

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LEPDF).  
Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Lowton Social Club.  
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Chairman – Ed Thwaite  
Cllr. Ed Houlton, Cllr. Kath Houlton.

Number of attendees – 31.

1. Minutes from last meeting – Not read out at the meeting but have been sent out by email and posted on Facebook.
2. Local information:
  - A meeting with the Police was held at Lowton Social Club, this was a follow up meeting to the one held at the Red Lion, Lane Head. It attracted a large attendance, however only 15 people turned up to the meeting.
  - The area is quiet, crime rate is exceedingly low.
  - People are still not locking car or house doors leaving keys in doors and in accessible positions.
  - Strange case of one number plate stolen.
  - The email addresses of the local police officers are on the website and they will visit for non-urgent cases. [08572@gmp.police.uk](mailto:08572@gmp.police.uk)
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  - Inspector Ian Hopper stated that unless it is a danger to life incident there will be no visit until a lot later on.
  - The people who receive the 999 calls also receive the 101 calls, which could be a reason for a delay in answering. 999 will always take priority.
  - With regards to the travellers the Police in Greater Manchester Region will not react but will leave it to the local authority.
3. Winwick Lane weight limit report:  
After the latest meetings with the MP Jo Platt and with K.Battersby (Wigan Metro), Wigan Metro is considering putting a limit on one half of Winwick Lane in the direction of the motorway. It is the full length of half the carriage way but can only be enforced on the lane in the Wigan area. Warrington will not sanction a weight limit on the lane.
4. Mount Tabor:  
The horses have been legally removed and a work party of about 12 people dismantled the metal and timber fences, stacking ready for removal. Wigan Metro has subsequently removed the debris. Congratulations to Kath and her team of helpers.
5. St.Catherines Church:  
The site is currently fenced off and dismantling has started on both the Church and house. A watch is being kept for travellers. The future of the site is and of the existing graves is uncertain.
6. Housing:
  - At the Tory party conference reference was made to making councils release extra land for building. They also stated that builders must start to build when planning permission is granted.
  - Currently sites in Lowton are delayed or only being partially developed.
  - Residents views are being requested regarding the proposal to build 77 houses on land east side of the present council estate and behind Horncastle Close.
  - Maybe council houses.
7. Civic Hall:  
Local residents have received letters naming the demolition contractor.

8. Travellers:  
They are back in the area and LENDF have had a meeting with MP Jo Platt stating our concerns. She will raise it with A Burnham to try putting pressure on GM Police to act and not leave it to the local authority.  
It seems travellers on Parkside were removed in 24 hours – different local authority and police.
9. HS2:  
There will be a future meeting (to be arranged) with HS2 over the proposed new position of the line through Lowton.
10. Last Night of the Proms:  
Tickets still on sale. Volunteers required for the decoration of the hall. Meet at Lowton Social Club 10:00am Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.
11. a) A.O.B:  
OMRA have restarted their mid-week concerts, the next one being on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 1:00pm.  
b) K.Houlton is asking anybody who has had difficulty in speaking to Wigan Metro, either being unable to get through on the phone or being put in a telephone queue, to contact herself with details.

Next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017