



**LONGBARN
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309   

MINUTES OF LRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 1 AUGUST 2024 AT 7pm

PRESENT: Bob McLaughlin, Katy Wallace, Nicola Taylor, Janet & Bob Heap, Dave Pearson, Howard Klein, Steve Taylor, Paul Adams

1. **Welcome**

Bob warmly welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of last meeting held 24 June & Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

3. **Finance**

Nicola presented our accounts for month ending May 2024, which were agreed as a true record.

Paul updated colleagues on progress with our LRA Bank accounts at Barclays following the sad passing of Geoff Orange ~

- Paul replaces Geoff as first point of contact & to receive all correspondence (including monthly bank statements)
- Dave added as third signatory (joining Bob & Paul) for on-line banking transactions
- PINsentry card reader & card ordered for Dave for on-line banking transactions (Paul will train Dave when kit arrives)
- New debit card ordered in Paul's name
- Still need to sort our accounts to be interest bearing (but let's wait until new arrangements have stabilised so as not to upset the Barclays applecart!)

4. **Stalls at LRA Fireworks Extravaganza**

Janet kindly offered to run toy & wine & spirits tombola stalls. Paul will ask for donations in our next Newsletter. Paul will purchase a new Tombola machine (the old one is past it!) And Katy kindly offered to run a sweets stall.

We agreed that both should have working capital of £50 & on that basis, LRA will reimburse both Janet & Katy with costs up to £50 to purchase goods as necessary (just provide Paul with receipts).

5. **LRA Forget Me Not Club**

Thursday sessions at Padgate Community Centre (Janet & Bob attend to aid smooth running of the event 👍) running well. 9-week cycle of cognitive stimulation therapy recently ended, culminating with musical entertainment courtesy of D'Ukes of Longbarn & fish & chips lunch.

And so starts another 9-week cycle for those suffering with dementia & their carers, drawing on a waiting list ~ this event has legs! When the new 9-week cycle ends, Paul has arranged for Greencore to provide packs of sandwiches for the end-of-cycle lunch. We have plans to extend our Forget Me Not Club offering with 2 additional weekly sessions: luncheon club & a morning of dementia-friendly activities including guest speakers (again, for those suffering with dementia & their carers). Just waiting for WBC to recruit & induct new personnel.

6. **Land Trust ~ Licence to Operate & Risk Assessment**

Strange but true ~ we need Land Trust permission to cut Land Trust grass on Land Trust land, manifested in the shape of a Licence to Operate, supported by a Risk Assessment. This is an annual affair, & Paul advised that he has recently submitted both 2024 docs to Land Trust.

7. LRA & The Charity Commission

Paul advised that, following Geoff's passing, he has arranged to be the single point of contact.

8. AOB

- Historically MC meetings started at 7.30pm. We started this one at 7pm, seemed to work well for all concerned, & we agreed that future MC meetings will start at 7pm.
- Howard advised that he's been elected a Woolston Parish Councillor & in that guise, flagged that Friends of Woolston Park (FOWP) need volunteers to help maintain the park ~ he asked if we would advertise the need for helpers in our next LRA Newsletter? Agreed ~ so long as Howard provides Paul with a form of words & FOWP contact. Quid pro quo ~ when LRA has something to advertise, Howard will arrange for ads to be circulated in Woolston.
- Bob advised that our 20 planters dotted around Longbarn have now been re-stocked with winter plants & fertiliser (with big shout out to Bob for doing the donkey work 🙌).
- IFCO is a provider of reusable packaging, based in Longbarn. Residents raised complaints with LRA about noise created by machinery & plant. Bob raised issue with Environment Agency & IFCO. Outcome ~
Noise survey completed
Forklift trucks activity during the night period reduced
Ventilation fans turned off on the rear yard & isolated
Reversing sensors changed to different siren, below 37 decibels (below legal req't)
Rear generator turned off and isolated during the night period
~ Result 🤔
- For our Fireworks Extravaganza on 1 November, Bob will contact supplier to let him know what we need. Bob & Paul will collect from supplier in Tankersley, South Yorks nearer the time. We agreed that, alongside rockets, we will opt for 'cakes' of fireworks (so much easier to set up & manage).
- Bob, bringing us up to date with LRA bowling green, explained that he met with Anwyl, Ben Morgan (consultant with Sports Turf Research Institute) & Geoff Lee (our greenkeeper) on 4 June. We have agreed a plan of works aimed at reinstating the bowling green to one which is fit for purpose; one which is truly an Asset of Community Value; & expect to open the bowling green in summer 2025. Tom Anwyl will contribute £2K towards the cost. Paul will source & bid for grants for the remainder of the cost. Having been here before, tho (spending a large sum of money only for poor drainage to render the spend nugatory) we'll not invest any more LRA funds until we're convinced that the drainage problem has been sorted.
- Bob will run our next LRA Charity Quiz Night on 30 August (7.30pm for 8pm start). We agreed a reduced ticket price of £5 per person on the basis that folk bring their own picnic.
- With help from Pat & Bob Heap, Bob McL whittled down potential venues for our next coach trip to 5, & they settled on Llandudno. Sweet! Bob will now book the coach & settle a date with the coach firm, & Paul will advertise the event.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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