

AGM Minutes

1. Welcome and Introduction by Chair

The Chair, Gary Stimson, welcomed everyone and thanked St. George's hospital for the use of their facilities.	Action
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2. Review of 2024-25

The chair mentioned a few highlights of 2024-25, including: • Progress on the 2025-2040 Long Leys Neighbourhood Plan • Personally, the challenge of converting the older Speed Indicator Device (SID) to solar operation and installing it permanently by the old Curtis bakery. The meeting thanked him for this. • The action points from the last Community Meeting were complete, including cutting back of trees overhanging the hospital footpath.	
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3. Acceptance of 2024 minutes

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted.	
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4. Report on 2024/25 accounts

See Appendix A for accounts. A query was raised on when the 10-year extension on the S106 Community Purpose Fund would be confirmed (original end date 27 January 2025). It was explained that, in essence, the extension had been granted. Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) had been written to, stating that LLRA assumed the extension had been granted, in the absence of any response to the contrary. Also, the footpath spend would not be possible without this extension. Jon Davies said he believed part of the County Council's reluctance is that formally confirming the extension would require legal work, which would incur significant costs.	
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5. Management Committee Elections

Three committee members stood down by rotation. Thanks go to Glenn Smith, who is not seeking re-election, for his work on the committee. Keith Newsome and Jon Davies were re-elected unopposed. There is still the opportunity for other residents to be co-opted onto the committee during the year, with up to two slots available. The Committee now consists of seven residents: Gary Stimson (Chair), Keith Newsome (Vice Chair), Jon Davies (Secretary), Jackie Ward (Treasurer), Ben Hill, Elizabeth Wilson, Natalie Evans. The AGM closed at 6:46pm. 26 Members were in attendance (including 1 ex officio Associate Member) and 1 guest. The meeting was quorate.	
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2025 Community Meeting

1. New Footpath Update: Albion Crescent to Whittons Park & Yarborough Road

See Appendix B.1 for written update. A query was raised on the impact on the new footpath of the current subsidence on Yarborough Road. A: The Highways footpath team is aware of this and will take it into account. Note subsequent link provided by resident on BBC report on this (https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdxy11kvq5go) Concerns were raised about the path icing up or wet leaves making it slippery close to the Yarborough Road. A: The path will be a gravel rather than a tarmac surface so is less likely to be icy/slippery than the tarmac in Whittons Park.	
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2. Long Leys Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2040

See Appendix B.2 for written update. It was suggested that during the 6-week resident consultation on the draft plan that drop-in / workshop events could be helpful, so people could chat things over and seek clarification on the plan. A: Great idea. LLRA will seek to include as part of the overall consultation. As well as sharing electronic copies online, some LLRA committee members will have hard copies of the documentation for those without internet access to borrow.	Jon Davies
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3. Update from City Councillor Lucinda Preston

Councillor Preston, who is on the City Council Executive team, gave an overview of some recent activities: • A more dedicated resource has been provided on flytipping / graffiti • Safety wardens have been added to the city centre to try and better manage behaviour • The two leisure centres, including Yarborough Leisure Centre, have re-opened following the bankruptcy of the old operator. New gym equipment has been installed. Please come and check the facilities out.	
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4. Community Speed Watch

See Appendix B.3 for written update.	
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5. Underpass Graffiti / Mural project

See Appendix B.4 for written update. It looks like the underpass area will be pressure washed in the next month or so by the County Council.	
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Longer term solutions are also being explored, although a professional mural or a Welcome to Lincoln painting would be well outside of LLRA's budget, costing some tens of thousands of pounds if done professionally. This would require significant funding from Lincoln-wide bodies. A query was raised on what level of responses for an issue LLRA should take action on? For example, the survey was only completed by circa 60 respondents, and was it democratic to do that? A: The Chair explained that LLRA didn't have a specific policy, and he would reflect more on this before providing a complete written answer. However, the initial survey was to gauge people's views on what was wanted, and in this case no action would have been taken (other than getting the existing graffiti clear) without further wider consultation.	Gary Stimson
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6. Open Forum

<u>Bus Service</u> A resident highlighted the lack of facilities and the poor bus service (especially on a Sunday). Also, that the No 2 (Retford/Lincoln) bus service run by Black Cat Travel varied by whether it was a school day or not. Who knows when it is a school holiday? A: The more general points have been noted in the Neighbourhood Plan. On the specifics, post-meeting it appears that the No 2 bus service provides a service to The Priory Academy LSST in Lincoln. Their website provides their term dates. This can also be checked on the day of travel on Google Maps. LSST website with 2025/26 dates: https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/page/?title=TERM+DATES+2025%2D26&pid=356 LLRA will ask Black Cat Travel to make it clearer that the timetable follows LSST school holidays. <u>Individual Litter Picking Activity</u> Natalie Evans was thanked by the community for her (individual) litter picking and tidying activity. Natalie highlighted that she was doing this personally rather than as part of LLRA. An issue was discussed relating to some bags with rubbish collected on private land in Westcliffe quarry woods. Natalie will address this outside of the meeting. Note: The city council cannot collect rubbish from private land without the consent of the private landowner. <u>Whittons Park Zip Wire</u> A resident highlighted that the zip wire was quite fierce for a 7-year-old. Councillor Preston offered to explore this, with the relevant director at the city council. It was suggested by a resident that signage offering advice on age/weight suitability may be helpful.	LLRA Councillor Preston
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Appendix A: Finance Update

