

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LEPDF)
Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 at Lowton Social Club
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Chairman - Ed Thwaite.

CLLrs - K Houlton, J Grundy, Ed Houlton.

No. of attendees = 36

1. Minutes from last meeting:

Not read out at meeting but copies have been sent out by email and posted on Facebook.

2. Greater Manchester:

Every local authority in Greater Manchester is Labour controlled. Greater Manchester is a form of mini-government and as such they have various plans, including transport which could bring back Kenyon Junction. They are having a re-think on the spatial strategy and have plans for town centres to create flats above shops. We need to keep up to date with their latest plans enter this site and read all about it.

<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/ourpeopleourplace>

3. Housing Plans:

A map was shown to the meeting indicating the areas of extra housing in Lowton. Oakland's, land behind Garton Drive and the scrap yard have been added. The final plan is yet to be published.

4. HS2:

The estimated costs have increased. They also now require a wider corridor than 130 metres to create the line. Meeting at Parkside Club, Golborne on the 27th November. Meeting at Culcheth Club on the 28th of November. A local report is saying that the upgrade of the existing main line would be cheaper and better than the Golborne link. Northern MP's are urging Labour to stop HS2 and concentrate on the northern cross link to Leeds etc. the transport minister, Grayling, is reported saying that the out of control costs are putting the scheme in doubt.

Read following

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/aug/09/hs2-out-of-control-care-homes-childrens-centres>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/oct/27/northern-mps-tell-labour-change-your-mind-on-hs2>

5. Echoes of Diggle Green:

A report in the press of smells coming out of a Cornish Creamery (Dairy Crest) have meant that the locals have been unable to be out in the summer months and open their windows at night. The smell which is from the waste water plant also comes in the middle of the night.

Read following <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-46177370>

6. St Catherine's:

<https://www.leighjournal.co.uk/news/17231293.proposals-made-to-build-26-homes-on-site-of-former-st-catherine-of-siena-rc-church-lowton/?ref=mr&lp=7>

7. Warrington Council:

They have refused an application by Stobarts for a new depot, they may also have objected to the Parkside link road.

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/17209638.stobarts-to-look-elsewhere-after-plans-to-build-in-warrington-turned-down/>

8. Byrom Hall:

Cameras are now in place.

9. Last Night of the Proms:

The evening was a success and the venue has been booked for next year. A donation of £1063 was made to the Sarah Edwards Fund.

<https://www.wigantoday.net/news/appeal-to-help-family-transform-home-after-devastating-accident-1-8860709>

10. Instrument Store:

With money from Brighter Borough a disused room at the side of Lowton Social Club has been re-roofed and cleaned up to enable Golborne Band to store their instruments.

11. Pensioners Party:

Next one is the 12th December at Lowton Social Club.

12. Section 106 Money:

It was agreed that a list of proposals to be prepared. Any ideas to be forwarded to the local councillors.

Next Meeting - 17th December 2018.