



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 15th June 2017 in Padgate Village Club.

Present (11): Dermott Lappin, Geoff Orange, Lynn Colter-Howard, Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Linda Lappin, Christopher Merritt, Raj Asani, Jack Buonanducci, Pauline Buonanducci, John Hill.

Apologies (3): Bob McLaughlin, Rosa Dale, Ann Sudlow.

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

3. Matters arising - there were no matters arising.

4. Treasurers Report – The Treasurer reported the balances in both of our Accounts was in good shape. The Lottery Fund money needs to be transferred to the Main Account and it was agreed that the Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chair and David Pearson meet to do this.

5. Report back on Community Fun Day 2017 – it was agreed that this event had been a success with a Gross Total taken of £854. Discussion took place about the date of our next Fun Day. It was agreed to stick with the current position in the calendar and to investigate whether a Large Marquee could be loaned in the event of Bad weather. It was also agreed to speak with the man with the Fair Rides who had said that he could help us with both the Fun Day and the Fireworks Night. **(The 2018 Fun Day would be on 19th May 2018 – subject to agreement by the School)**

6. Planters upkeep – it was reported that the Planters had been re-planted for the North West in Bloom judging. Help was needed to water and volunteers were accepted for this work. Still need volunteer to water the two planters near to Guildford Close.

7. Landscaping Works – it was confirmed that sessions on Harpers Road would take place on each Saturday at 10am and each Wednesday from 1pm would continue up to the judging date. Everyone that could help, for however short a time, should support this initiative.

8. Star Awards (WBC) – it was noted that a certificate had been awarded to LRA in the Group category.

9. Padgate Walking Day (24th June 2017) – LRA would be selling Burgers from outside the PVC from 12 noon on this date. This was an opportunity to raise much needed funds for LRA. Volunteers needed to cook and serve the burgers. WO and LL were asked to search for the best value for money burgers.

10. Social events – the following dates were approved:

1. 14th July 2017 – Social event with Singer
2. 29th September 2017 – Social event with Singer
3. 1st December 2017 – Christmas Lights switch-on with Carols
4. 15th December 2017 – LRA Adults Christmas Party
5. 17th December 2017 – LRA Children’s Christmas Party

DL to organise the three Singers and to obtain the services of “Uncle Chris” for the Children Christmas Party. Form to be issued for completion by those wanting to attend the Children’s Party giving relevant details in case of emergency. This would then serve as a base of details to plan the next years event.

11. Coach Trips – it was agreed to organise, as a starter, a Children’s Trip to Southport on a mid-week date during the School Holidays. GO to get details from Maynes.

12. Planning Application (Greencore) – after some discussion it was agreed to leave this application “on the table” and not to make any comments.

13. LRA Base – it was indicated that LRA had been approached by the Manager of Padgate Community Centre who said that she thought she could help with provision of a room as an office in her building. Initial talks had taken place and it was approved that GO, DL and LC-H speak further with the Manager on Friday 16th June at 2:30pm to finalise any agreement.

14. The Hippos Play Area – it was indicated that some unruly behaviour was taking place on the equipment with youths sitting in the basketball net and footballs banging up against rear domestic fences. It was underlined that a full consultation exercise had taken place before the installation had taken place and it was agreed that this potential problem should be watched carefully before any further action is taken.

15 Roadside Bench – due to withdrawal of our sponsor LRA had purchased a bench which the Land Trust would have installed in w/c 19th June 2017.

16. Laurel Hedge at from of Bayleaf site – it was noted with pleasure that the hedge had been cut back by Torus following our request at a full meeting when Torus were in attendance.

17. Greencore Foods were to be the Speaker at the next full members meeting on 29th June 2017.

18. AOB – DP informed us that the spend on refurbishing the Fearnhead CC had risen from £190k to £300k. This, despite the fact that WBC were unable to find relatively small amounts to help LRA.

The Next Full Members meeting is on 29th June 2107 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.