

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 10 June 2019, at Lowton Social Club

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

- Chair – Ed Thwaite,
- Cllr Kath Houlton, Cllr James Grundy
- PC Chris Kelly
- Apologies – Cllr Ed Houlton
- Minutes taken by – Gill Turner

No. of attendees - 30

Minutes from last meeting – not read at meeting but copies had been sent out by email, posted onto Facebook and paper copies were available.

1. Combined Authority meeting – Greater Manchester

- Ed read a report indicating what they want to do regarding homeless, Mental Health Service, rail and bus links, Brexit etc.

<https://www.leighjournal.co.uk/news/17681278.what-we-learned-from-latest-meeting-of-the-combined-authority/>

2. Feedback from meeting with Andy Burnham re: Kenyon Junction.

- This is proposed to be worked on a cross-party basis and was deemed to be a viable option.
- They are working on capacity basis and three sites were discussed in the meeting, Glazebury, Golborne, Kenyon Junction. The findings were in the report.
- Kenyon Junction – not enough trains and should increase by 2 per hour.
- Adaptions to platforms in Manchester would be needed and timetables looked at.
- Link road from the bypass needed to possible 'park and ride' to cater for Leigh catchment. The site has hard core down ready for parking area to be developed.
- John Fallon (owner of the land) has handed the ownership to his daughter who will be developing the site for her business. She is willing to work together regarding a station or will develop it another way.
- If HS2 is scrapped the money could be used to improve the Manchester Stations and others across the country.
- Kenyon Junction was discussed in the past and people were told Warrington Council did not agree to this. It was clarified that Warrington

Council did not say this and reported they did not object but could not pay for it.

3. Diggle Green – Latest Environment Agency letter

- The Environment Agency have organised a meeting due to the number of complaints and will investigate further. They accept there is an issue due to the amount of complaints. There is a meeting booked for Wednesday 26 June regarding Diggle Green with Wigan and Warrington Council, Environment Agency, LENDF Chair (Ed Thwaite) and local Councillors.
- An Investigation Team will analyse complaints and report the results in a newsletter. Continue to report any issues on **0800 80 70 60** and also Warrington Council number 01925 443322
- There have been complaints from other areas regarding smells (Bryn, Croft, Culcheth, etc).
- It was reported that the smell had gone/improved over the last few weeks – people reported this was not the case and was terrible in some areas again this morning.

4. PC Chris Kelly

- Chris introduced himself and reported he had taken over from Dave Mayo. Chris had worked in Lowton quite a few years ago. He has been in post about 6-7 months now and will attend meetings when he can, depending on shifts, etc.
- Chris reported an increase by 10 fold in theft from vehicles, mainly contractors' vehicles. Lowton is an easy target from other areas along the A580.
- Travellers on the site of Nissan, Plank Lane, have been evicted. They actually did not cause damage but unbolted the gate off its hinges. Bailiffs and Police were robust and within 20 minutes the travellers have gone. They did go the Braithwaite Road park area but the ground around this site was very wet and they did not stay.
- It is reported that the council now serve Bailiff Papers so travellers can be moved on after 24 hours.
- PCSO Jane has been seconded into a new role within the Golborne and Lowton Huddle. One of the tasks involves diverting complaints/issued to correct agencies.

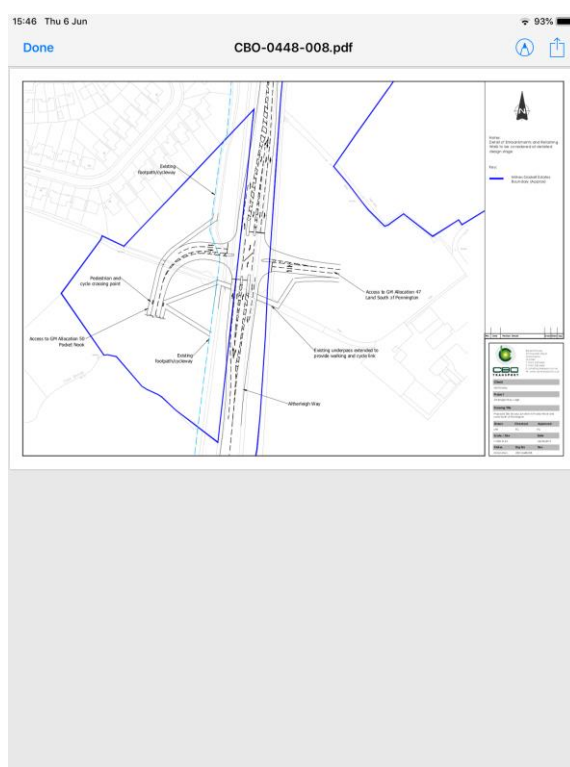
5. HS2

- It was reported that any new Tory leader could vote for this to be scrapped as some of them do not agree with it and the rising costs.
- There is a review in October by Independent Government Officials regarding this.

- A new consultation form with alteration to the suggested line has been sent out. Liverpool to Warrington with links to line into Manchester – new double junction at High Lea before Manchester Airport. This could make our proposed link through Lowton superfluous as there is no need for both suggested lines if it does go through High Lea.

6. Proposals by Wigan Council for Lowton and East of Atherleigh Way

- It was reported by Andy Burnham (Mayor of Manchester) that land owners would not be forced to sell their land by compulsory purchase. Plans are still being drawn up with the land people do not wish to sell.
- On the plans Wigan Council has highlighted the safeguarded land for development.
- People in Arlington Drive (only houses 81 to 87) have received a letter about possible plans for a new junction on Atherleigh way. This junction was asked for in the past. The group will keep an eye on this application and what is the purpose of the road for the future. Is this new road just to feed the new build houses?



- A discussion took place about sites being passed for planning even though pollution is increasing in the area. Health issues were raised again and again, is this legal? With pollution and the unknowns emanating from Diggle Green Recycling what health costs will these raise for our area? Could we take this to court but it is costly - Government Inspector and Judicial Review options were discussed.

- It was reported that Manchester is the first British City to lose a third of its greenbelt. Is this the new Industrial Revolution with all the pollution?

7. Traffic lights at Mayfield Crescent

- No traffic lights will be allocated here.
- An extra lane was discussed turning into Mayfield Crescent from the East Lancs direction. An issue was raised about this for traffic turning out of Mayfield heading towards Leigh.

8. Objection letter to St Helens Council regarding Parkside

- This was returned to sender by the Post Office - £2 charge and a counterfeit stamp. Suggested re-sending the letter to St Helens Council with a copy of the returned envelope explaining why the objection was not on time.

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- ✓ A table of 106 Monies gained from the new builds in the areas was shown. Where is this money being allocated for our area?
- ✓ Cllr Kath Houlton listed roads/footpaths and areas that are due to be re-surfaced and repaired.
- ✓ Cllr Kath Houlton also reported that Keyline Company on Pocket Nook Lane said they are moving to Widnes when she asked for vehicles not to park on the lane.
- ✓ Stocks at St Luke's are due to be repaired.
- ✓ Barriers at Lane Head are due to be repaired after an accident.
- ✓ Fire Alarms fitted by the Fire Brigade – these continually bleep when battery is low – if you have one of these alarms and this happens report it to the Fire Alarm Service and they will replace. Tel: 0800 555 815.
- ✓ Cllr Kath Houlton will chase finishing dates for works/lane closures on the East Lancs Road.
- ✓ Lane Head South Residents Group will chase permanent weight limit restrictions on Winwick Lane.

NEXT LENDF monthly meeting

Monday 12 July 2019 @ 19:30 (7:30pm) - Lowton Social Club – **all welcome**