



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

JMC minutes-11th January 2024 held at Leasowe Community Centre.

Attendees:

Jenni Jones-Secretary, Paul Townley-Treasurer, Anita Leech-Deputy Chair, Danny McGarry-Snr Play worker, Dave Curtis-Community and Cohesion Officer, Prima Group, Michelle Langan-Youth and Communities Manager, Paul Jobson-councillor

Apologies:

Karl Greaney, Angie Davies, Louise Luxon Kewley, Tina Amis, Angela Dodson

- Jenni Jones records the minutes on her phone for the purpose of the minutes.
- **Minutes for last meeting**
Approved. **Carried forward Risk assessment and the pollarding of the trees at Observatory School-Angie Davies to look at.**
- **Correspondence** None
- **Treasurers Report**

Paul Townley provided an updated treasurers report. Copies of the report are available on request.

- ***Michelle Langan WBC***

Discussed the potential use of the boxing club in Leasowe for her project, Catch 22 has also spoken to Michelle around the use of the boxing club in the day for specific work with children who are at risk of county lines involvement. -Paul Townley to speak to Terry Finlay outside of the meeting and will pick this up with Terry. Anita discussed that this would have to be hired and costings applied. Jenni and Michelle are meeting with Emily Harding on Friday night and would also like to utilise the boxing club for sessions with young people. Anita suggested this could be something that Prima funds, Dave is open to suggestions on this.

Michelle's role has changed and the set-up of Youth and Children's services has also changed and will be going into MDT teams.

- **Snr Playworker report**

Danny McGarry-delivered his report, the Addy has undertaken all the usual events that would normally happen during the year, such as HAF, Christmas and Halloween Party. There has been some damage to some equipment, Paul said that there is funding available

to buy a new telly as Wirral Development Trust had already bought one. Danny is also looking to get some Perspex for the front of the televisions to avoid damage in the future.

Development and vision around the role of play and how these fit into the wider plan of Children's services. Danny talked about raising the profiles of all the play centres, and the fact that the roles of his staff and himself are so much more than playworkers, the work that is done with WDT and community centre and how all this fit into the wider strategy of supporting people and families in Leasowe.

Danny discussed the idea of getting the MUGA done up as this has been an aspiration for a long time, this was discussed at the youth meeting in October and Dave Curtis had suggested some pots of money.

This needs to be progressed at the next youth meeting-**Michelle to set the date for this.**

Danny discussed the fly tipping and the mess left from the bonfire and this has been reported to the council several times and still not been cleaned up, had funded a skip and moved the bulk of the items in front of the addy, but there is lots more all in the field.

Jenni Jones discussed the community ownership fund and the Hub idea, as Danny had not been present at previous meetings, all parties agreed that this was a good idea and to keep pursuing this. Dave Curtis asked if this is the case could Prima be considered for the construction of this build, using local labour and training people up to upskill and provide local employment for the area. Jenni Jones discussed the designation of a family hub for Leasowe and what this means for the centre.

Jenni Jones discussed the progress that has been made with the council, but the agreement with the JMC and WDT and the community, to progress this further, as it would not be an asset transfer as this is not what is wanted, so an organisation would have to take on the lease if the bid was successful, however LYPCA is not set up as an incorporated company and would therefore not be able to take on the lease. WDT does not want to take the lease either as this is partnership working, so the suggestion would be that we open a separate organisation purely to hold the lease of the community centre. This would be made up of people from the JMC and WDT. **JMC agreed this was a good idea.**

Dave Curtis discussed his offer for coming to the youth club to talk about his journey in life at any event and pulling in more local role models. Also added that Prima and himself are open to be part of a bigger strategic bid around ASB, youth and communities.

Jenni Jones detailed that the HAF bid is out for Easter, this will encompass the addy, library and the football club. Jenni Jones is taking a group of teenagers on a residential in the February half term, this is for teens who have been on HAF programme before. Anita spoke that the YMCA has a barge that is available for rent.

JMC discussed the fly tipping and rubbish that has been left after the bonfire, this was done by a 14-year-old who built the bonfire, Danny proposed a barrier being put up to stop this,

however WDT had already paid for a skip and removed rubbish and this was an impact for the Addy and the school. However, the rubbish has been reported several times to the council and this still has not been removed.

Paul Jobson-has already reported the rubbish and the fly tipping a number of times and this has still not been removed by Biffa-**Paul Jobson to chase again.**

Jenni Jones Fed back on the successful hamper scheme for Christmas and this worked well.

- **AOB:**
- LYPCA will buy the TV for the Addy as one has been broken.
- Paul stated there is funding to buy another Xbox for the addy.
- WDT to purchase a PS5 for the youth group.

- **Date of meeting:**

Thursday 7th March; 10-30am at Leasowe Community Centre