



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held 3 August 2023 at Padgate Village Club

ATTENDANCE: Wendy Orange, Katy Melia, Nicola Taylor, Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlin, Steve Taylor, Dave Pearson, Paul Adams

APOLOGIES: Lynn Colter-Howard, Howard Klein

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** Geoff welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially Steve who joined us for the first time.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 June 2023:** Minutes were agreed with no matters arising.
- 3. Financial Report for period ending 30 June 2023:** Presented with no queries raised.
- 4. Warrington Community Lottery:** We now have 18 residents who have selected LRA as their charity of choice, which will net LRA £1,404 per annum. Paul will advertise the scheme on our social media each month to coincide with the monthly special draw.
- 5. Padgate Station:** Bob highlighted an award from Northern Rail (£300) for the upkeep of the station (plants etc), & that Padgate Scout Group will be looking after the planters on the station after their summer break. Excellent news on both counts.
- 6. LRA Bowling Club ~ Bowling Green update:** With weeding & feeding & scarifying & mowing, the bowling green's beginning to shape up nicely. We hope that, weather permitting to allow for some more green care, the bowling club will be ready for use in September or October. The club will be a 'members only' facility, with annual subscription fees as follows ~
 - £25 per person
 - £40 per couple
 - £50 family membership (for 4 persons)
 - £10 for under 18's

We'll also lay on taster sessions, & rent out bowls (we presently have 9 pairs of bowls with more in the pipeline. Bob's going to buy decals for the bowls using our LRA Bowling Club logo, & some bags for the donated bowls).

7. Provision of First Aid cover for LRA events: It's a long time since we organised First Aider training & Geoff asked if we should repeat the exercise to top up our volunteer cover? The consensus was that, given the significantly increased cost, & the cover recently provided by Sergeant Paul Warburton (1330 Squadron Air Cadets) at our Community Fun Day, we'll leave things be for now.

8. News Round-UP: Bob highlighted the 3 concerts delivered by our D'Ukes of Longbarn ukulele band in the last few weeks, with all proceeds donated to St Rocco's.

9. Update on Muir walkabout: Dave provided feedback from his meeting with Muir Housing held 13 July, which provided a forum for open conversation between relevant parties relating to current issues & concerns for our residents ~

- Provision of additional car parking and vehicle access will be an ongoing issue, involving WBC & Muir, based on available funding & availability of suitable sites. We need to continue reviewing & re-visiting this issue, as it will not go away! ... a sentiment echoed by Steve, which generated an interesting debate about the ongoing problems.
- Tree issues – Agreed Muir will keep LRA (via Dave) updated with ongoing actions & progress to enable us to maintain dialogue with individual residents.
- Additionally, if details of the agreed schedule for Tiscali maintenance for grass, hedge & bush cutting could be provided, we would share this information on our social media sites and notice boards for the benefit of residents.
- It was reported the LRA had received value for money & high standard work developing our Bowling Facilities at Harper's Green, & other landscaping advice in the past from Shades of Green. It was thought that these local companies should be considered by WBC & Muir when engaging in the competitive tendering process in the future.
- We were pleased to report that a Caravan, which had been the subject of some controversy and recent Police attention too, has been removed. In the same area, an official CCTV camera has also been installed.

10. Report back on Community Fun Day held 16 July: Having mothballed the event for the last 2 years on account of COVID & Lockdown restrictions, & back by popular demand, we held our annual Longbarn Community Fun Day again on Sunday 16 July. Held on the playing field at Kassia Academy, in Fallowfield Grove, & despite slightly changeable conditions, a great turnout enjoyed all the fun of the fair, hot & cold food & drink (including lots of cakes kindly baked by residents), & entertainment courtesy of our DJ, Rhythmic Dance, Spiderman, & Elsa from Frozen. Our Fire Service brought along their fire engine for folk to explore. Our Police provided a stall including bike security marking. 1330 Squadron Air Cadets provided a stall & were lots of help in setting up & taking down (with a special shout out to RAF Sergeant Paul Warburton for providing our First Aid cover), as did Padgate Scout Group. Plus lots of other stalls including Wind in the Willows Nursery. Above all it was great to see all the new local faces who took part on the day, as well as providing much needed help both before & after the event. A famous example of Longbarn community spirit at its best! And here is a selection of photos which capture some of the day's activities.

11. Forthcoming activities:

- Footloose in Longbarn Dance Class ~ Next sessions 8 & 15 August
- Afternoon Tea ~ Next sessions 4 & 18 August
- Seated Exercise Class ~ Next Sessions 11 & 25 August
- Sunflower Competition ~ Judging to take place shortly. Winner to be announced at Residents' Meeting scheduled for 17 August

12. Any Other Business: There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

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