay. Phil Cardus from the rugby club has been in touch with Terry about running some sessions.

**Lol Mousdale** fed back the allotments report, thanked Anita for her support with the shed on the site. Lol thanked Karl for his support with the fencing and some of the trees bollarded. Thanked Angie for the support with the container, Lol asked for support with getting toilet facilities at the allotments as there is no current facilities.