



# LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

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## MINUTES OF LRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 21 MAY 2024

**Present:** Nicola, Katy, Janet, Bob McL, Bob H, Steve, Howard, Paul

### 1. **Welcome**

Bob McL welcomed everybody to the meeting, held in the new Kassia Academy outbuilding for the first time. We agreed it will be great for ad hoc meetings; we'll continue to use Padgate Village Club (PVC) for our conventional Management Committee & Residents' meetings.

### 2. **In memoriam ~ Geoff Orange RIP**

With sadness & respect we took time to reflect on the great things Geoff had done for LRA in his lifetime. Bob McL proposed that LRA pay for the buffet costs of the celebration event to be held at PVC following Geoff's funeral ~ carried unanimously.

### 3. **Minutes of last meeting & Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed with no matters arising.

### 4. **Election of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson**

With Geoff's passing we elected a new Chair & Vice Chair as follows ~

Chairperson	Bob McL	Proposed	Seconded
		Paul	Katy
Vice Chairperson	Katy	Paul	Bob H

~ carried unanimously

### 5. **Finance**

- Nicola presented our accounts for month ending February 2024
- Paul will obtain receipts for spend & deposits from & to our accounts for March & April, from Geoff's family, to enable our accounts to be brought fully up to date
- Paul will sort new banking arrangements with Barclays Bank in due course, with Paul replacing Geoff as the primary account holder, & Dave added as the third signatory for on-line banking.

### 6. **Padgate Walking Day (22 June 2024)**

Steve opened a conversation about the cancellation of Padgate Walking Day (cancelled, at the time of our meeting, because of lack of interest from local schools in participating & a lack of marshals to control the event). We agreed there was little that LRA could do unilaterally. Bob McL added that PVC would lay on a refreshments wagon if the event goes ahead.

### 7. **LRA ~**

#### • **Who does what?**

Acknowledging that Geoff used to take the lead for so much stuff in LRA Land, Paul presented a spreadsheet, capturing the variety of LRA activities with a Management Committee lead for each. After a brief discussion we agreed leads for each activity.

- **What we're going to do in 2024?**

Focusing on our Big Ticket events, our annual Community Fun Day is at risk, given that no preparatory work has commenced. Katy suggested some potential dates (in the final weeks before our local schools' summer holidays), & Paul will check the availability of Andrew Pryce (our fun fair supremo, & a major dependency).

At the same time Paul will check Andrew's availability to support our Fireworks Extravaganza, scheduled for Friday 1 November 2024.

8. **Planters on Harper's Road**

Bob McL has taken the lead for the restocking of our planters around Longbarn, with new plants & fresh compost, & the job is now complete. Nice one, Bob 👍

9. **LRA Bowling Green**

In Howard & Bob McL are working hard to have our bowling green restored to its former glory. terms of next steps a meeting will be held with our greenkeeper (Geoff Lee) & Tom Anwyl (construction company owner) on 4 June.

10. **Hogweed in Longbarn**

Steve led a conversation about the threat to residents posed by hogweed. The proliferation of the weed has been reported to our local landowners. Paul will post an article on our social media alerting residents to the health & safety risk posed by the weed.

11. **Fallowfield Grove Play Area Project**

With questions posted on our social media Nicola invited an update. Paul explained that all preparatory work is now complete; the final, & most important task, is to secure funding for the new play area, which he'll explore over the next month or 2. If funding is not forthcoming, we agreed that the limited funding we have secured to date (c£8K) will go into the pot & used for other LRA activities.

12. **Cyclists & scooters in Longbarn**

Steve voiced his concern about the proliferation of these vehicles around Longbarn, & the potential risk to residents, especially on our New Town Estate, & suggested the installation of convex mirrors as a medium-term solution. Paul invited Steve to provide him with photos of suggested sites for the mirrors, where greatest danger to residents is posed. Paul will then contact WBC to explore possibilities, for mirrors & signage, backed up with posts on our social media.

13. **LRA mobile phone**

Katy presently has charge of our mobile phone, & suggested that it be shared amongst our Management Committee as & when one of us has the lead for a particular event (the phone number may then be used in any adverts for the event eg, for the booking of tickets). Eminently sensible, & we all agreed.

14. **AOB**

Bob McL raised 2 points ~

- Now that the outbuilding at Kassia Academy is up & running, complete with furniture, we need to arrange the removal & disposal of our furniture presently in storage at Greencore. Paul agreed to sort that.
- With road resurfacing recently completed on Station Road South, road markings need to be re-laid. Paul will liaise with Mark Tune at WBC.

Bob H explained that our LRA bench on Harper's Road is in need of restoration & firmly fixed in place to avoid the risk of theft. And Bob H is going to do the job for us. Thanks, Bob 👍

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7pm.