



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309

Minutes of LRA Management Committee meeting held 22 January 2026 at Padgate Village Club

1. Welcome

Bob welcomed all to the meeting, extolled everyone best wishes for 2026, along with a big welcome from all of us to Kayleigh as our new Management Committee member. 🥰

2. Minutes of last meeting held 13 November 2025

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed & accepted as a true reflection of the last meeting. For matters arising, all items have either been actioned or are included in tonight's agenda.

3. LRA Bowling Club

It has been confirmed that Torus have at last taken full responsibility to have the green completely refurbished to the standard in which it should have been handed back originally. They have included the expenditure for this work in their 2026 budget & the work been put out to tender.

Responding to a Torus question, we considered the acceptability of laying an artificial green, but concluded that further investigation is required, both amongst our bowling club members & (more importantly, because of our long-term aspirations for the club) with the bowling leagues.

Howard (unavailable for tonight's meeting) will be asked to raise the subject with the Warrington Crown Green Bowling Association, & canvass the opinions of our club members (list & contact details all passed to Howard when he agreed to take responsibility for the green on behalf of LRA, along with all relevant history & paperwork).

4. Landscaping

Subjects covered were as follows ~

- Damage to grass aside Harper's Road caused by HGV: Lynn has been in touch with WBC to make good the damage but as feared, there's nowt doing! So we agreed that John Melia & Dave Allen may proceed with repairing the damage, purchase of soil & grass seed to be met by LRA.
- Harper's Road embankment: Lynn was asked to contact WBC (possibly through Councillor Una Gillham) to ensure that WBC adhere to the longstanding agreement between Geoff Orange & WBC ~ that they perform the first cut of the embankment annually & clear the debris (as always LRA would then continue to maintain it throughout the year to an acceptable standard). Last year, despite chasing WBC for 8 weeks, nothing happened & the work was carried out by Dave & John ~ a magnificent achievement appreciated by all. Huge thanks, again, to the pair of them 🙌
- Planters: It was agreed that the 26 planters would again be fully maintained going forward. Plants have already been bought for Padgate Station & the remainder will be checked to ensure the bulbs are sprouting (If not, more will be bought & planted). Dave Allen has mended the planters that we thought would need to be replaced, & Barry Grundry will complete his treatment of all our planters with Ronseal preservative to extend their life. 🙌
The bedding plants will again be purchased from Padgate Scouts ~ the price & quality on both counts are excellent.

We will seek confirmation from previous persons attending the planters that they will continue to do so for 2026 🙌

5. LRA Annual Insurance

Paul has renewed our policy with Zurich, confirming that it covers all our requirements in LRA Land up to £10m. And he's sent a copy to Land Trust.

6. LRA Furniture stored at Greencore

Rather embarrassingly we have had our furniture from our previous HQ at Kassia Academy in storage on Greencore premises for a couple of years. Paul & Bob visited Greencore's warehouse to take stock, but Greencore were unable to locate our equipment. We have since been contacted by Greencore's General Manager stating they are moving their warehouse to another location & if required, they would dispose of our items. Give there is nothing of any meaningful value to us, our immediate answer was, "Yes, please, & thank you!"

7. Review of Social Activities for 2026

We reviewed our portfolio of LRA activities with the following outcomes ~

- Seated Exercise Class – continue as normal
- Afternoon Tea – continue as normal
- 'Footloose in Longbarn' dance class – continue as normal
- LRA quiz – 1 every 8 weeks
- Coach trips – 2 per year (this year York & Stratford)
- Community Fun Day – we're very conscious that what usually happens is that many suggestions get put forward, but the onus to bring the event together & get stuff done falls on the shoulders of very few people. But this year Katy & Kayleigh put themselves forward, along with an exciting new approach, including ~
 - Burger bar & refreshments
 - inviting local companies to pay a fee to attend, bringing their own gazebo etc
 - Dance troupes, local boy band, D'Ukes of Longbarn, gymnastics, drum band, classic cars, racing mororbikes & pony rides (but definitely no birds of prey! 😊).
 - Invite police, fire brigade & Armed Forces
 - Kiddies fun fair?

A show of hands was unanimous to go ahead & initially, Katy will research a suitable date or 2 to confirm the availability of Kassia Academy playing field & their site manager (& Andrew Pryce for fun fair?).

- LRA Firework Extravaganza & Station House fireworks – continue as normal
- Kiddies Christmas party – continue as normal
- Adults Christmas party – continue as normal
- Supporting PVC's Christmas carol concert & supporting brass band (mainly for adults) – continue as normal
- Burger bar on Padgate Walking Day - continue as normal
- Support for RBL with LRA Poppy Appeal – continue as normal

8. Review of Expenditure related to our various LRA activities

Answering a question posed by Dave, Paul explained that, in addition to the work carried out by our Treasurer, he deposits all our takings, sets up all our on-line banking transactions, & reviews our monthly bank balance once Nicola has weaved her magic with our current & 'Restricted Funds' accounts. At any point where our combined bank accounts look like falling below £10K, Paul will then make a bid via our usual funding options to top up the accounts. In short, Paul reported that the financial position of LRA is healthy & all our forecast activities are covered.

9. AOB

- Paul will supply Kayleigh with our LRA induction pack (containing a copy our Management Committee (MC) Governing Principles & Terms of Reference, MC contact details, our constitution, & our compendium of who does what in LRA Land).

Kayleigh will provide Paul with a head & shoulders photo so that he may construct an ID card.

- As our main contact with Muir, Dave has been asked by one of their execs for a meeting (Tho don't know why or when just now). Dave will keep on top of this & report back when there is any movement on a meeting.
- Paul will supply LRA ID cards as required.
- The collection box in Raj's shop has again raised money for LRA, this time to a value of £85. "Thank you, Raj, outstanding behaviour." 🥰
- The street lights on Harper's Road, not illuminated for over a week, have now been fixed.
- As Paul has still not had his op to make his arm fully functional, he thanked Bob for continuing to draft the minutes of our LRA meetings. Top Man!

There being no other business the meeting was brought to a close at 8.50pm, with a, 'Thank you' to all attendees.

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