



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2021 at 7:30pm in Padgate Village Club

Present: (12) Paul Adams, Rosa Dale, Bob McLaughlin, Geoff & Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Richard Robinson, Nicola Taylor, Gareth Thomas, Howard Klein, Lynn Colter-Howard, Carol Clynes.

Apologies – there were none.

1. Introductions – The Chairman warmly welcomed those present.

GO welcomed back Carol Clynes who had requested to re-join our LRA Management Committee (MC). Carol was unanimously co-opted back on to the MC.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 September 2021 have been circulated and were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising - there were no matters arising.

4. The Financial Report for the period to 30 September 2021 having been circulated were considered and accepted. Warm thanks were given to Nicola Taylor for her work in keeping us up to date financially.

- PA gave an update on External Funding as follows –
- **CO-OP Community Fund** – has for the third year running awarded LRA a sum from this Fund. This time being £2,555.64 making a grand total of £5,944.84 over the three years. MC members are asked to be prepared to attend a presentation in Fearnhead CO-OP between 18 and 22 November 2021. This sum is the community contribution to the Fallowfield Grove Children's Play Area.
- **Cheshire Community Foundation** – supplied funding for Afternoon Tea, Seated Exercise Classes, Footloose in Longbarn Dance Classes, and Mental Health/Mindfulness. A total of £8900 for a 12-month term. PA has written this week to ask for an extension of 6 months as these events had been cancelled during lockdown. He is waiting their reply. Regarding the Mindfulness/Wellbeing - £2,340 from CCF has been set aside. However, this is a sensitive area covering Dementia, Alzheimer's, and their carers. Included will also be stress at work and with young people. Carol Clynes has accepted the lead on this topic and will be helped by Paul Adams. Carol suggested that the MC would benefit from attending a Dementia Awareness session by Padgate Medical Centre. Organization of a training course in this sensitive field would be helpful together with a leaflet to encourage people to get in touch and Carol will gather more information that would help. PA to approach MIND, The Alzheimer's Society in Warrington & Warrington Voluntary Action to seek help & advice from these experts to guide us on how best we can provide help in the Longbarn area.

- **National Lottery** – Allocated funds from this body which we were unable to use during Lockdown have been carried forward to January 2022, although we have spent some of this funding on our Fireworks Extravaganza.
5. **Fireworks Extravaganza** – GO reported that meetings had been held with all of those who will be involved and that everything was now in place for this event. The fireworks have been purchased (By GO and BMcL in a visit to Barnsley – Epic Fireworks) and promise to be more colourful than last years. £1040 was spent from the National Lottery grant with a true value nearer £3k after the grant of a large discount. Entry to the School grounds will be no later than 3pm with the fireworks due to be lit at 7pm.
6. **Tree Management** –
- GO explained that in 2014/2015 Muir had a company – Orchard Tree Surgery and Landscape Services of Carlisle – produce a survey of trees in their ownership. An agreement between Muir and LRA had been made to follow through the indicated works over a period of years. It appears that, due to changes in Muir personnel, that this work had stalled. It was agreed that L C-H (Lead for Muir contact) should contact Muir to arrange a meeting in Chester (Muir HO) to discuss this document in detail and get agreement to these works being restarted over a period of time.
 - The Chairman and PA have met with Angus Lord of WBC to discuss the problems with trees and shrubbery on WBC land. It appears that the policy now at WBC is that they will only show interest in working on those trees that show that they are dangerous or unhealthy. However, after some pressing AL agreed to look at several identified trees in Longbarn and report back to us on what could be done to help us.
 - The Land Trust will have a new Landscape & Community Officer (Kelly Thompson) in post by 1 November 2021. The Land Trust say she is keen, once in post, to have a meeting with LRA (maybe including a walk around the estate) in order to agree what she could do to help.
7. **Social Events** –
- Race Night was held on Friday 22 October 2021 in PVC. Although very poorly attended it raised £176 for LRA funds. After discussion it was agreed that the MC would discuss any future social events before they were marketed.
 - Quiz Night to be held on Friday 19 November 2021. Tickets are now on sale at £6 each and include buffet refreshments.
 - Coach Trip to York Christmas Market is now Sold Out.
8. **Review of Christmas Events** –
- Christmas Lights switch on with Carols – to be held on Friday 3 December 2021 from 6pm.
 - Adult Christmas Party – Friday 10 December 2021 (7.30pm for 8pm). Tickets now on sale are £6 each and include full Christmas Fayre. Johnny Corrigan (Top Comedy Vocalist) has been booked.
 - Children’s Christmas Party to take place on Sunday 19 December 2021 from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Kevin the Klown is booked together with Father Christmas. Tickets are £5 each and age range is 3 – 10 years inclusive. Small number of tickets still available.
9. **Kassia Academy (Review)** –
- A meeting has been held in the Barbauld Suite at Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub with the Kassia Academy (TKAS). Those present were –
- Kassia Academy – CEO (Mrs Amanda Nicholson), COO (Mr David Donnelly, Headteacher (Mrs Lindsay Regan) and Admin (Mrs Colette Heavy)
- Police – Inspector Daniel Haddock
- LRA – Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlin, David Pearson

Councillor Sue Emery (Poulton North).

