



Westhoughton Community Network

Meeting: 7:00pm Wednesday, 14th November 2012

at Westhoughton Leisure Centre

Minutes

1. Present

Groups in attendance (12)

1. Daisy Hill in Bloom (DHiB)
2. Friends of Eatock Lodge (FoEL)
3. Friends of Westhoughton Station (FWS)
4. Guiding UK (GUK)
5. Hindley's And Clough Farm Residents Association (HACFRA)
6. Home Farm Trust (HFT)
7. National Association of Women's Clubs (NAWC)
8. Save Westhoughton Act Now (SWAN)
9. Westhoughton Active Communities Organisation (WACO)
10. Westhoughton Art Group (WAG)
11. Westhoughton Community Queens Association (WCQA)
12. Westhoughton Local History Group (WLHG)
13. Westhoughton Methodist ADS (WMADS)
14. Westhoughton United Reformed Church (WURC)
15. Wingates Band (WB)
16. Westhoughton Market (WMK)
- ~ Westhoughton Leisure Centre/Serco (WLC)
- ~ Westhoughton Town Council (WTC)
- ~ Bolton at Home (BaH) [Admin]

Individuals in attendance (27)

Ann Benn (FoEL)	Sandra Greenall (WCQA)	Annaliese Sims (GUK)
Trevor Benn (FoEL)	Bill Greenhalgh (WMADS)	Veronica Swinbourne (DHiB)
Janice Bayliss (NAWC)	Dave Hendry (WAG)	Samantha Wake (HFT)
Sarah Cartwright (WMK)	David Kaye (WB)	Sam Walke (WLC)
Val Chadwick (WLHG)	Kelly McGarry (WACO)	Ted Wisedale (WLHG)
Pam Clarke (WLHG)	Joanna Parncutt (FWS)	Yvonne Woolley (WLHG)
Doug Cunliffe (HACFRA)	Helen Purnell (WURC)	David Chadwick (WTC)
Margaret Curme (WURC)	Sue Riley (SWAN)	Anne Burns (BaH)
Andrew Glitheroe (SWAN)	Brenda Shott (FoEL)	Chris Buckley (WCN)

Apologies (3)

Becky Boydell (Get Active)
Harold Daniels (Rotary Club of Westhoughton)
Jean Watkinson (Westhoughton Community Queens Association)



1. Welcome/Apologies/Review of Minutes

Chris Buckley (acting Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all. Minutes of previous meeting were approved. Introductions were made of all those in attendance and who they were representing.

2. Westhoughton Station Clean-up Project

Joanne Parncutt gave update on project. Hindley station has been a success with volunteer input so desire to emulate this with Westhoughton station. A meeting is to be held at the Communiverity with representation from Northern Rail and local councillors. Volunteers are needed to get involved with this project. Funding may be available from Northern Rail and GMPTE.

Daisy Hill in Bloom members to await outcomes before considering this for Daisy Hill Station.

3. National Association of Women's Clubs

Janice Bayliss gave overview of group which has been established for 75 years with over 6,000 members and is also non-political. The groups take part in many diverse social activities and are hoping to set up another group locally. The association will be attending the Community Fayre to promote their activity and hopefully recruit new members.

4. Washacre FM

Went live for a further successful broadcast on 22.08.12. There were 13 shows a day; over 14 hours and 6 new presenters. Meeting has since been held to gain feedback. A decision made not to undertake broadcast during school holidays in future to ensure potential for involvement of schools and not clash with family holidays, etc. Next year will be first attempt at a 7-day broadcast. Westhoughton High school will be more involved and this will form part of the media studies curriculum. Doug thanked everyone involved for their support.

5. Westhoughton Community Groups Information Share & Events Update

- Westhoughton Arts group held first exhibition in library. Dave confirmed it had been very well received and an encouragement to those new to art. Dave had attended Bolton Art Forum and confirmed grants were available to support art, music and amateur dramatic projects. Contact is Dorothy Martland. (also from DBBC)
- Westhoughton Community Queens Association Children's Christmas Party to be held on 2nd December at Britannia Hotel and a Christmas Fayre at Mercury Hotel. Contact Jean Watkinson for further detail.



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- Bethel Crowd are to perform Dick Whittington on 25th/26th January and 1st/2nd February. Tickets will be on sale at the Community Fayre and from the Church Hall at weekends.
- The Friends of Eatock Lodge have a notice board at the main entrance to the Hoskers and are happy to publicise any events free of charge.
- Daisy Hill in Bloom will be holding a litter pick early in the New Year. Also have one at Easter with an egg hunt for the children. Any new volunteers can leave their phone number for contact and further information.
- WACO are holding a Craft Fair on 8th December and a Food fair on 15th December at the Communiversity. It's-a-Knockout will be back on 2nd June. Further details at next WCN meeting.
- SWAN are continuing to protect local green space by checking on planning applications.
- Westhoughton Methodist ADS to perform Hansel and Gretel. Tickets on sale from 24th November. A Book Sale will also take place at the Church on 17th December.
- The Guide Association is currently looking for volunteers to help run local groups. No experience is needed and full training and support will be given.
- David Kaye from Wingates Band advised there is an exhibition displaying the history of the band presently in the library. Next year will be exciting and high profile as the Band celebrates their 140th Anniversary.
- The local History Group have produced their first Christmas Card depicting a 1950's scene; designed by Tom Newton and now on sale in the library at 60p. LHG have produced The Town Trail booklet currently on sale in the library at £2 and is a fascinating history of the town centre/Market Street. A further booklet focusing on Daisy Hill will be on sale from 1st December,
- 21st December is 102nd anniversary of Pretoria Pit Disaster. Services in Ditchfield Gardens at 7.50 and 10.00 am. Further service at Broadway, over Hulton at 2p.m.

6. WCN Community Fayre Update

- Subcommittee have held meetings to coordinate (minutes on website).
- 16 Community Groups will have stalls and representation on the day.
- Banners will be going up nearer the date at strategic locations across the town.
- From HACFRA, XDC dance group will be entertaining on the day.
- Stalls can be set up from 8am on the day.



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7. Victorian Market

- This to be held on 1st December. Market traders are hoping to continue raising the profile of the Market and the local High street.
- Stalls will also be out on the street this year and local shops are being encouraged to dress up with the Victorian theme.
- Wingates Band, Houghton Weavers and Morris Dancers will perform on the day as well as choirs from Washacre and Eatock primary schools.
- Many local traders have sponsored prizes.
- An association of traders to be established to promote and preserve the local high street.

8. Westhoughton Leisure Centre Tour

The meeting ended with a tour of the Leisure Centre led by Sam Walke. Sam gave a full guided tour of the centre and its facilities with information on what sessions are delivered and special offers available.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held at:

**Westhoughton Methodist Church Hall
Wednesday, 20th February 2013, 7pm**

*All our thanks to
Westhoughton Leisure Centre and Sam Walke
for the use of their facilities and hospitality given to WCN members.*

Further information or amendments to Chris Buckley (07981 172552)

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