

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)  
Minutes to the Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Lowton Social Club.  
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

- Chairman – Ed Thwaite (Ed T), Secretary – Irene Thomson (IT)
- Welcome to members, visitors and guests

*Apologies – Cllr Grundy, Ed Houlton*

No. of Attendees = 40

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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. **Annual General Meeting**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the meeting would start with the AGM.

***Election of Officers***

Chairperson: Ed Thwaite – proposed and seconded (all those present agreed)  
Vice Chair: *Vacant position – anyone interested please contact the Chairman*  
Secretary: Irene Thomson – proposed and seconded (all those present agreed)  
Treasurer: Graham Maskery – proposed and seconded (all those present agreed)

***Sub-Committees***

Used for specific projects:

Malcolm Jones

Gill Turner

Dennis Eubank

Eustace Collier

*More members are welcome to join – please contact Irene.*

***Constitution***

No changes required to the Constitution at this time.

***Bank Balance***

On display for the duration of the meeting. The accounts show a number of amounts of monies received via Brighter Borough Funding. Applications are now done online and LENDF are a registered applicant. All apps have to be passed by a Councillor.

Recent applications include

- Mencap
- Fir Tree Allotments
- Charity
- LENDF Environment Group

LENDF wish to thank the local councillors for their support and assistance.

3. **Diggle Green**

Though there has only been the occasional incidents of noticeable smell from Diggle Green, there are concerns that the summer months will bring an increase.

LENDF have received information that Warrington Borough Council are taking action to ensure that all the processes at Diggle Green are being properly undertaken and monitored. Warrington BC are working closely with the Environment Agency to ensure that residents do not suffer a repeat of last summer's 'unpleasant odours'.

#### **4. HS2 – Kenyon Station & Golborne Station**

There have been some changes at Wigan Council with the re-adjudication of staff in the Transport Department. Rob Owen is now Transport Strategy Manager replacing Emma Barton who is now a Director of a department.

LENDF has spoken with Rob Owen for an update on the possibility of a train station at Golborne. He has promised to produce a report before our next meeting (June). He was also willing to discuss the idea of a station at Kenyon.

A meeting is still to be arranged for the Train Station sub-group to discuss these options. Invites were sent to parish councillors at Culcheth and Croft. Cllr Jacquie Johnson has replied that she will attend, but only as an observer. Still awaiting a response from Cllr Val Allen.

#### **5. Senior Citizens Event**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – 1.00pm till 3.30pm @ Lowton Social Club**

LENDF are providing an afternoon event of fun and entertainment for senior citizens. Bingo, Singalong, Sandwiches, Tea, Coffee, plus a Hamper Raffle. Tickets are FREE – please contact Jan on 01942 603436 (donations for the Hamper are very welcome). This event is aimed at those individuals who may be alone and isolated – if you have a neighbour or friend who you think would enjoy an afternoon out then please contact Jan for a free ticket.

#### **6. LENDF Environment Group – Litter Pick**

Last week saw the first Litter Pick done by the Environment Group. A total of 15 adults and 30 children from St Catherine's School volunteered and in just over an hour had collected approximately 30 bags of rubbish (including two road cones!) from the footpath between Lowton Allotments and St Catherine's school.

There is a small pond and watercourse along this pathway and the pond also had a tidy up, though a bit more work is needed. Ed Thwaite asked for volunteers to help him remove some large branches which were impeding the flow of water into the pond. 5 residents will now meet with Ed on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10am to do this work.

Irene has asked the Council to redo the 'dog fouling' stencilling on the footpath, and also enquired if another waste bin could be provided.

*Post Meeting Note: 12 new stencils have now been done and council agreed to the installation of another bin.*



The next litter pick will be in early May and our 'target' this time will be The Orchard area on Hesketh Meadow Lane. Date and details to be provided soon.



Looks lovely from a distance but ..... a closer look reveals 'litter'

## 7. Any Other Business



PCSO Donovan Plunkett is Lowton East's new PSCO and he will attend a LENDF meeting as soon as his shifts permit.

- The Lane Head South Residents Group are still waiting for the conclusions of the recent 'pedestrian crossing' survey completed last month by Wigan Council.
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 1.30pm to 4.30pm Open Gardens Day** organised by LHSRG Tickets £3 – various homeowners on Kenyon Lane, Winton Road and Newton Road are to open their gardens to raise funds for LHSRG – refreshments available whilst you view ☺. Contact [lhsrg00@gmail.com](mailto:lhsrg00@gmail.com) for your ticket
- **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30am till 3.00pm Antiques and Collectables Valuation** at St Mary's Community Hall, Newton Road. £2 per item or £5 for three items (mx three items per person). Valuations by Frank Marshall & Co of Knutsford. Refreshments available. Enquiries to 01942 606757
- Parkside, Newton – Update from Ray Bent. An Outline Planning Application is due to be submitted possibly in June. Highways Agency have apparently offered a £68m donation for a connection to the site from the M6.
- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Free Fun Day** in association with OMRA. To be held at Lowton Social Club once more. Details to follow soon.
- October – Last Night of the Proms. Details to be given at next meeting.

## 8. Next LENDF Monthly Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 @ 7.30pm (Lowton Social Club)

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

Irene Thomson – Secretary, LENDF