

Warwick Ahead Annual General Meeting 2015

Date:- Monday 23rd March 2015

Place:- The Old Quarry Adventure Playground

Time:- 18.00pm - 20.00pm

Attendees:-

Residents:- *Sheila Hutley, Angela Jordan, Gail Merryfield, Matthew Poxon, Daniel Wake, Christine Martin, Becki Jones, Hazel Richardson, Doreen Zacharow, Pauline Gill, Tony Fort, Sue Henderson, Eric Henderson, David Turpin, Sylvia Earle, A.Francis, K.Rubery, Abby Kennedy and Bobbie-Lea Poxon.*

Non-Residents:- *Lynn Ward (Parents of Unique Children Chairperson and Run Riot).*

Workers:- *Laura Popple (Leeds City Credit Union), Judi Alston (OnetoOneDevelopment), Mike Dando (Big Local Rep), Jo Parkin (WMDC), Natalie Guy (WDH), Rebecca Pickersgill (WDH), Sue Foster (Unltd), Andy Picken (CDM, Cllr Graham Stokes (WMDC) and Glynn Levis (TVC).*

Welcome Address:-

Sheila welcomed everyone to the AGM and went through Housekeeping and explained that this was going to be an informal AGM with an EGM (11th May) to follow to cover the business side of things. Sheila then went on to Thank The Addy staff for all their hard work in getting the room ready.

Apologies:-

Sue Bird (Leeds Mind), Janet Burr (LCCU), Joanne Smith (WDH), Alison Bird (WMDC), Gillian Cook (Resident) and Juliet Kripp (Groundworks).

Approval Of Minutes/Matters Arrising:-

Proposed – Doreen Zacharow **Seconded** – Hazel Richardson.

Doreen asked if in the minutes we could spell her name correctly please. Hazel spoke about the Lanes Project regarding the benches and bins which hopefully will be sorted within the next 5 weeks. She has contacted WMDC about the fly-tipping to get it sorted **Cllr Graham Stokes said he would look into that.**

Project Updates:-

There are 23 projects run by 12 groups/agencies.

Warwick Wheels – Helen Bullock introduced herself. The bus should be on the road shortly as a driver has been employed – Phillip Lloyd. The service will run on a Monday to Morrisons (£1 return), Wednesday to Pontefract (£1.50 return), Thursday to Luncheon Club and Friday to Castleford/J32 (£2.50 return). 9.30 pick ups from Cherry Tree Bungalows and Pinewood place except for Luncheon Club, on return the driver will drop you off at your door (for the disabled/elderly). Anyone accessing the bus will need to be a member (Membership = £5) and lastly she is looking for volunteer drivers so if you are anyone that you know is interested please let her know.

Credit Union – Laura Popple introduced herself and said she had come because Janet Burr couldn't make it. The service will run one day a week – Friday 9-4 and run by Jayne Kettlewell. They are a non-profit organisation that have bank accounts, savings accounts and loans. You have to become a member to access the services. Volunteers to help will be gratefully received and there will be training provided.

Leeds Mind – they aren't here so they will have to update at the EGM.

What It Means To Be A Board Member?

Holly Corbett (Addy Manager) got up and asked David Turpin (a newly co-opted Board Member/Secretary) to come out and she proceeded to ask a few basic questions about what it was like to be a board member. David then answered and said that it was informative and that it gave him something positive to do in his free time but it also helped to get involved in the community and to be part of the team to help make Warwick Estate a better place to live.

Sheila then invited everyone to take a 15 minute break and go enjoy the lovely food that had been laid on for everyone.

Unlimited:-

Sue Foster introduced herself and told us that they are a Charity based organisation who give and support people who have business and social enterprise ideas. She went onto explain with a few short videos about the various things that they do to help individuals and to help projects and Big Local Area's such as Warwick Ahead. They are currently involved in 26 Big Local Area's already and are requested other Big Local Area's to bid to get Unlimited to come and work in their area. They offer intensive support to help set up business and social enterprise get off the ground, with financial aid as well (Try it - £500, Do It - £5000, Build It - £5000+)

Film Screening:-

Judi Alston talked about the film project and how it can be used to engage people. She was able to access the Simpsons Lane Academy YRS 3,4 and 5 and make a film. The film project was animation based and the premise was an empty planet and what the children would want to see on the planet/community, a metaphor to what they would want to see in the Warwick Area. It allowed the kids to learn about the process of animation, how it works, script writing, photography and filming. It allowed the children in the Big Local Area to have their say on what they would like to see and what they would want. Judi does have DVD's available if anyone would want one and it will be screened at other Film Festivals and Big Local Events. It has already been screened at the school for the parents of the children in those year groups.

The film went down great and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Chairs Close:-

Sheila thanked Judi for all her hard work over the last few months. She then went on to introduce Andy Picken who will be the new Community Development Worker employed by NOVA on our behalf. Sheila then closed down the AGM and thanked everyone for coming and hoped to see everyone at the EGM.

The EGM is 11th May, at The Addy 10am – 12pm.

