

Minutes to the Housing Sub-Committee Meeting
Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)
Held on Thursday 17th January 2013, at Lowton Social Club.
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Present:

- LENDF Chairman – Ed Thwaite (Ed T)
- LENDF Secretary – Irene Thomson
- Peter Sargeant – Chairman, Lane Head South Residents Group
- Malcolm Jones – Secretary, Oaklands and Meadows Residents Association
- Cllr James Grundy
- And seven other members of the committee.

Apologies:

Andy Burnham MP

Eustace Collier

1. Ed T welcomed those present to the 2nd Sub-Committee meeting.

Wainhomes Application

2. Ed T reported that he had been contacted by the Council regarding the 'No to Wainhomes' sign which had been attached to street furniture. The Council requested their removal. The signs had originally been put up without LENDF's permission and therefore any future 'signage' must be agreed through the Committee.
3. The actual effect of the signage and the interest and awareness that it generated throughout the population of Lowton was commended and discussed. Gareth Howard and Simon Ellison have suggested the setting up of a Facebook page. This idea was discussed by the Committee and it was agreed that it should be in 'sync' with the current website, i.e. colour scheme, images, references, etc. Gareth and Irene to investigate this idea further and will meet separately to the Committee and prepare the FB page.
4. The initial campaign will focus on the 'Wainhomes' application but the page needs to be flexible so that all future issues can be accommodated – similar to the website.
5. Another Press Notice is to be released together with renewed Site Notices and letters to those on the boundary of the application.
6. Kath Houlton (resident from Lane Head) was close to completing her arrangements for a plane to fly over Lowton during peak traffic times and video the congestion. This will be uploaded to You Tube and will be used as evidence against both the Wainhomes application and Wigan's Core Strategy.

Core Strategy

7. The subject of 'Placards' 'Sign Boards' was then discussed. These will be for residents to place into their gardens, (if they agreed). The initial cost of production will be provided by LENDF with the cost reclaimed from each resident willing to have one. Orders have already been placed with Ed T. It was agreed to target the main roads through the village – Slag Lane, Stone Cross Lane, Church Lane, Newton Road, and Lane Head area. Bev Ellison to organise some drafts of the suggested wording (possibly different messages) and then place the order with the printers. It was agreed that green boards with black text would work best.

For example:



8. The website will then have text on the Home Page saying 'Seen our sign – Click Here'. This will then quickly take the visitor to the relevant page.
9. Mr Adamson had been approached regarding placing placards/banners on his land down Pocket Nook (facing East Lancs traffic). He has agreed in principle.
10. Cllr Grundy informed the meeting that the Lollipop Lady operating on Church Lane has been moved to Slag Lane. This because Church Lane is graded as a Class D road where as Slag Lane is a higher class – Class B. There will be an article in the Wigan Evening Post regarding this. Mr Hardacre, Wigan Council, has asked for a review of the grading at Church Lane
11. Cllr Gilligan had informed Ed T that an arrangement had been made for Andy Burnham and herself to be photographed at Bottle Pit Pond on Saturday 19th January at 10am for a press release. The article will also be used in Labour Leafleting. LENDF wish to thank the councillors for their support but LENDF are non-political and cannot appear to behave in such a manner as being in a Labour Leaflet.
12. All Committee Members asked to continue reviewing the Wainhomes Associated Documents with the view of finding useful evidence to object to the Core Strategy. All comments/notes to be with Ed T by 14th February.

Next Sub-Committee Meeting

Thursday 31st January 2013 @ 7.30pm (Lowton Social Club)

Invite sent to Andy Burnham MP, and local Councillors.

Post Meeting Note: Peter Sargeant sends his apologies for the 31st Jan.

The next LENDF monthly meeting is Monday 11th February at 7.30pm (Lowton Social Club)

Should you find any omissions or discrepancies in these minutes please contact me on lendf99@gmail.com and let me know as soon as possible and the errors will be rectified.

Irene Thomson,
Secretary – LENDF