

**MOSLEY COMMON IN BLOOM**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**  
**AT THE BOUNDARY STONE PUB - 7.30 PM**

**Present:** **MCIB:** Maxine Abberley, Louise Cook, Linda Speakman, John Worrall, Sylvia Abberley, Andrea Fisher, Kay Worsley  
**Councillors:** Barry Taylor, Brendan Bowen, Christine Roberts  
**Evergreen:** Mavis Grundy, Alma Cooper  
**Guests:** Liz Johnson, Wigan & Leigh Homes & Lucy Murphy, Tenant Participation Co-ordinator, Wigan & Leigh Homes.  
Ellenbrook Village Association Member - Eileen

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Joanne Platt  
Judy Jones

2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015:**  
There were no matters arising.

3. **Progress on sign for directions to Lindale Hall:**

Councillor Taylor clarified the costs for the Lindale Hall sign:

|                                    |         |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Initial assessment and sign design | £110.00 |                     |
| Sign area                          | £180.00 |                     |
| Design Fees                        | £ 70.00 |                     |
| Administration                     | £ 18.00 |                     |
| Routine Maintenance                | £180.00 | Total Cost: £558.00 |

The initial reaction of the group was that this cost was very high; they would give the matter some thought and feedback to Councillors Taylor and Bowen.

Action: MCIB

4. **Councillors/Police Surgeries:**

Councillor Taylor clarified the dates of the Councillors' Surgeries as being held at St John's School on the second Thursday of each month. The next one being on 12<sup>th</sup> February. One of the dates of the Police Surgeries held at Sure Start is to be clarified as it states 21<sup>st</sup> February which is a Saturday.

Action: Maxine

5. **Tyldesley Town Partnership Meeting:**

Councillor Taylor reported on this excellent meeting he recently attended along with many business people from Tyldesley who are keen to promote and improve the area, especially with the introduction of the guided busway.

6. **Feedback on meeting with Salford and Wigan Council:**

Maxine attended this meeting re the state of the maintenance of the gateway and East Lancs Road being very overgrown due to the fact that Salford Council are not fulfilling their contractual obligations in terms of mowing and clearing the areas. It is not clear whether Salford Council are charging Wigan Council for cutting the grass 6 times as per the contract, however, last year they only cut it twice.

Maxine has e-mailed the Salford Traffic Division regarding the installation of a push-button traffic crossing but has been told that due to costs this is not possible. However, they would look at altering the timing of the lights to allow pedestrian's more time to cross over the road.

7. **Progress on the Race Night in February:**

Mavis reported that arrangements for the Race Night are well in hand and organised. Approximately 60 tickets have been sold which should make for a very successful night.

## **8. 'Beat It Team'**

On behalf of MCIB Maxine expressed thanks to the Beat It Team who, in response to requests have cleared lots of scrub from the area between the end of terrace and start of quasi-semi's on Commons Road and along the East Lancs footpath between Aman's and the petrol station. Councillor Bowen stressed that the beat it team are available quarterly and MCIB should contact them should they see any areas of concern.

Action: Maxine

## **9. Three new benches and bin for Playing Field:**

Maxine reported that these should have been ordered by WLCT and it is hoped will be installed by the end of February.

## **10. Feedback on visit to Wigan and Leigh Housing Trust:**

Maxine and Louise attended this meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January where they gave a presentation showing the miner wood carving event on 4th May 2014, the funding for which was awarded by Wigan and Leigh Housing.

Liz Johnson said there was a £20,000 under-spend from the Neighbourhood Fund and stressed that bids for a share of this should be submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> February. Maxine mentioned that Lindale Hall, a function hall widely used by the local community would benefit from a facelift and felt that a bid should be submitted for this. She asked John to give some thought to costs for re-decoration. Discussion followed as to the ownership and maintenance of the building. Councillor Taylor is to investigate and feed back his findings.

Action: Councillors

## **11. Bio Project - Next Steps:**

The ongoing project requires the ditch to be cleared as it is hoped we can introduce frogspawn this Spring. Joanne Platt is looking into options for help with this labour intensive task. Maxine clarified that the Council are going to spray the area recently cleared by MCIB, AEP and other volunteers. Once the ground has been treated with weed-killer the planting of wild flowers can commence.

Action: MCIB/Maxine

## **12. Leigh Journal:**

Linda clarified that having telephoned Leigh Journal offices, the journal is not being delivered in the Mosley Common area due to costs and lack of advertising revenue. She was informed that changes are made every so often so there is a chance that delivery may be re-instated if enough people complain. (Telephone Distribution on 08433 577 958). This is very disappointing as MCIB use this as a method of promoting the group and our events. Without local distribution this now seems like a waste of time and money.

## **13. Website Update and Face Book:**

Louise met with Ann Eccles for a training session regarding the website. Mavis was asked if she could look at the facebook aspects of opening an account for MCIB if this has not already been set up.

Action: Louise/Mavis

## **14. Green Flag Status:**

Maxine apologised that she has been unable to submit the green flag application for the area by the end of January 2015 as required and will arrange this for next year.

Action: Maxine

## **15. Any Other Business:**

a) Unfortunately there has been no response from residents re adoption of the tree flower beds. However, Andrea has adopted two, Kay has adopted two and Linda has adopted one. The scheme will continue to be promoted; will be advertised on the race card for the forthcoming race night and is ongoing until all beds are adopted.

Action: Linda

b) Linda is in the process of getting a little background information regarding Reverend Paul Martin for the poster to advertise his Saucy Postcards talk on 24<sup>th</sup> March. John can provide a projector, screen and a microphone. Paul has been informed of this.

Action: Linda

c) Linda and Mavis have each purchased a memorial bench for the football field. These have been installed by John and are to be treated with a wood preservative as soon as possible and regularly.

Action: MCIB / Linda

d) Liz Johnson mentioned a function at Shackerley Community Centre on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### **17. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. At The Boundary Stone.

#### **DISTRIBUTION LIST:**

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