

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 at Lowton Social Club.

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

No. of attendees – 19

- **Chair** – Ed Thwaite
 - **Cllrs** – Kath Houlton, Ed Houlton.
 - **Apologies** – J. Grundy, Gill Dickinson, P. Hatfield, Gill Turner.
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1. Minutes from last meeting

Not read out at meeting but copies have been sent out by e-mail and posted onto Facebook.

2. New houses

Wigan Metro are in the top five country-wide for the number of new built houses sold with leasehold.

<https://www.leighobserver.co.uk/news/politics/shock-figures-reveal-scale-of-leasehold-sales-of-homes-in-the-borough-1-9870449>

3. Housing development in North Leigh

199 new houses are to be built at North Leigh park, near Hindley Green. This is the start of a development that will grow to a figure of 1,800 homes.

<https://www.leighjournal.co.uk/news/17883414.first-phase-vast-housing-site-will-bring-mostly-affordable-homes/>

4. Stocks at Lowton St. Luke's

It seems that Wigan Metro are responsible for the upkeep. In 1966 a Government Inspector deemed that the then local council had the responsibility. Following a request to Wigan Metro to search the archives, they reported back that they were unable to discover anything. Subsequently, Peter Hatfield searched and found the necessary information. We are now asking that they repair the stocks.

5. Bloor Homes

The Bottle Pit site, on the East Lancs Road, has been fenced off, thus blocking the existing footpaths. Bloor Homes are awaiting planning permission for this site. Bloor Homes and Wainhomes are applying for a temporary order to close the paths, as yet no permanent order has been applied for and hopefully the pond will remain.

6. Letter from St. Helens Council

They have published a draft of local planning. This to be submitted autumn 2019, there should be public hearings in 2020. Government Inspector to peruse plans.

7. Bus Passes

Special bus passes are to be issued in Greater Manchester. These can be claimed 18 months before the National Bus Pass. They will cost £10.00 and can only be used in

Greater Manchester.

It is also proposed that in future the existing National Bus Pass will be for buses only however for the extra payment of £10.00 it can be used in Greater Manchester on the trams and trains.

8. Five Acres

Planning permission not yet given since part of the development is green belt land.

9. Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

They have published a letter letting people know what happens next. No further action until 2020.

10. Jolly Carter

Mystery regarding its sale and rumours about car showroom with housing above. Work has started on site with trees cut down.

11. Orphanage - Hesketh Meadow Lane

The Metro have cut down trees inside and outside of the railings, on Newton Road.

12. Egerton Road project

No news on current planning application.

13. Lowton - Sign

Our local councillors have requested that a "Welcome to Lowton" sign to be put on Newton Road, at present it is in the design phase.

14. St Catherine's

The size of the drainage pipes seem to be out of proportion to the size of the site.

15. Red Lion

Possible change of landlord - possible re-opening date of 21st October 2019.

16. Traffic lights - Lane Head

Increased delays - they are being re-tweaked.

17. Diggle Green

Keep reporting any smells. 0800 807060

18. Last Night of the Proms

The event was another huge success. The bucket collection raised £212.71 this has been given to charity.

Next Meeting - 11th November 2019