



# Westhoughton Community Network

**Meeting: 7:00pm Tuesday, 15th May 2012**  
at The John Holt Youth & Community Centre

## Minutes

### 1. Present

#### Groups in attendance (19)

1. Enterprise Action Unity/Communiversy (EAU)
2. Friends of Eatock Lodge (FoEL)
3. Hindleys And Clough Farm Residents Association (HACFRA)
4. Rotary Club of Westhoughton (RCW)
5. Save Westhoughton Act Now (SWAN)
6. Townswomen's Guild (TWG)
7. Westhoughton Active Communities Organisation (WACO)
8. Westhoughton Age Support Project (WASP)
9. Westhoughton Art Group (WAG)
10. Westhoughton Community Queens Association (WCQA)
11. Westhoughton Inner Wheel (WIW)
12. Westhoughton Local History Group (WLHG)
13. Westhoughton Market (WMK)
14. Westhoughton Methodist ADS (WMADS)
15. Westhoughton Methodist Church (WMC)
16. Westhoughton United Reformed Church (WURC)
17. Westhoughton Visiting Service (WVS)
18. Wingates Band (WB)
19. Wingates Residents & Tenants Association (WRTA)
- ~ Bolton at Home (BaH) [Admin]
- ~ Westhoughton Town Council (WTC)

#### Individuals in attendance (36)

Derek Bullock (DHIB)	Wilf Dillon (WASP)	Bill Greenhalgh (WMADS)
Janet Colley (EAU)	Len Maycroft (WASP)	Sue Ashcroft (WMC)
Ann Benn (FoEL)	Dave Hendry (WAG)	Davina McKnight (WURC)
Trevor Benn (FoEL)	Bernard Howes (WAG)	Jean Jones (WVS)
Stacey Cunliffe (HACFRA)	Sandra Greenall (WCQA)	David Kaye (WB)
Doug Cunliffe (HACFRA)	Jean Watkinson (WCQA)	Alan Rhodes (WRTA)
Mike Wood (HACFRA)	Irene Halliwell (WIW)	Alice Rhodes (WRTA)
Marina Crompton (WIW)	Val Chadwick (WLHG)	David Chadwick (WTC)
Sue Riley (SWAN)	Pam Clarke (WLHG)	Lisa Bradley (BaH)
Tony Riley (SWAN)	Ruth Duckworth (WLHG)	Anne Burns (BaH)
Doreen Booth (TWG)	Ted Wisedale (WLHG)	Harold Daniels (RCW)
Kevan Prescott (WACO)	Joan Coban (WMK)	Chris Buckley (WCN)

#### Apologies (4)

Andrew Glynn - St. Johns Church, Wingates  
Jean Green – Westhoughton Age Support Project  
Ann Butler - Westhoughton High School  
Yvonne Woolley - Westhoughton Local History Group  
Margaret Curme - Westhoughton United Reformed Church



### 1. Welcome/Apologies/Review of Minutes

Harold Daniels, acting Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed all. Apologies received noted. The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Janet Colley and seconded by Kevan Prescott.

### 2. Introductions

All those in attendance introduced themselves and who they were representing.

### 3. Review / Feedback / Update of WCN Community Fayre (Saturday, 21 April 2012)

There were 14 groups represented at the event (17 stalls actually available). The overall feeling was that the event had been a success and something to build upon.

Comments and suggestions included:

- Good first attempt
- Decent turnout
- Need to improve advertising – Bolton at Home offered support with this for future
- Good atmosphere
- History Group had some good sales of their publications etc
- Continue to manage the allocation of the stalls as some are better suited to certain groups (e.g. those who require a wall to display)
- The market and the event quietened down after 12.30
- Consider whether the history event added to or took away from the fayre
- Overall very positive
- Lots of enquiries/promotion
- Learned a lot about other groups
- Some good displays
- Good showcase but did it lead to any action? (e.g. take-up from new volunteers)
- Community spirit in Westhoughton is alive and well
- Good showcase – perhaps look at using a stage
- Do we want to link with the originally mentioned National Volunteers Week for future event?
- Market available the 3rd or 4th Saturday in the month
- Consider supporting other events put on by groups (e.g. It's a Knockout, Washacre FM) in the same way with stalls and stands
- Do we want one annual event and support for other group events or do we want to hold the fayre more frequently?
- Some groups recruited new people
- Great networking opportunity and built bridges amongst groups
- Maybe a prize for best dressed stall?
- Bigger and better next year
- In keeping with the ethos of the network
- Discussed possibility of using the town hall as a venue



- Market appreciative of support and it is a two-way support for local community
- Discussed possibility of providing refreshments etc
- Market had some concerns about stalls that may 'take away' from existing market stalls which are their main priority
- Would it be possible to feature event in town guide in the future?
- Subcommittee to move the event forward
- Other possible dates for the event included June to coincide with National Volunteers Week or in November as a pre-Christmas event

Special thanks were given to Westhoughton Market for their support and to Chris Buckley for his work on the event.

