



Joint Management Committee Meeting - Minutes - 16th October 2025

Attendees:

Karl Greaney-Chair, Paul Townley-Treasurer, Marie Scott – Centre Manager, Councillor, Angela Davies, Dave Curtis-Prima Group.

Apologies

Danny McGarry; Anita Leech, Cllr Paul Jobson; Jennie Jones; Cllr Louise Luxon-Kewley.

- **Meeting was opened by** Chair-Karl Greaney
- **Declarations of interest:** None
- **Minutes from last meeting:** Circulated
- **Matters Arising** Nothing raised

Treasurers report-

Paul produced a brief report and highlighted some points for the members to note. There is no Halloween funding this year, so we will not be doing any youth diversion activities.

Since the end of July, the adventure playground has been managed by Gautby Road, they are now the complete 'owner' and manage the Addy. I have notification through the Holiday Activity Fund that we will receive just on an additional £4,000 for the summer activity, this is based on the number of attendances during the 6-week period.

Once the new CIO is set up, my accounts are up to date and a mini audit can take place to identify what funds are owed to the adventure playground. It was agreed that the £4,000 can be paid across and the reminder will follow once the CIO is up and running. This will see a complete severance of the Addy from LPYCA and the new organisation.

Autumn Club

Still running and providing food in house and delivered (if required), 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. The volunteers have now re-opened the Café which is slowly building up.

C.I.O Update – The application for LPYCA to become a CIO with the Charity Commission has now been approved by the Charity Commission. The new charity number is 1214971. Work is now on-going to close down LPYCA and its charity number 702959. The new CIO will be known as – ***Leasowe Community Centre Trust***.

Karl has met with the council who agreed to become partners of the new organisation, since that meeting WBC have changed their minds they are proposing 2 options **A)** Asset

transfer of the building **B)** Closure of the building. Estimates to run the building are in the region of £80 to £90,000 per annum. Karl's view which is based upon the current work practices of WBC (and experience) is that we continue to close LPYCA and move forward with the new CIO including bank accounts.

Cllr Angie Davies stated that currently WBC are in dire straits financially, it is possible that WBC could be bankrupt at the end of this financial year. This would have serious consequences for WBC (commissioners brought in to run the council) and many organisations such as ours will suffer. Cllr Davies asked if we could map out what finances we have coming, this was agreed.

- It was agreed that we continue with the setting up of the new CIO with HSBC, open/transfer banks accounts with new mandate and a debit-card, once this is complete a meeting will be set up to form a Board of Trustees.

Centre Managers Report:

Marie is currently working on the following initiatives:

- Identifying groups and organisations to increase the hiring of the centre.
- Volunteer to deal with the library services has been sought
- Christmas craft fair is planned for the 22nd November.
- 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. There has been no movement on the Library being installed into the community centre. Karl will email Cllr Ian Lewis.
2. We need to look at the Website, it will require updating - agreed
3. We need to appoint a new Safe Guarding lead due to Danny McGarry retiring
4. Ring Doorbell for foyer/entrance area

Next meeting – To be confirmed.