

Minutes to the meeting of LENDF held on Wednesday 18th May 2011
Lowton Labour Club as per agenda.

<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

- Welcome to Members, visitors and guests.
- Apologies from Andy Sharrock, Julie Yates, Max Atkins.

Agenda items.

Please note all future meetings now moved to Mondays.

Next Meeting, Monday 13th June.

- **Bank Balance**

Two accounts, old from HMAG and new account now merged so new balance is., £1025.79 plus cash in hand £48

- East Lancs RD, Letter sent to Wigan on 3.3. 11 have been ignored. Sent new letter asking for answers. 13/3/11. These were hand delivered by Pam Gilligan to relevant department's heads.
- Forum Report - forums disbanded at the moment. Joint chairs meeting which was scheduled was postponed. Once meeting held, they will collate feedback from all joint chairs and then feed this back to cabinet. Waiting to hear date of new meeting. PG
- Lowton Alive Day will be held on Sunday 21st August instead of Saturday, 20th August **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS DATE!!!!**
The event will now be held at Lowton Civic Hall and surrounding fields thanks to the hospitality of 8th Wonder on Sunday 21st August, due to scheduled matches planned for the Saturday. . Originally it was planned to take place at Lowton St Mary's but they are having maintenance work carried out on this weekend so we would be unable to use inside of the school.
Steering group regarding planning day and dealing with Health and Safety issues. Presently group comprises Pam Gilligan Ed Thwaite, Jan Johnston, Irene Thomson, Malcolm Jones, Norman Parry and Annette from CIA.
Regarding planning events and entertainment.
- Civic Hall and 8th Wonder.
Now appointed Sports Manager to help manage site. Existing staff been retained in their present posts. Gary and Kerry Tyrer plan to take over the running of the halls and other venues on 1st June. They plan to open up offices and alter them into changing rooms for the football teams. All existing bookings are being honoured. Recommended that members of LOADS contact the civic staff regarding knowledge about lighting systems,

and storage of their costumes under stage etc.,

- Freedom of Information request regarding sale and contract of Civic Hall by Wigan MBC. Jan been in contact with Wigan and this information is still classed as sensitive until the sale is completed (1 June 2011). Assured that they will answer all questions once information has been released.
- Lowton Bridges. JJ asked for volunteers for a new project which she has been requested to take part in. The Humanities teacher from Lowton High School wants her class to interview 21 older people so that the children can compare life now as to when we were children... Afternoon Club from St Catherine's taking part and also Lime House, but if we have any gentlemen who would be interested, Jan would like to hear from you. This would be more interesting for the boys to interview a man, especially as our generation started work at such a young age compared to the young people of today. Any one who wants to take part please contact Jan asap so that arrangements can be finalised. Lunch will be provided by the school.
- Wigan Alcohol Ban in open places.
The decision on this legislation has not been decided yet as the consultation is ongoing. PG will keep up informed of any updates. In the meantime, if you find signs of any alcohol abuse or gathering of youths who are drinking please report it so the matter does not get out of hand and is dealt with promptly by the police. Report it to Pam Gilligan at CIA and she will pass information onto Police. Jackie regularly finds full cans of lager hidden in the hedge surrounding her property. Full carrier bag of spirits found behind nursery. Be vigilant.
- Winter Flower Boxes. PG suggested that we contact Damien Jenkinson regarding the replanting of the boxes when this summers plants have finished. Planters are very heavy and therefore would have to be removed for replanting and this could only be done by recognised garden outlet. Look at Sponsorship regarding these planters as other towns have done.
- Visit to meeting by Jane Tymon PCSO. **Local Crime news.**
It was very kind of Jane to visit us as she is now back on the beat in our area. Reported on current crime which is increasing in this area. Mainly burglaries from cars, garages, and sheds etc, Please ensure that you lock all valuables away in safe storage, bikes, children's toys, garden tools, furniture. If you visit shop etc., make sure you lock your car; it takes a thief less time to get in and out of your car, than it does for you to buy a paper.

Crime prevention work being carried out at Somerfield garage on East Lincs for an awareness campaign. Numerous crimes involve the filling of petrol and driving off without payment. Armed robbery at One Stop shop on Church Lane, thief brandishing an iron bar. Police intelligence think it is local youths carrying out these crimes.

Rural watch being organised. Letter sent out to all farms in the area, but only had 6 replies back, poor response. If you live on a farm or know someone who does please ask them to respond to Rural watch so that we can prevent crime in this area.

- Leaflet Design

We intend to leaflet all the properties in Lowton East ward informing them of our meetings and volunteers were requested for anyone who wanted to be involved in the wording and design of such leaflets.

Meeting to be held at ET;s House. Names collected _ Ed Houlton, Jackie Roberts, Jan Johnston, Norman Parry, Gill Turner and Eddie Thwaite.

- NWCAN website changed to <http://nationalcan.ning.com>

Visit about website and you can sign petition regarding the problems regarding our National Health Service and the future plans. Visit 38degrees and lodge your vote. NWCAN has now gone national and linked up with all areas up and down the country. Linking in with UCLA University of Lancashire regarding new courses being offered aimed at people working for their communities.

Baroness Newlove wants communities to be rewarded for ridding their area of criminals and anti social behaviour. Any information leading to a conviction should be rewarded. It's about normal people taking responsibility for their area. Better lighting etc.,

go to <http://nationalcan.ning.com> **Sign up now and become a members, loads of information, interests, community news, blogs etc., Videos of guest speakers etc.,**

Free conference on 1st July. Book your place now, going fast.

- Any other business

Contacted by Open Space Society, regarding changes to Localism Bill and categories for new green space which could weaken future, Village Green applications.

- Next Meeting. Please note meeting have been changed to **Mondays** from now on so that it doesn't clash with football and other events Next meetings **Monday 13th June**, Monday, 11th July and Monday 8th August. 7.30, Lowton Labour Club. Please see website for current events and regular information from Police, council etc.,

These minutes are believed to be true and accurate, if you disagree with anything in them or there any omissions, please inform. Jan Johnston