A vote took place to decide whether the group would prefer the event to be held once or twice annually. The votes were as follows:

Once annually – 14 votes

Twice annually – 12 votes

It was agreed that a subcommittee meet to take the planning forward. Those expressing an interest in being on the committee included:

Jean Jones

Sandra Greenall

Dave Hendry

Chris Buckley

Bill Greenhalgh

Doug Cunliffe

Chris Buckley to convene the meeting. If any others are interested in being part of the subcommittee, please contact Chris directly.

#### **4. Luddites Weekend Feedback**

Ted Wisedale fed back that the event had been very successful. Over 500 people saw the re-enactment. The Sacred Hart performance was brilliant. The support from the Octagon was well received and there had been some great press coverage. Ted shared that there had also been some good YouTube coverage. The event showed strong Westhoughton community spirit. Ted offered his thanks to the Rotary Club for their stewards and to all those who supported and attended the event.

#### **5. Presentation on HACFRA and Washacre FM**

Doug Cunliffe talked about the work of HACFRA who since gaining new members in 2006 have worked hard, with great success, in the Washacre community. Alongside their primary function of a traditional residents association, there have been a number of other successful projects including XDC (youth dance), Ash Grove Food Growing Project and Washacre FM.

Washacre FM, community radio project, developed out of a Bolton at Home led initiative in 2007. HACFRA made the project their own and with fundraising they invested in training and equipment to continue the project and make it more sustainable. With a 4-day annual broadcast, the project has gone from strength to strength. Local people now train each other and the reduction in costs has made the



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project truly sustainable. Further enhancements including a local radio play and intergenerational interviews have made the project more innovative and the project has gone on to win awards for this.

**This year's broadcast will take place 22-25 August 2012. Doug issued an invitation for all local groups to participate in this great event.**

In other news, members of HACFRA have set themselves up as a Community Interest Company and are in negotiations with the Council about them taking on responsibility for the John Holt Youth and Community Centre. They hope that with the help of volunteers and by attracting external funding they will be able to enhance the facilities for the local community.

- Break -

## **6. WACO – It's A Knockout 2012 Overview**

WACO talked about their annual It's A Knockout Family Fun Day on 27 May 2012. With a family funfair, Morris dancing tournament, pony and donkey rides, vintage cars, outdoor stalls and stands, the event promises to be a great success and WACO appealed for teams to get involved in the It's A Knockout competition and also to use the event as an opportunity for their own group.

WACO also updated on the progress of Westhoughton Communiversity and the opportunity for groups, old and new, to use the building and facilities.

## **7. Daisy Hill In Bloom & Tidy Town Initiative**

Derek Bullock talked about the Daisy Hill in Bloom project which has been supported by Westhoughton Town Council since 2008 with the aim of brightening and tidying up Daisy Hill.

A number of supporting activities have taken place including an Easter Egg Hunt, the new village sign, entry into NW in Bloom, and a best garden/best basket competition. The group has approx. 10-30 participants and they are always keen to hear new suggestions and ideas.

## **8. Westhoughton Community Groups Information Share & Events Update**

- Westhoughton Methodists ADS promoted their comedy/mystery play – Wanted One Body, 18-19 May.
- Wingates Band spoke of their 140 year birthday next year and the creation of a commemorative CD and history book. They also promoted the Howfen Legends Concert on 23 May, Rivington Barn.
- Westhoughton Carnival Queens Association will be crowning their new community royalty at WACO's It's A Knockout, Sun 27 May.



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- Friends of Eatock Lodge promoted their meeting on Mon 28 May, 7pm, Rosehill Tavern.
- Bethel Church holding Family Fun Evening on Saturday 2 June.
- Westhoughton Market promoted the Jubilee Celebration event on Sat 2 June with tea dance, competitions, raffle etc.
- Cllr. Chadwick gave a mention to the Mayor's Concert on Sat 2 June at St Barts Church.
- Bethel Church spoke about their Buggy Malone production from 18 to 23 June.
- Anne Burns mentioned the Westhoughton Summer Fair with Washacre Primary School on 30 June. Places for group stalls may be available.

## 9. Website Updates

Chris Buckley asked for contributions for the WCN website and newsletter circulars.

Groups will be able to have an information page on the website with, if applicable, links to their own websites or social networking sites. If content is supplied this can be worked into a webpage with photos, embedded videos, links, downloadable information, etc. A number of groups already have live webpages which can be used as an example. Of course, you will need to liaise with Chris to make sure that information is up-to-date.

Updates to the WCN online calendar are welcome with information emailed to the main WCN email, in the following format: *Event Name, Date/Time, Location, Details, Price, and Contact.*

Event information and flyers/posters can also be added to the website.

## 10. Any Other Business

It was suggested that funding opportunities for Westhoughton groups be discussed at the next meeting.

Harold and the meeting expressed their thanks and best wishes to Lisa Bradley, who is due to go off on maternity leave, for her support and hard work with WCN.

## 11. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held at Wingates Band Room on Wednesday, 15th August, 7pm

*Our thanks to*

*Hindleys and Clough Farm Residents Association (HACFRA) for their hospitality and use of The John Holt Youth & Community Centre for this meeting, and to Bolton At Home for their administrative support.*

Further information or amendments to Chris Buckley (07981 172552)

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