



Longbarn Residents Association

Representing Anderson Close, Blackburne Close, Burnet Close, Carpenter Grove, Church Drive, Duckworth Grove, Fallowfield Grove, Freshfields Drive, Guildford Close, Lovage Close, Mayberry Grove, Mullion Grove, Oxmead Close, Pasture Lane, Peasley Close, Saffron Close, Sage Close, Sorrell Close, Station Road South and West View.

Charity Number – 1170309

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2017 in Padgate Village Club.

Present (13): Dermott Lappin, Geoff Orange, Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Linda Lappin, Rosa Dale, Christopher Merritt, John Hill, Howard Klein, Bob McLaughlin, Raj Asani, Jack Buonanducci, and Pauline Buonanducci

Apologies (1): Lynn Colter-Howard.

2. Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on the website.

3. There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence – the only piece of correspondence was that dated 22nd November 2016 from the Charity Commission who had awarded LRA Charitable Status (Registered Charity Number 1170309). This was noted

5. Committee and Sub-Committee Membership – It was noted that some LRA sub-committees had not met for some time and that the idea of them providing for LRA some information on matters that needed attention and also providing new items of interest on which LRA could concentrate to improve Longbarn was not happening. Chairmen were reminded that it was necessary to keep their sub-committees active and that this item would be included on the next full meeting agenda on 12th January 2017 to see if more volunteers could be recruited for both the LRA Committee and its sub-committees.

6. Friends of Padgate Station – a. LRA had been invited to a meeting called by WBC at Fearnhead Community Centre on 18th January 2017 at 7pm at which there would be £1k of funds up for allocation. Bob McLaughlin and Geoff Orange would be attending to attempt to get funding for the Artist that we wished to use at Padgate Station. Other Committee Members were encouraged to attend to show that LRA had a real interest in obtaining funding for this project.

b. There was a Planning Application in for Housing on Millman's Land at Padgate Station. As it was not thought that this would now prejudice the Bus Stop planned by WBC for the station it was agreed that no action should be taken.

7. Away Day – Funding had been received for an "Away Day" from the Lottery and was deemed to be a very necessary part of our new Charitable Status. It was suggested that this could be held on Sunday 19th February 2017. It was agreed that such an event should

be arranged and that Bryan Dargie of Warrington Voluntary Action should lead the Day at a cost of £250 payable to Warrington Voluntary Action. It was impressed on members that this was a very important event for LRA and that all Committee Members should make every effort to attend. Several venues were discussed and it was finally agreed that the event should be held at Birchwood Golf Club from 9.30am on 19th February 2017 and that the Chairman (GO) should finalise the details of the booking, keeping members aware of details. It was agreed that, due to their involvement with LRA website, Ukulele Club and Afternoon Tea, that Ron & Sheila Westwood be invited to this Away Day.

8. Land Trust (LT) – a. It was noted that the LT had donated a replacement Christmas Tree on Harpers Road that had recently been planted by Contractors.

b. It was noted that the LRA had helped considerably with the resolution of the problem with the Trees at 16/18 Mayberry Grove. HCA had promised work to considerably help with this problem and this would be carried out before the end of March 2017. Credit should be given to LT and LRA when this work has been completed.

c. At a meeting with LT the Landscaping & Tree Policy had been discussed. LT agreed to look at individual items of concern whilst it had no funding to carry out a full survey of the Estate. It was agreed that this should be aired at the next meeting of LRA on 12th January 2017. It was agreed that we should thank LT for the work on the shrubbery on Harpers Road which had recently been carried out to a high standard.

9. Proposed Play Area – Fallowfield Grove: It was noted that WBC had decided to gift the land to Muir Housing at no cost provided it was used for Community Purposes. Nothing more had been heard. It was agreed to ask Muir Housing how this was now to be progressed.

10. Charitable Status – Now that LRA had this it was understood that it might be possible now to collect Gift Aid on any donations given to LRA. The Treasurer was asked to enquire as to the process that would enable LRA to start to receive this additional funding from the Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

11. Social – a. Trip to York – excellent Trip but the coach seating arrangements were criticised and it was agreed that LRA should not use this particular 72 seater coach on future trips.

b. Future Quiz Nights - it was agreed that these should continue on a 2-monthly basis from a date to be agreed between the Treasurer (DL) and the Chairman (GO). The members to be informed of the start date.

c. Christmas Raffle 2016 – The gross take was reported as £666 and it was agreed that this was worthwhile and that a future Raffle should take place in 2017.

d. Community Fun Day – it was reported that New Horizons School had agreed to the use of the School Field on Saturday 20th May 2017 from 12 noon to 4pm. It was agreed that arrangements should now be started to plan for this event.

12. Friday Afternoons – David Pearson reported that he had been advised of funds from “Active Cheshire” that could be made available for the over 50’s to meet and socialise. For example, as well as Tea, Coffee etc. “sitting exercises” could be arranged with a qualified

Tutor. It might also be possible to show a movie using the new equipment that LRA have purchased. It was agreed that this idea should be taken forward to see if there was enough interest to start these new activities.

13. Next Litter Pick to be held on 21st January 2017 meeting at Pasture Lane Shop at 10.30am. Many more volunteers needed. The problem is getting out of hand despite other residents voluntarily litter picking throughout the week. It was agreed to have this on the agenda for the full meeting on 12th January 2017.

15. WBC had said they would install 4 Litter Bins on Harpers Road and collect from them on a weekly basis but that they should be purchased by LRA in the sum of £150 each. It was agreed to ask the meeting on 12th January 2017 for authority to pursue.

16. AOB – The question of Parking on the Pasture Lane shop Car Park was raised. It was confirmed that the Car Park is owned by the Landlord of the Shop. It appears to be the case that residents of Muir Houses, Golden Gates Houses and Other Owner Occupiers think that they have a right to park on this Car Park. The matter is now getting out of hand and LRA were asked if they could help find a resolution. It was agreed that to move things forward LRA could attempt to broker a meeting with Muir Housing, Golden Gates Housing, Owner Occupiers and the Shop Landlord in an attempt to resolve this issue.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.