



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of Management Team meeting held 22 June at Padgate Village Club

Attendees: G Orange, W Orange, H Clyne, B Mclaughlin, N Taylor, K Melia, D Pearson

Apologies: P Adams, L Colter-Howard

- 1. Minutes of meeting held 30 March:** Agreed, with any matters arising dealt with on this meeting's agenda
- 2. Financial report to 31 May:** No problems were highlighted and the accounts were accepted by everyone.
- 3. New Meeting Room for LRA:** LRA has moved into their new HQ (Sheila Lawrence Room at Kassia Academy). However it has just been announced that the unit is to be demolished with a brand new replacement in its place for LRA. We need to vacate the building by Friday 14th July. Greencore has kindly offered to store our equipment in their warehouse until our new premises are available (toward the end of October). Our main contact (the caretaker) at Kassia has handed in his notice & will be leaving in the next few weeks. As a temporary replacement our main contact will be David their MD & of course Collette.
- 4. Spond:** There has been a very limited reaction to using Spond as our communication tool. It was agreed that Katy would look into using WhatsApp as an alternative
- 5. Warrington Community Lottery:** We have already received monies from this scheme for LRA. It was suggested & agreed that LRA would use our forthcoming Community Fun Day to try to recruit more people to join in. Bob will have a table with all the marketing materials to encourage residents to sign up with LRA as their designated good cause.
- 6. Padgate Walking day:** LRA will be providing BBQs at PVC on the day. Help is needed both before the event & after it to set everything up & take down at the end of the day.
- 7. Community Fun Day:** This is coming together nicely now. The question was asked of the suggestion that Alpacas be booked for the day? However the cost appears to be prohibitive at £500. Geoff to ask Lynn to get the best price possible before a decision is made.
- 8. Car Parking Survey:** Howard has sent a survey on behalf of the Parish council/ Conservative party to relevant people in our community, regarding the NCA & its impact on the area. Results will be available in approx. one month
- 9. Muir walk-about:** This was cancelled on the day of the meeting by Muir. Another date has yet to be agreed.

10. **Defibrillator:** The defib was used again on 25th May. It would appear that the outcome was not a good one. The actual defib should have been handed over to the North West Ambulance Service for checking & putting back in situ at Raj's shop. To date it has not been recovered by the ambulance service due to the sensitive nature of the event , but we are assured this will happen asap. Dave Pearson will check on a regular basis to see if it has been returned & report on it.
11. **Activities:** An update on Footloose, Afternoon Tea, Exercise Classes, Bingo at Harpers Green (see AOB), & the sunflower competition were provided. It was decided that due to only one application for the scarecrow competition being received that it be cancelled for this year.
12. **6-weekly newsletter:** This was discussed to see if it could be made simpler for the people involved as it takes a tremendous amount of work to complete, more on this subject at the next meeting.
13. **LRA Bowling Green:** An update was given outlining the present situation & the setbacks suffered (Jan – March, 180% increase in rain over normal, 3 weeks of frost, now no real rain for the last 4 weeks). However the green has been cut on 8 occasions, scarified twice & is now ready for the summer weed & feed if there is no rain forecast in the immediate future. All outstanding invoices have been paid.
14. **Next meeting:** Scheduled for 3rd August 2023
15. **News Round-Up:** Best wishes to Dave Allen & Paul Adams for speedy recoveries from sickness & happy Birthday to Lynn, today, & Geoff on 13 July.
16. **AOB:** The new Planters are now in situ with a big thanks to our volunteers & The Parish Council for their help. The planters at Padgate Station have all been given a revamp with some fresh top soil, compost, new summer plants & shrubs & are tended to on a daily basis. Big thanks to Sue McLaughlin for all her hard work.

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