



JA Jayne Arnold (C) SL Sandra Lewis (T) RL Rob Lewis
SJ Sarah Jenkins JB John Bustin
MC Mike Cancedda PW Peter W VE Val Edwards (M)
AB Agnes Barstow
Cllrs NM Neil Murray (County and City) LP Cllr Lucinda Preston
EW Cllr Emily Wood
CCF Carholme Community Forum CAP Commons Advisory Panel

Committee meeting 15th April 2024 8pm 1 Tennyson Street

1. Welcome

JA welcomed VE, SJ, SL, RL in person and AB online.

2. Apologies for Absence

Peter W and J Bustin had sent apologies.

3. Approval of minutes for meeting 29/01/24 committee

Approved.

4. Matters Arising None

5. Carholme Community Forum feedback SL

Levelling Up funding has been received.

Donations of £20.60 at AGM covered hall hire fee of £24

Current balance in bank £2169

Match funding in terms of hours work for use of Levelling Up bid to purchase a SID (£2200) would not bear scrutiny. Approx. 200 hours at £11/hour. Not achievable so WERA will not put in the bid. Accept that phase 3 funding for our area should benefit a different bid/organisation. Council should be called upon to install, ideally in 3 locations (Hampton Street, West Parade, Hewson Road) and wired into lamp posts. **SL** to approach Neil Murray.

JA Road marking has improved.

Cllr. NM would like Lincoln University to fund a gala. Not likely to be taken up by the university (NM's proposal) and WERA not interested in running the gala.

6. Commons Update JB Not present

7. Gift from Keep the Tap Running JA

WERA has been offered £1000 by the 'Keep the Tap Running' campaign. The pub has 3 owners of which 2 cannot be persuaded to keep the pub as a community asset. The campaign has, therefore, been abandoned. It was agreed that WERA would be a perfect home for the funds.

There are questions around WERA financial arrangements ie. we are not a locked asset organisation, also does constitution wording protect funds sufficiently as a community asset? **JA** will ask Marriane Langley, who made the offer, to clarify requirements. Not in our interest to change WERA to an asset-locked organisation.

8. Lower Alderman's Walk JA

JA had been contacted by Nigel Manders about the appalling condition of lower Alderman's Walk. There had been suggestions in the past that the some of the S106 funding for Whittons Park could fund the footpath paving. Also, City Fibre, in conversation with SL, had offered to do when they were doing disruptive cabling works in the West End last year.

2 possible sources of funding, neither of which had come to fruition. **SL** to follow up with Cllr. NM.

9. Vacant properties

House on the corner of West Parade/Ashlin Grove now has lights on and has been partially let. Owner has no intention of carrying out improvements to her properties unless supported by grants which are currently unavailable.

AB 248 West Parade has been empty for approximately 9 years. **SL** to take back to Cllr. LP.

10. Memorial Plaques for George Wolfenden and Trudy Farrelly JA

JA had attended George's memorial tree ceremony which was arranged by Cllr. NM. Permission has been sought to place a plaque for George on the changing rooms and one for Trudy, possibly on a bench. Can be purchased and could be installed by WERA with Council consent. George's wife Barbara and Trudy's daughter Michelle to be asked for input onto plaque wording. **JA**

11. Planning Matters SL

Increase in applications for changes from C4 MHO to C3. Generally a good thing as represents a move back to family homes.

JA has welcomed a family at 4 Tennyson St., previously an HMO.

12. AOB

RL Tesco have been sent feedback as requested for their funding contribution to WERA newsletter. Could have been directed to WERA website which acknowledges their contribution JA.

SL Had been contacted by Co-op to remind us that we can apply for Community Champions funding again (2 years since last grant). SL will apply for this.

AB had been told of suspected drug dealing in Bedford Street alleyway. **JA** will send to Sgt. Parker who had asked for intelligence from residents. Similar issues around 8a Bedford Street.

Events

Big Lunch. 2nd June. If there is a cricket match will keep to the boundary. JA had accepted an offer for City of Lincoln Brass Band to play. Will be asked to finish by 1pm which is the start time for cricket matches. **JA** SL suggested that additional activities such as face painting or balloon sculptor be funded. Agreed.

JA Open Gardens this year will be earlier than previously, on 30th June.

Meeting close 9pm

Next meeting 27th May at 8pm 1 Tennyson Street