



Westhoughton Community Network

Meeting: 7:00pm Wednesday, 15th August 2012

at Wingates Band Hall

Minutes

1. Present

Groups in attendance (11)

1. Westhoughton Local History Group (WLHG)
2. Westhoughton Age Support Project (WASP)
3. Westhoughton Visiting Service (WVS)
4. Hindleys & Clough Farm Residents Association (HACFRA)
5. Westhoughton Methodists Amateur Dramatic Society (WMADS)
6. Westhoughton Art Group (WAG)
7. Hope Church (HC)
8. Friends of Eatock Lodge (FoEL)
9. Rotary Club of Westhoughton (RCW)
10. Westhoughton Community Queens Association (WCQA)
11. Wingates Band (WB)
- ~ Westhoughton Leisure Centre/Serco
- ~ Bolton at Home (BaH) [Admin]

Individuals in attendance (18)

Pam Clarke (WLHG)	Len Maycroft (WASP)	Bill Greenhalgh (WMADS)
Ann Benn (FoEL)	Sandra Greenall (WCQA)	Sam Warke (WLC)
Yvonne Woolley (WLHG)	Jean Jones (WVS)	Dave Hendry (WAG)
Trevor Benn (FoEL)	Jean Watkinson (WCQA)	Anne Burns (BaH)
Ted Wisedale (WLHG)	Doug Cunliffe (HACFRA)	Mark Taylor (HC)
Harold Daniels (RCW)	David Kaye (WB)	Chris Buckley (WCN)

Apologies (2)

Derek Bullock – Daisy Hill in Bloom
Jean Coba – Westhoughton Market
Janet Colley – Enterprise in Action/Communiversy



1. Welcome/Apologies/Review of Minutes

Harold Daniels opened the meeting and welcomed all. Introductions were made of all those in attendance and who they were representing. The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

2. WCN Community Fayre Update

- A sub-committee of WCN had met on 17 July to review the Fayre
- Positive feedback of groups taking responsibility and working well together. All felt this augured well for future events
- A longer lead in period for future events would aim to improve on publicity, using media, internet and groups own activities
- The sub-committee proposed two events for the approval of WCN. A winter event possibly 24 November and 1 June to align with National Volunteers Week.
- Doug (HACFRA) offered the use of his PA system
- Janet Colley had raised issue of fund-raising as a float/set-up costs will be needed. This is for further discussion at Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for 29 August.
- The wider network agreed with the Sub-Committee feedback with no amendments
- All agreed Westhoughton Market was ideal venue and could help in supporting local traders
- Jean Jones suggested that if primary school children were invited to sing this would enhance the event as well as attracting accompanying parents

3. Wingates Band Presentation

David Kaye welcomed all to the historic venue of Wingates Band Hall.

David gave an extremely interesting talk on the history of the formerly Wingates Temperance Band dating back from 1784 to the present day and Wingates Band as it is now know.

It was highlighted the prestige that Westhoughton gains from a world-class brass band.

It was highlighted the devastating effects on the band due to the Pretoria Pit Disaster.

David is to write the history of the band and welcomed support from local people in attending concerts, as raising money is an on-going issue.

4. Westhoughton Leisure Centre

Sam Walk (Serco) gave an update on the new refurbished leisure centre and its improved facilities.

- Pool, gym and sports hall at reasonable rates
- Under 17s can get free swimming as can over 60s
- Full free usage for over 65s
- Discounts are available for people in receipt of certain benefits



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Sam suggested that WCN hold a meeting at the leisure centre to show case the new facilities.

All information is on the website. The centre has a community noticeboard that can be used by all groups.

5. Washacre FM 87.7

Washacre FM to be broadcast again from 22 to 25 August with a showcase event on the final day.

Doug informed of specialist shows with local people and others with agencies and voluntary groups. Several local primary schools would be broadcasting, which was especially welcomed with primary school children.

Doug informed that Julie Hilling MP for Bolton West would also be speaking on air, especially on the forthcoming Welfare Reforms.

Any group or individual wishing to get involved in any capacity to contact Dough Cunliffe (HACFRA).

6. Westhoughton Community Groups Information Share & Events Update

- SG (WCQA) – 25 November Community Fair at Mercury Hotel. Notices to go to advertise for stalls.
- Westhoughton Art Group – First exhibition at Westhoughton Library on Tuesday 11 September to be opened by the Mayor and Mayoress (invite only). Open to the public from 13-22 September. The group has been going for two years and now has eighteen members. Chris Buckley will promote this on website.
- Westhoughton Methodist ADS presently writing script for Hansel and Gretel. Production will be in February. Exact details to follow.
- Friends of Eatock Lodge – Bat walk to be held on 24 August in conjunction with Bolton Wildlife Trust. Has been well attended in previous years. Meeting at the Hosters.
- Natures Den – an environmental community interest company (CIC) are planning a lantern parade, possibly 19 October details to be verified (check website).
- WASPs – Organise in region of ten coach trips a year. Members are notified but more publicity would be welcome. Always good value and trips virtually self-financing.
- Yvonne Woolley (WLHG) – informed group that members of the history group have produced an interesting and informative booklet 'The Town Trial' which will be on sale locally at £2.00.
- WLHG are also planning an exhibition on The Industrial Heritage of Westhoughton to be held in the library. Dates to be confirmed. Need people to contact and share their experience and knowledge on this subject. The group meet on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 10am to 12pm in the library.



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- Doug advised that HACFRA will be hosting two Christmas parties, one for children and one for senior citizens. Dates to be decided at next committee meeting and Chris Buckley to be notified for promotion on website.
- David Kaye informed that Wingates Band to perform four concerts in Jersey from 20 August. CDs are on sale with special offer of two for £10.00.
- Jean Jones (WVS) – Irish night to be held at Brookfield Hall on 17 August £12.00 for two tickets.

7. Any Other Business

Chris Buckley kindly offered to put all above information on WCN website.

The network members raised their pleasure at Janet Colley appearing on Channel 4 programme, due to a nomination for her community work. Congratulations and well done!

The network members thanked David Kaye for his tireless work in the community and the fact that he had been awarded an Honorary Directorate of the Bolton University for his outstanding contribution. Congratulations and well done!

Wilf Dillon (WASPs) has been granted a British Empire Medal and a Bene Merenti medal (from the Pope) for his years of service to the elderly and wider community. Congratulations and well done!

Jean Jones was nominated (reached the final) for North West Woman of the Year for her work with the befriending service.

Well done to all and what great achievements for individual commitment to the people of Westhoughton

Everyone sent congratulations to Lisa Bradley on the birth of her daughter Sally. Look forward to seeing Lisa back.

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held at:

**Westhoughton Leisure Centre
Wednesday, 14th November, 7pm**

Subsequent February meeting to take place at Westhoughton Methodists Hall as guests of Westhoughton Methodist Amateur Dramatic Society (date/time tbc)

All our thanks to

***David Kaye and members of Wingates Band
for their kindness and hospitality on the use of the historic
Wingates Band Room***

Further information or amendments to Chris Buckley (07981 172552)

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