



JMC Minutes-9th July 2025

- **Attendees:** - Karl Greaney-Chair, Paul Townley-Treasurer, Cllr Louise Luxon Kewley, Cllr Paul Jobson; Cllr Angie Davies, Danny McGarry-Leasowe Adventure Playground; Michelle Langan WBC; Marie Scott Centre Manager.
- **Apologies-** Jenni Jones-Secretary, Tina Amis; Cllr Anita Leech; Dave Curtis-Prima group.
- Minutes of last meeting approved
- Declarations of Interest: None.
- Matters arising: None
- **Adventure Playground-** We were successful in securing HAF funding for the 6-week school holiday period; the funding will support families for 4 weeks (out of the 6) with play provision and a hot meal each day. The funding will see 16 days covered by the funding. An issue has arisen whereby the council have brought forward the dates for Danny & Vera to cease their employment under Early Voluntary Retirement. The date is the 25th July which is the end of the first week of the holiday period. Urgent work is on-going with WBC to overcome the possibility of having to close the playground from the 29th July 2025. Parents and children have shown concern at the possibility of the playground closing at such a critical date. WBC have confirmed that there will be some delivery of play services at the Addy going forward; Gautby Rd through their CEO Luke O'Dowd are looking at procuring staffing through funding from the council to employ staff for the remaining period of the school holidays. We are assured that there will be some form of play provision over the school holidays.

Treasurers report- produced a report and delivered to the meeting by Paul. Accounts have been audited and a draft set of accounts will be ready by the end of July. Following recommendations by the auditor, we have looked at all the money held on account for various projects which have now concluded; the aim is to consolidate these and distribute the money to the current users of the centre. This work will show in the audited accounts. A copy of the report is available on request.

Autumn Club- Still running and providing food in house and delivered, Friday is the busiest day. We have commenced with having 'days out' with the pensioners, the last one saw the pensioners having a day out at Bury Market. We are still getting referrals from partner organisations.

C.I.O – Work is on-going for the application for LPYCA to become a CIO with the Charity Commission. Once this is approved LPYCA and its charity number 702959 will be closed

down and a new charity number issued for the new organisation – *Leasowe Community Centre Trust*. A new constitution is being drawn up to reflect more accurately the new organisation. Karl will discuss

The process will include transferring all the current assets and finances across to the new organisation. The Adventure Playground will cease to be part of the new organisation as the building and staff are funded by WBC which causes issues in relation to governance of the new CIO. We will have to work on attracting new Trustees to the new organisation.

Karl met with Prima Housing in relation to the current state of the empty space with the old radio station. They will look at the feasibility in having the space refurbished, they will report back on this matter. Kingdom Life Church have expressed an interest in the old radio station with a view to refurbishing the open space.

Centre Managers Report: Marie Scott introduced herself after her appointment as centre manager from the 1st July 2025. She is currently working on the following initiatives:

- Setting up a family hub within the community centre. There will be a site visit planned for the 24th July to review this.
- The local police team have been in to see if it possible to have a drop-in service for residents.
- Prima Fun day planning is under way, 21st August is the date
- Volunteer to deal with the library services has been sought
- Kings Trust; they are providing volunteers for the Autumn Club
- Marie has met with Jonny – Vicar at St Chads to discuss local services
- Food bank vouchers are now available at the centre for clients.
- Benefits & employment advice still being delivered Wednesday & Friday at the centre.

- **Safeguarding / H&S issues** Non to report

- **AOB**

1. Request to look at current insurance policies in place
2. Do we need employer's liability insurance?
3. We need to appoint a new Safe Guarding lead due to Danny McGarry retiring
4. Michelle Langan will raise the issues of insurance policies with WBC
5. Ring Doorbell for foyer/entrance area

Next meeting – To be confirmed, the AGM will also be arranged with the next JMC meeting.