

Minutes to the meeting of LENDF held on Monday 11th July 2011,
at Lowton Labour Club as per agenda.

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

1. Welcome to Members, visitors and guests
2. Minutes from last meeting - not read at meeting but copies had been sent out by email and paper copies were available.
3. Bank Balance Information - New account has balance of £1024
4. Leaflet Distribution Teams
The leaflets which have been paid for before the above amount are now ready for distribution. ET is happy to collate this using a large scale map. All volunteers willing to assist with this task to meet on Monday 18th July at 7.00 on the Toby Carvery and then again on Thursday 21st July.
5. Civic Hall Update.
The new name for the Civic Hall is "The Rose Centre" which incorporates the surname of one of the directors.
 - a. Lowton Alive
Unfortunately Pam Gilligan could not attend our meeting as she had another meeting at the Council but she kindly sent an email to the Chair and Secretary with details of interests and actions taken
 - b. Lowton Alive all in hand but would welcome any volunteers on Sunday 21st August.
 - c. Street Lighting in Oakland Road reported.
 - d. Rowan Ave pavements reported
 - e. Township joint chairs meeting cancelled again. Wigan cabinet require more info.
 - f. Plans for new Sainsbury's supermarket at Golborne library.
 - g. Drainage work on Oaklands park should be completed.
 - h. Land around sub stations reported as overgrown and untidy
 - i. Any one got any spare bedding and men's jeans CIA would welcome them and find them new homes.
6. Non Alcohol Legalisation
JG due to deliver update , will report back at next meeting in August

7. LDF Plan

All members to keep up to date with any developments or notices displayed in the area. Any further information will be put onto our Web site for all to see including any letters from Wigan Council.

8. Winter Flower Boxes.

As most of you are aware Ed Thwaite wrote to the Council to Joyce Redfern CEO and all our councillors and explained that as Lowton and Golborne was the only area that were not having winter flower boxes, many residents had expressed their disappointment. As the Townships are now in a suspended state, we wrote to the Council and got a reply from Mr. Mark Tilley stating that they were happy to reinstate the winter boxes to coincide to the rest of the borough.

All the residents we contacted and our members were delighted with this news and suggested we wrote back to the Council to thank them for granting our request. All letters on Website.

9. AOB

- a. CJ stated at the meeting that two men in suits were taking photos of the spare land at the top of Spruce Close. When challenged would not say who they were and quickly left the area. JG to visit area with CJ and make further inquiries
- b. Jacquie Roberts delivered information about Greenheart and what an excellent resource it is on our own doorstep. It enables people to ride horses, walk, jog, ride bikes along side of the canal system from Leigh thru to Wigan. Large detailed map at Civic Buildings. Film show from Greenheart now on website - go and see what a great job has been achieved. Or visit www.visitgreenheart.com The area is attracting many visitors from other parts of the country. Did you know it was on your doorstep?
- c. Carol Leigh told members about the amount of rubbish and litter discarded on Newton Road usually from local schoolchildren. - suggestion to contact Pam at CIA and JG will contact Council to ask for installation of another litter bin.

- d. James Grundy thanked the members of the group and congratulated us on how we have evolved and grown into a positive asset for the area.
- e. Conversation and concern around the planned meeting of Transport for Leigh pressure group, Andy Burnham and GMPTE.
Guided bus way not practical or cost effective, when the opening of the rail link via Kenyon lane junction would be greener, cheaper, and more efficient. Request from members for ET to write to papers, Andy Burnham, and Transport for Leigh to reiterate the rail link, as this is vital to the area. www.transportforleigh.org.uk

10. Next Meeting Monday 8th August at 7.30 prompt.

Should you find any omissions or discrepancies in these minutes, please let me know and I will do my best to rectify any errors.

Jan Johnston
Secretary.
LENDF.