

Longparish Community Association

Minutes of first AGM of Longparish Community Association held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 10th April 2007 at 7.30pm

Fiona Gould, chair, opened the meeting with general thanks to everyone for coming.

1) Report of the management committee

LCA activities

Fiona continued by presenting a summary of achievements of the LCA over the past year. (See attachment for details of the presentation.)

Membership

In total there are 283 members and three affiliate organisations. (for full details see the attachment)

Kidzone

Cheryl Dowler, representing Kidzone, gave a short resume of what the Kidzone had done since its inception. The name was chosen by a committee of young people and Phil Barber worked up the logo so that the club had an identifiable image. Kidzone meet fortnightly in the village hall. It provides a safe environment for younger members of the community to enjoy sports, outings, dancing and general social activities. They are supervised by volunteers who have been CRB checked. Training sessions are planned to increase the skills of the volunteers in certain areas, first aid and minibus driving to name two. Cheryl explained about the young people's involvement in helping to set the rules for the club. Profuse thanks were offered to the LCA for its financial support, child protection policy and to all member of the community who have volunteered to help or have provided equipment for the use of Kidzone members.

Plans for the LCA 2007

There are plans to support:-

- Conservation work under Paul Knipe,
- Raising awareness of energy saving led by James Field
- Kidzone
- The elderly
- The village shop

For full details see the attachment.

2) Treasurer's report

David Wright presented the financial report of the LCA . He also outlined what monies the association may need in the coming year to fulfil its aims as out lined by Fiona in her presentation, mainly continued support for Kidzone and some form of help/support for the elderly. (See attachment for details of the report and supporting statement.)

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Appointment of Independent Examiner

The turnover of the LCA is such that there is no need to formally appoint an independent examiner but it is considered prudent and transparent to do so. Julian Curl was proposed and by a show of hands was appointed.

3) Nominations and elections of management committee

A number of the original committee members no longer wished to serve this year. Remaining members:- Fiona Gould, David Wright, Alix Bremridge, Christine Beresford, Patrick Beresford, Jeremy Barber, Wendy Ellicock and Andy Smith were willing to stand again and by a show of hands they were elected. Posts within the committee will be decided at the next meeting but the treasurer and correspondence secretary needed to be elected at the AGM. David Wright and Alix Bremridge were elected to continue in their posts as treasurer and correspondence secretary respectively.

4) Questions and Comments

Christian Dryden asked a question about use of the community hall by the community. She was unclear about the rules regarding hire, charges and how to book the hall. Fiona said that the LCA were not currently responsible for hall management. The LCA had offered to manage the hall but the governors of the school were not willing to take up that offer. Tim Sweet, a school governor, was present and the question was directed to him. He said the community could use the hall out of school hours. The charges had been published in Hill and Valley. To book the hall there was a mobile phone line dedicated to booking. Any problems were down to teething problems. Jeremy Barber interjected that the annual meeting of the Parish Council is planned for April 16th and the hall use could be bought up at that meeting if thought necessary.

Alix Bremridge said that with a smaller committee there would be a limit on the amount of work that a smaller team could achieve. She urged members of the community to volunteer for the committee as it can be fun as well as hard work.

Catherine Sweet raised a question about affiliated groups and sections. In response both categories can be covered by the LCA bank account and insurance. A section must have its assets owned wholly by the LCA.

After the close of questions and comments refreshments were served. Informal discussions continued until the hall was closed just after 21.00h