A full discussion took place where assurances were given that ~

- a) Pupils were not allowed to leave the school premises unless accompanied by a teacher
- b) The school is now a non-smoking establishment
- c) All pupils must now wear school uniform
- d) Pupils are supervised on entry to school between 8.30am and 9.15am
- e) Pupils are supervised off the school premises and away from the Longbarn estate at the end of the school day
- f) Extra funding has been allocated to fund two extra teachers
- g) Gates are now controlled from Reception

Inspector Haddock commented that of 83 incidents reported at school establishments across Warrington none were from Kassia, indeed he was unaware of this school until the recent unfortunate assault.

The school has reported high levels of GCSE passes, individuals Acquiring 6, 7 and 8 GCSE passes.

Councillor Sue Emery expressed a wish to work with the community and attend the next meeting with Kassia.

LRA MC have been invited to a walk through of the school on 11 November 2021 at 2pm. MC members to meet at reception.

10. News Round-up –

- **Speed Indication Devices** – after Inspector Haddock indicated at our last Resident’s meeting that this device might be useful to control traffic speed on Harpers Road enquiries have been made by GO & PA to see if one could be acquired by LRA. These can only be purchased by Borough Council or Parish Council. They cost £2608 which is a special deal negotiated by the Police for our Parish Council. The PC have purchased one which can be loaned to decide on their effectiveness. PCSO Potter has agreed to site the device on Harpers Road in the next few weeks.
- **Theft from Planters** – PA reported an attempted theft of begonias from one of our planters sited on Harpers Road. The person in question was caught red-handed. She said that she could help herself. She was encouraged to put the plants back in the planter. The same person had been caught earlier in the year stealing daffodils from the embankment. This incident has been posted on Facebook.
- **Longbarn Against Dog Fouling** – people who allow their dogs to foul the area will similarly be photographed and named and shamed. Stickers have been ordered and will be affixed to lampposts to boost our members campaign.

11. Illicit Parking in Longbarn –

Chairman, Vice-Chairman & RR met with Craig Naylor and Alex Field from the National Crime Agency on site in Burnet Close to outline the problems LRA are faced with on behalf of residents. The NCA are keen to cooperate with us in eliminating the parking on our estate roads of NCA personal vehicles. The LRA representatives were concerned to hear that already the workforce had expanded to 1200. An empty building was being acquired in the new year which would have more car parking but regrettably this would bring more workforce to the site. As agreed, the Chairman has written to the Warrington North MP (Charlotte Nichols) for support and has had an acknowledgement. The letter has been copied to the Chief Executive of WBC (Professor Steven Broomhead) who has said he will support us in our efforts. The letter was also copied to our three local Ward Councillors and the Leader of WBC (Councillor Russ Bowden) who have not yet acknowledged receipt.

12. UPDATE –

- Footloose – to restart Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 1pm.
- Seated Exercise Class – restarted 15 October 2021 and next Session on 12 December 2021 at 2pm
- Afternoon Tea – restarted and next session on 19 November 2021 at 2pm. To try “Play Your Cards Right”.

13. **Litter Picks** – GT suggested that, since numbers had not picked up following lockdown, we change the date of each monthly litter pick to the last Saturday of each calendar month. Changes to take place in the new year. We should be able to get two more sessions this year using the 3rd Saturday of each month on 20 November 2021 followed by 18 December 2021 at 10:30am starting from Raj’s Shop. Hi Viz jackets and pickers to be available from Raj’s Shop. Publicity will be required.

It was reported that LRA had purchased 4 year old’s Hi Viv jackets for the Nursery who will be litter picking on our estate every Friday under full supervision. A marvelous initiative, with huge thanks & encouragement to Wind in the Willows.

14. **A.O.B. - POPPIES** – these are available in the bar at PVC for a donation

Wristbands - £1

Metal badges - £2

Car Poppies - £5

Sponsorship for our Lamp Post poppies is currently being sought and they will be erected in the next week or so. All funds raised to be donated to Royal British Legion.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.40pm