

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)
Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017 at Lowton Social Club.
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Chairman – Ed Thwaite
Cllr James Grundy Cllr Kath Houlton

No. of attendees = 33

1. Minutes from the last meeting – Not read out at the meeting but copies have been sent out by email and posted onto Facebook.
2. Last Night of the Proms:
 - The night was a success and the Lowton Social Club room has been booked for 2018.
 - The income from the ticket sales, bucket collection and a LENDF donation was distributed among Meningitis Research, purchase of chairs for the Social Club, the band, the choir and refreshments.
 - Meningitis Research have acknowledge the donation with thanks.
3. Winwick Lane:
 - The lane has been de-primed however contra to what was reported at our last meeting, No Weight Limit, has been put on the road.
 - Approximately 13,322 vehicles a day use this lane, 17% of which are wagons.
 - Warrington Council have approved plans for a wider entrance/exit onto Winwick Lane for airport access.
4. Civic Hall:
 - The hall is currently being demolished and an organisation named MCI Developments (6 houses) together with Great Places (30 houses) will develop the site.
 - Great Places are a housing association.
 - The original commemorative plaque will not be positioned on this site. A request for a boundary plan of the site was proposed.
 - The completion date is June 2019.
5. St Catherine's Church:
 - The church and house have been demolished.
 - The land will be levelled and seeded.
6. Parkside:
 - Planning application for the land to be submitted in January or summer of 2018.
 - Rumours of a Spanish train builder may come to the site which would be more suitable than warehousing.
7. Historic England:
 - The last battle of the Civil War was at Winwick Pass.
 - Historic England want to make the whole of the battlefield a protected site.
 - Part of the battle site is on the Parkside Development area.
8. HS2:
 - Contra to previous meetings it now seems that the line runs through Byrom Wood.
 - LENDF are still awaiting a meeting with MP Jo Platt for further clarification.

9. St Mary's Church:

- A Christmas tree fete will be held in the church, it is proposed that LENDF purchase a tree for display.
- A recital of songs will be held in the church on Saturday 2nd December 2017 – tickets are £7.00 each, the proceeds going to the renovation of the stained glass windows.

10. St Luke's Church:

- The donation to the War Memorial is to St Luke's Church and not to St Mary's as previously recorded.

A.O.B

a) Traffic lights to be put on the M6 junction 21 A.

b) Traffic census is occurring on all local highways.

c) Diggle Green – the odours are bad at present. It is important that people contact the Environment authority and to keep phoning in to complain.

d) Silsden Ave. Crompton way. Canaan ek. Work on the housing sites have started in earnest leading to contractor's traffic blocking the roads, leaving quantities of mud on the highways and not cleaning the roads on a regular basis. Complaints have been sent into Wigan Metro but the person responsible – Dave Littler – will not respond. LENDF to arrange meeting with the Metro and the contractors.

e) Advertising hoarding – Bloor Homes have submitted a planning application for a large sign to be erected at the junction of Heath Lane and the East Lancs Rd. The sign will be 13ft 6inch high and 39ft wide. Objections by email to John Cross – planning office j.corcos@wigan.gov.uk - Closing date 16th November 2017.

Next meeting – 11th December 2017