

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2018

Present: (15)

Dermott Lappin, Geoff Orange, Wendy Orange, Linda Lappin, Rosa Dale, David Pearson, Christopher Merritt, Jack Buonanducci, Pauline Buonanducci, Bob McLaughlin, John Hill, Paul Adams, Richard Robinson

Apologies (2) Lynn Coulter-Howard, Raj Asani,

1 Welcome and Apologies – as above

2. Resignation. Geoff Orange announced with sadness that Lynn Coulter-Howard has resigned as Vice-Chairman and also as a Trustee of the Charity.

It was necessary to fill these positions and Bob McLaughlin was elected in as Vice-Chairman. Pauline Buonanducci was voted in as a Trustee

3. Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting are on the Website. No matters arising

4. Treasurer's Report – The last year's Accounts have been audited and approved. The balance at present is very healthy but the Lottery fund application has not yet been awarded.

5. Meeting 29th January with Mark Tune (WBC) and Ruth Atherton (Police) concerning Harpers Road Parking. Plans for double yellow lines have been approved and work will start in March. This will be reviewed by LRA and if necessary restrictions may be extended to the residential areas of Longbarn. An Experimental order is in place which will allow 18 months in which to amend the plans should this be necessary. The Police now require evidence of parking in the residential areas should this be a result of the order.

6. Social Committee - Coach trips have been arranged to

Llangollen – 18th March 2018 - 8.30am - Price £6

Liverpool (Tall Ships) 27th May 2018 – 9.30am - Price £6

It was agreed that the price of Coach Trips will be £6 unless a longer distance and the probable higher cost of the Coach warrants an increase, which will be agreed at the time by the Chairman.

Lee Martin – Pie & Mushy Peas Supper – 23rd February – Price £6

7. Fun Day. The Annual Community Fun Day will be held on the 2nd June 2018 from 12 noon

8. Play Area – Fallowfield Grove – Geoff Orange to arrange a meeting with a contact recommended by Jim Smith (Friends of Longbarn Park) regarding the play area equipment. When the cost is agreed fundraising will commence.

9. Bayleaf. -Work should have started 8th January 2018, however WBC have given a questionnaire to Alwyn (the Contactor) which has to be replied to before work can commence. Alwyn responded before Christmas. WBC to confirm commence of work by 28th February.

The Bowling Green will be replaced by Torus when work is finished. The Longbarn Bowling Club are using other premises but have agreed to use the green once it is finished. The bowlers will be able to park on site with gated entrance and key fobs. The bowlers will be allowed to use the facilities in the Bistro and it was suggested that the PVC can be used for their meetings. There will be a shelter and metered water standpipe, the metered water to be paid for by the bowlers. LRA to fund raise for a special lawnmower for the site.

10. Landscaping. – There have been many complaints about the Contractors that the Land Trust use for maintenance of their land on this estate. Mary Doyle is allowing LRA to continue maintaining common areas such as the embankment, but has wanted to charge LRA £350 for a licence to operate. LRA have refused and as Mary Doyle appreciates the work LRA do she has agreed to receive a copy of our Public Liability which will be signed and this gives us a 'licence'

Bob McLaughlin has agreed to walk round the estate with the Owner of 'Shades of Green' a landscaping contractor. We would like him to determine areas for 'clearing' out and identifying poisonous plants and trees which must be destroyed. He is also to look at the pathway in Blackburn (Pink Bridge) with a view to costing the work for its removal.

11. Britain in Bloom – the entry for this competition has been submitted. Geoff pointed out that we previously lost points because we are not composting. The theme is going to be Red, White and Blue to celebrate this year's Royal Wedding.

12. Friends of Padgate Station (FOPS) - Bob gave a brief update regarding the Artist recommencing work having had problems with her son who has been ill for the last 6 months. She is being put under no pressure by FOPS. The joiner only requires 2/3 days' notice to put the work on site and they then require volunteers to paint with anti-vandal paint which is very toxic.

Vicky Cropper has been re-deployed as a guard on Northern Rail trains due to the railways dispute at the moment. After his complaints to Martin Yallop he was given a contact from ISH - Neathling Maria who is going to get things moving,

13. – Speakers for Full members meeting 22nd February 2018 -

Torus

Greencore

NHS

14. AOB

Rosa brought up the question as to why our Committee meetings are not held in the Library. She suggested that we use this facility,

FOR:

it is being rented,

it is more private,

there are no disturbances,

there's refreshments available and

the tables and chairs are always set up ready to use.

It has been used successfully for a couple of meetings recently.

PVC would not lose out as the Ukulele Group would take over the night.

AGAINST:

There's only 1 key which often leaves people waiting outside (in the cold) Geoff Orange has said that he is getting a bell fitted.

Members of the Committee would like to 'socialise' after the meetings

Those who walk to the meetings will have to travel further.

A vote wasn't taken but the majority refused to move the meetings, however, Geoff will bring up the question in the near future when the weather is more inclement.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.