

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LEPDF)  
Minutes to the Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, at Lowton Social Club.

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

- Chairman- Ed Thwaite
- Apologies- Cllr Ed Houlton, Cllr Kath Houlton, Cllr James Grundy.

No of Attendees = 20

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**1. Minutes from last meeting-**

Not read out at last meeting but copies have been sent out by email, posted onto Facebook.

**2. Charity beanstalks-**

Lorna Townes gave a talk about the charity, which is a children's literature society who attend schools helping children to read. Volunteers are required to read to the children, in schools in the Wigan and Leigh area. The volunteers would be expected to work inside a radius of 5 miles from their home address. Training would be given to the applicants to enable them to teach the children adequate checks would be carried out on the applicants. Each volunteer would have 3 pupils assigned to them and the reading would be on a one to one basis. Local schools: St Mary's and Lowton Junior and infant school have vacancies for these teachers. For further information can be found on [www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk](http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk)

**3. HS2-**

A letter was shown on screen from "Stop HS2". Raj didn't attend the meeting because he doesn't have a clearer picture of the projects status which is further clouded because of the forthcoming election.

**4. Police-**

A further meeting will be arranged, at a later date, with the likely venue being St.Marys school hall because of the members projected to attend.

**5. Brighter Borough Money-**

Chairman Ed Thwaite addressed a meeting with Wigan Council explaining as to how the local councillors used LENDF to accept and distribute the Brighter Borough Money.

**6. Civic Hall-**

It would seem that Wigan Council will not be purchasing the Civic Hall and that the likely outcome would be that the site is going to be used as a house development site.

**7. Last night of the proms-**

Provisional dates being October 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. No venue has been decided as to the date. It will be difficult to organise an alternative to the Civic Hall because of the numbers taking part and attending.

**8. Pensioner's Party-**

These are now organised by OMRA and the next one is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 at the Lowton Social Club.

**9. General election-**

The Labour Candidate is- Jo Platt. UKIP- Mark Bradley

The news came through to the meeting that the Conservative candidate would be- James Grundy.

**10. Florida farm-**

The application by the Local residents opposing this development appealed to the Minister but the application was not called in.

**11. Parkside development-**

It seems that the proposed development may have problems with road and rail access. Also it seems that there could be a further application to the site for residential homes etc. need for confirmation.

**12. Diggle green-**

The aroma arising from the farm seems to have debated slightly over the past few weeks.

**13. Local news-**

- a) The Car Show Room at Lane Head could be a subject to a planning application as a restaurant.
- b) The Church at Lane Head, St.Catherines, has been stripped clear inside. Possible scare regarding travellers.
- c) Red lion: on-going discussions regarding the Bowling Green. Free bowling sessions will be available on Fridays at 3pm till 5pm.
- d) Garden supply shed. Open Wednesdays 12:00 to 1:00pm  
Open Sunday from 11:00 to 12:00pm
- e) A list of the new speeding fines can be found on the website
- f) Concerns over the chemist on Oakland's Road as to rumours of closing, redundancies and the closure of the shop on Saturdays.
- g) Request for certain hedges to be trimmed on Kenyon Lane.

Next LENDF monthly meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> June @ 7:30 pm (Lowton Social Club)  
Upstairs room