

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

- Chairman – Ed Thwaite, Secretary – Irene Thomson
- Cllr Kath Houlton, Cllr James Grundy

Apologies – Cllr Ed Houlton

No. of Attendees = 23

1. **Minutes from last meeting** – not read at meeting but copies had been sent out by email, posted onto Facebook, and paper copies were available.

2. **HS2**

Apologies for the confusion regarding the availability of Raj from HS2 and his plans for attending our meeting tonight.

A few weeks ago Raj, local councillors and LENDF Chairman had a meeting. Various questions were put to Raj in order to put forward residents' concerns including:

- Civic Hall
- Civic Hall fields
- Youth Club
- Compensation Monies.

Raj will fully explain the answers when he visits our next meeting.

Anyone wishing to read HS2 compensation scheme please click this website link <https://www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2/overview>

Raj has proposed that the HS2 Environmental Team 'walk the route' with local Councillors so that the various impact issues can be discussed and mitigation ideas be proposed.

There will be 'Community Funds' available for local groups to apply for which can be used for community facilities which could be blighted by the route.

LENDF Chairman also had a meeting recently with Manchester Mayoral Candidate Mr Sean Anstee, who is the leader of Trafford Council. Various subjects were discussed including GMSF, HS2, Parkside, and Haydock. Mr Anstee stated that he is against the HS2 Spur and will continue supporting Warrington wishes to have the West Coast Line upgraded from Crew.

3. **Police**

Lane Head South Residents Group and local councilors are to meet with the police on Wednesday 15th March – 7pm Red Lion – to discuss the recent spate of burglaries in the area. The police have received various amounts of evidence and surveillance and will be able to feedback to the meeting their progress.

It is very important to assist the police with reports of incidents (or suspicions) by telephone the 101 number. All calls are logged into a database and the information is crucial to build evidence which will give the police strong reasons to speak to suspects, and if they are young people their parents will also be spoken to.

4. Lowton Civic Hall

No further news at this time.

5. Red Lion, Lowton – Planning Application

The application to remove the bowling green for development has been withdrawn. There was a proven case put forward that the bowling green is used by three separate bowling leagues and therefore is protected.

6. 'The Deal' Bus

The recent appearance of The Deal bus in Lowton proved very successful with many residents taking the opportunity to meet and discuss issue with Cllr Kath Houlton and members of Wigan Council. In fact the feedback showed that it was 'the best turn out' since the bus started visiting communities in the Borough.

7. Litter Pick

A litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 8th April – 10am-12noon. Meet at the entrance to the field on Hesketh Meadow Lane opposite the junction with Oaklands Road. Cllr Grundy reported that The Beat It Team are programmed to visit Lowton soon so if the area has been done by that date then we shall walk over to Pocket Nook area instead. All equipment will be provided and we request as many people as possible to attend in order to achieve the best result.

8. Any Other Business

- Diggle Green - Residents are once again noticing an increase in odour and therefore have been reporting this to the Environment Agency. Cllr Grundy will invite Karl Battersby to the LENDF May meeting in order to discuss Diggle Green with residents.
- Kenyon Lane - New Street Lighting has been installed but not on all of the Lane – which means there is now a mixture of 'yellow' and 'white' lights. It is unclear if these are footpath lights or street lights so Cllr Grundy to check with the Council about when the work will be completed.
- Sandy Lane – Speed Camera. Residents have requested a Speed Camera Sign or Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). A VAS detects a vehicles speed and displays it but can also record this data which is used as evidence for the installation of speed bumps or other methods of controlling speeding motorists. A VAS is in use at Chester Ave/Bourne Ave after local residents took part in the Community Speedwatch scheme run by Wigan Council.

Next LENDF Monthly Meeting

10th April @ 7.30pm (Lowton Social Club – Upstairs Room)

Should you find any omissions or discrepancies in these minutes please contact me on lendf99@gmail.com and let me know as soon as possible and the errors will be rectified.

Irene Thomson – Secretary, LENDF