



# LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



## Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held 5 August 2021 at 7.30pm in Padgate Village Club

1. **Present:** Wendy Orange, Nicola Taylor, Lynn Colter-Howard, Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlan, Dave Pearson, Howard Klein, Richard Robinson, Paul Adams
2. **It's been a while**  
Having not met since 10 September 2020, Geoff warmly welcomed everybody back to the table.
3. **Apologies**  
Paul extended apologies on behalf of Katy Melia & Raj Asani.
4. **Minutes of last meeting**  
Minutes of our meeting held 24 June 2021 were agreed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising.
6. **Financial Report**  
Colleagues had been provided with the latest statement of accounts for month ending July 2021 by Nicola. No issues were raised, tho we did thank Nicola with a warm round of applause for maintaining our accounts in excellent order.
7. **Getting back to some semblance of business as usual**  
With the Covid pandemic as the backdrop, the Government had now opened Freedom Day on 19 July 2021, & we discussed the prospects for re-introducing our conventional events ~ Afternoon Tea, seated exercise class, coach trips, quizzes & Footloose in Longbarn. Bob provided feedback on Covid-friendly facilities at Padgate Village Club & usage by patrons (noting that PVC has set a limit of 40 users at the Club at any one time). After a full & sensitive exchange of views (with the safety & wellbeing of our residents paramount in our thinking), we agreed to crack on now with re-introducing our range of activities, starting with Afternoon Tea on 27 August, with 2 caveats ~
  - We will seek views at our forthcoming Residents' Meeting scheduled for 19 August on our proposal to get cracking with our programme of activities, starting with Afternoon Tea on 27 August (we need to be confident we are carrying our community with us before we switch on the green light)
  - We will assert at the Residents' Meeting (& associated publicity for subsequent events & trips) that we'll take all necessary Covid precautions in line with Government guidelines

Beyond that Dave will assess the viability of seated exercise class when he returns from holiday.

## 8. CCTV

Geoff provided a resume of previous incidents of antisocial behaviour in Longbarn, & the setting up at the time of a Longbarn Neighbourhood Watch Team, as the backdrop to our thinking on the need for CCTV, which we're contemplating both to capture incidents of illicit behaviour for reporting to The Police & serve as a deterrent for the future. After all that nasty stuff had previously occurred in Longbarn Geoff, Bob & Paul met with Warrington Borough Council's (WBC) Director for Environment & Transport, David Boyer, to discuss WBC's support for CCTV in our community. In terms of next steps, Geoff will contact WBC inviting an update since our last meeting with them, so that we may have a more considered conversation at our Management Committee, later.

## 9. Fireworks Extravaganza

We confirmed that we will proceed with our fantastic annual fireworks display (including the variety of side stalls with which we entertain our people) on 5 November 2021, on the playing field at Kasia Academy in Fallowfield Grove. Dave has confirmed the availability of the school premises from 3pm on 5 November, & Geoff will now convene a meeting of our volunteers to plan for The Big Day.

## 10. News Round-Up

A standing agenda item, Paul introduced the topic to give us the opportunity to share news, gossip and especially, recognise achievement and the nice things we do for each other. Paul took the opportunity to herald Sue & Bob McLaughlan's wedding anniversary on 15 August. Bob advised that British Rail have offered disabled ramps they no longer need, free gratis, & we agreed that 2 would be great for getting the trailer out of our container at PVC. And Paul signposted the opening of Harper's Green bistro ('Cuppaccino Bistro') on 9 August (Sunday-Thursday, 9am-3pm, opening times to reviewed subject to demand).

## 11. Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) ~ Community Champions

Geoff explained that, working alongside Warrington Disability Partnership, WVA Community Champions are actively engaging with community organisations & Warrington residents to stay up to date with the latest advice about Covid-19, vaccinations & testing. We have been invited to nominate a LRA Community Champion, & Lynn kindly agreed to be our representative. Thanks, Lynn 👍

## 12. Fearnhead Management Group (FMG)

Similarly FMG are looking for a LRA representative to attend their meetings. And once again Lynn kindly offered to be our representative. Outstanding behaviour 😊

## 13. New Town Housing ~ LRA lead member

And finally, Lynn also agreed to be our LRA lead member to take forward discussions with Muir Housing, an important representational role which we badly needed to help resolve residents' problems sitting at Muir's front door. Thanks, again, Lynn 🙏

## 14. Any other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10pm.

