

Minutes to the meeting of LENDF held on Monday 13th June 2011
Lowton Labour Club as per agenda.

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Welcome to Members, visitors and guests and a warm welcome to Wayne Reedman, Sports Development Officer, 8th Wonder Apologies from Sue Jackson LOADS, Jackie Roberts

Minutes from last meeting - not read at meeting but copies had been sent out by email and paper copies were available.

Bank Balance Information - New account now set up in name of LENDF

Forum Report - PG

Joint chairs meeting not taken place yet, proposed end July. No final decision on future of forums until after this meeting has taken place.

Lowton Live Day Sunday 21st August, 10 - 4

Opportunity to unite people from the area, Thanks to Gary and Kerry Tyrer from 8th Wonder for the use of Lowton Civic Hall which is the ideal venue for this event. Scouts from area unite to provide BBQ and other tasks to be undertaken.

Information given for local Judo Club contact.

Latest Civic Hall Information Your suggestions for new name

ET and JJ met with 8th wonder, who shared their ideas for the future use of the Lowton Civic Hall which will include changing rooms for the players to use, all weather pitch, possible cricket pitch, club room overlooking playing fields, leisure venue, with acts suitable for residents of Lowton.

Don't forget to put forward your suggestions for a suitable name for Lowton Civic Hall. If your suggestion chosen, £10 gift token given.

Civic Hall Information - FOI request to Wigan MBC

We were informed that all the formalities from the sale are not yet complete and therefore the info we requested cannot be provided

yet. It is being monitored by us and FOI Dept who assure once it is available, it will be passed onto us.

Winter Flower Boxes

Members decided that as Lowton was the only Forum area to vote for the removal of the winter planting in order to save money in these times of austerity, we were perturbed to find out that all other areas were still having winter boxes provided.

Discussion followed which said Lowton was either to have the money saved given back to them for use on other projects or the winter boxes should be re-instated.

Planters outside of Lowton St Mary's should be moved as they block sight of the traffic on this busy stretch of road on a bend.

It was requested that the Lowton Councillors ascertain what money was left in the Forum for us at the last meeting.

New Lighting on Rowan Ave

Some residents have been unhappy at how shambolic the process of replacing the lighting has been, with up to four lots of different contractors for each lamp post replacement. New Lamps fitted, old lampposts still there. Cracked flags and damage to area.

Residents urged to report any damage to the Highways dept at Wigan MBC so that the contractor can be contacted to put right any damage.

Police Liaison in Area with Compassion in Action

Police Pod sited round area with first being on Toby Carvery on 18th June. Pam Gilligan will be in attendance as well as your local councillor.

Earlier problems with car damage in Slag Lane area reported to police who failed to attend even though resident had video evidence. PG to inform Insp Kennedy GMPolice.

East Lancs Corridor

Letter from Wigan MBC placed on website.

According to Core Strategy, Wigan to provide up to 1000 new homes in area up to 2026 due to people living longer, extended families, 85% of this would be sited in the Wigan Hindley corridor and the Atherton - Leigh corridor. Where 4 potential sites would be chosen. Land on East Lancs not owned by Wigan MBC so would have no financial benefit to Council.

Wigan MBC reported 24 objections received. Core strategy was being decided on 7th July and then to Cabinet on 20th July.

Any Other Business

Oakland Road Playing field Drainage work started on playing field.

Leaflets for LENDF

Leaflet design agreed and master sent to the printers.

Volunteers needed to deliver leaflets

Can members enquire from friends and families, for help to deliver leaflets to every residence in Lowton East. Approx 5000 addresses

Next Meeting - Monday 11th July.