

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 – 7.30p.m. at Padgate Village Club

Present: (15)

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

Apologies (0)

1 Welcome and Apologies – No Apologies, however Gary Wells was welcomed to the Committee.

2. Minutes – Minutes of the last Committee Meeting 8th Feb 2018 are on the website.

3. Venue for Committee Meetings – G.O. put forward an alternative evening or day time for Committee meetings to be held at the Library. It remains the same as members of the Committee have other commitments on the alternatives mentioned.

4. Treasurer's Report – For practical reasons D.L. is committing all monies to one bank account. P.A. suggested a means of publicising our holdings. We are awaiting outcome of our application to the Lottery Fund. The Committee discussed the most practical way of enabling PB to account for tickets for trips organised by our Social sub committee.

5. N.O.R.A - National Organisation of Residents Associations. – LRA has applied for membership to this organisation which promotes common interests of associations of residents in U.K. towns and cities which may affect the quality of life. Fee £25 paid.

6. Application to Co-Op Local Community Fund – Fearnhead Shop manager approached P.A. to apply to the Local Community Fund which, if successful, will be applied to the cost of development of Fallowfield Grove Play Area.

7. Update on Parking along Harpers Road – As feared there are now cars parking on Burnett Close and Blackburn Close. In some cases, they are parking on opposite sides of the road preventing residents gaining access to their own properties. There is a meeting on 3rd April with WBC, Police and NCA which G.O., P.A., and R.R. will attend to pursue a remedy, including R.R. to ask about access only on side roads. In the meantime PCSOs are putting advisory notices on these cars. Daily reports are being given to Ruth Atherton (Police) and Mark Tune (WBC). P.A. reports that 'speed gauges' are very expensive, according to WBC. Renting out driveways to NCA personnel was discussed at the last Full Members' Meeting with little support from

residents. L.L. suggested we put something more formal in the next LRA newsletter inviting their opinion.

8. New Horizons School - is now an Academy School which, amongst other things, has led to a reordering of their committee structure. As a result (& with fewer seats on the governing body) David Pearson is no longer a member of the Governing body. On a more positive note D.P. met with the head teacher who has agreed to meet with him every half-term, so that the views of local residents may continue to be aired. G.O. met with residents of 2 properties in Fallowfield Grove to discuss parking as they are having problems getting wheelchairs in and out. R.R. to insist (at the forthcoming meeting with NCA) that visitors and staff do not park on Fallowfield Grove. W.O. suggested getting in touch with Muir to get some of the bays marked for disabled parking. C.M. says Muir own and maintain the driveways and there are no allocations or designated driveways. D.P. to arrange meeting with new Head Teacher to continue agreement (made with previous Head) about parking outside the school. Geoff Orange produced plans showing the outline of proposed play area.

9. Social Committee -

Coach Trip to Liverpool (Tall Ships) 27th May is full

Requests have been made for Children's trips, activities etc., e.g. Alton Towers. It was discussed and agreed that all trips we put on have the facility to accommodate children, provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult, e.g. Llandudno, Southport, Blackpool. So far, our destinations usually co-inside with special events taking place. However, everyone is free to do their 'own thing' and importantly, the promotion of trips to accommodate children especially, must be clear that LRA is providing transport only, and that parents must retain charge of and accountability for their children

10. Annual Fun Day – 2nd June 2018 and starts at 12 noon. P.B. has organised some stalls and activities and J.B. has built several new games.

11. Update on Play Area – Wicksteed have estimated a cost of £54,900 for all works & the provision of play area equipment. PA is pursuing an application for funding to WREN which, if successful, will be conditional on LRA providing 10.75% of the overall cost. Muir have purchased the land for a nominal fee; legal transfer is pending.

12. Update on development of 'Harpers Green' – (former Bayleaf site) – G.O. and B.McL met with the builders, Anwyl. It seems delays have been caused by WBC over section 106 and 278 monies which the council charge for construction for transport etc. On the planning side there has been a delay regarding 2 trees. Martin Taylor (Project Manager) for Anwyl has outlined plans for workers and transport which include penalty restrictions to prevent workers parking their vehicles around our

estate. Apprenticeships and work experience for local people will be available. Work to commence hopefully on 16th April.

10. Landscaping. – Mary Doyle from the Land Trust has granted a free Licence for us to work on the landscaping, especially the embankment. B.McL. advised that a company ‘Shades of Green’ will do groundwork on the estate; and our people will hold fire on tidying up the embankment on Harpers Road until the daffodils and bluebells have bloomed to avoid damage to our plants.

11. Britain in Bloom – G.O. informed Committee that we have once again entered the Competition. The theme this year is Red, White and Blue.

12. Friends of Padgate Station (FOPS) - Bob gave a brief update regarding the Artist re-commencing work. Discussions have begun regarding possible tenants for the Station building. There will be 2 shelters on the Liverpool side. Vending machines and CCTV will be installed.

13. – Speakers for Full members meeting 5th April 2018 -

TORUS – Paul Underwood

NHS

14. AOB – Ron Westwood has asked to resign the stewardship of the LRA website, but has kindly offered to provide a handover on a staged basis so as to avoid a loss of service. In turn PA (as chairman of our Communications sub committee) has invited Gareth Thomas to join the sub committee who, working in partnership with GW and our Communications Team, will take the website (and the LRA Facebook page) forward.

DL proposed a new member to our LRA Committee. A healthy debate ensued, culminating in a vote which concluded, not just now.

Lynn Coulter-Howard had written to G.O. regarding an item on the Longbarn Community & Chat Facebook page. PA will reply on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.