LLRA - (Long Leys Residents Association)
Financial Report 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025
AGM 9th Sept 2025

Cash Flow	
Opening balance @ 1/04/2024	£399.44
Income – Excluding grants £450 Income has been received this year from City of Lincoln Council, being 2 charges of £225 per session for a voting cabin on the Albion land. The land is currently held in trust pending transfer to Lincolnshire County Council.	£450.00
Expenditure – Excluding Grants £289.97 Zurich 3 rd Party, Indemnity and Vandalism Insurance. £235.33 Parts to convert the original battery-operated SID to Solar £130.70 2024 AGM costs, general admin and printing costs. £62.80 Bank charges 12 months @ £5.00, plus 40p per transaction £29.14 Rubbish Sacks for Litter Picks	£747.94
Closing Balance @ 31/03/2025	£101.50

Cash Flow is the money LLRA has available for day-to-day spending as detailed above. LLRA have no regular income but occasionally receive money from CoLC.

There is no planned voting cabin income in the 2025/26 financial year.

The main annual expense is Zurich 3rd Party, Indemnity and Vandalism Insurance, which covers events like community litter picks, community speed watch sessions and potential damage to the SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) etc.

Closing Balance £101.50

Ring Fenced is the amount of money remaining from funds raised when faced with changes to the Veolia site. Due to the amount of income from the voting cabin last year, the day-to-day expenditure was covered without the need to use ring fenced funds.

Closing Balance therefore remains unchanged from last year at £6318.45

Total funds held @ 31/03/2025 £6419.95

LLRA Estimated Expenditure from Cash Flow 2025-26

£300.00 Zurich 3rd Party, Indemnity and Vandalism Insurance.

£200.00 AGM, costs, printing and admin costs

£ 65.00 Bank charges

Total £565.00 being the estimated funds required for the coming years spend to 31/03/2026, LLRA currently have £100 in Cash Flow. It is therefore intended to transfer £500 from Ring Fenced money to be used for 2025-26 expenditure.

Grants 2024-25:

NP - Neighbourhood Planning Grant 2024-25

LLRA successfully applied to carry forward the balance of the previous year's Grant, £5840 was awarded. The grant was held and administered on behalf of LLRA by City of Lincoln Council.

The grant enabled LLRA to continue the Neighbourhood Planning process lead by OpenPlan Consultants.

Total spend during 2024-25 of £2945 included printing for NP workshops and Consultancy fees.

The remaining balance of £2895.00 was returned at year end to Groundwork UK.

Unfortunately, Central government have decided to end the Neighbourhood Planning Grant as of 31 March 2025. The LLRA are actively looking at alternative ways to fund the completion of the NP Plan.

As part of the NP process LLRA received an additional Technical Support Grant via AECOM to develop a master plan of the Albion Industrial area. The Master Plan has been shared with Long Leys residents, businesses and interested parties, via the Long Leys Community Website.

Section 106 Money

Original end date 27th January 2025 – 10-year extension applied for.

The grant is held and administered by Lincolnshire County Council. This was money set aside for the benefit of the Long Leys community when the SEC building was sold and Cloverleaf was built.

In the 2024-25 fiscal year £2740 was drawn down from the grant for the purchase of a SID (solar speed Indicator device) as was voted on and agreed at the 2024 AGM, this has been placed in a permanent position near Whitton's Park. The SID will also be used to conduct speed checks of traffic entering Long Leys. Several CSW (community speed watch) sessions have taken place with a total of 64 vehicles exceeding 35 mph. LLRA would like to thank all the SW volunteers that give up their time to keep the Long Leys community safe.

2. Long Leys Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2040

Much of the work is complete and a draft plan is currently being finalised for consultation with the community. As part of the plan, other documents have been produced:

- Housing Needs Assessment (2019) to determine the types of housing needed.
- Long Leys Design Codes and Guidance (2024) to give guidance on building design to complement existing homes and buildings.
- Albion Works Masterplan (2025) to give guidance to developers on the community's vision for the area.
- Demographic data on Long Leys from 2021 Census

These documents are already available to view on the long-leys.org website under Neighbourhood Planning. The community consultation on the plan is likely to happen during October, followed by an independent planning inspection and then a local referendum on the plan. The whole process should be complete within the next 12 months.

3. Community Speed Watch

3 Volunteers joined 2 LLRA committee members in 5 speed watch sessions during July and August, including County Wide Speed Watch Day. The speed watch process is designed to educate and encourage people to drive within the speed limit.

Drivers exceeding the speed of 35mph will receive an advisory letter from Lincolnshire Police. Should the same vehicle come to notice again a second letter with a more direct message will be sent, followed by a visit by the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

During these sessions

- an average of around 230 cars pass through the SID (Speed Indicator Device) per hour.
- 85 cars were found to be travelling at 35mph or above.
- 28 cars were found to be travelling at 35mph or above in 1 hour at the Cemetery SID.
- speeds as high as 41mph have been recorded at the Cemetery SID.
- speeds as high as 50mph have been recorded at the Curtis Factory SID.

If you have a couple of hours spare a month and would like to volunteer to be part of the Speed Watch Team, please contact Jackie Ward at jackie.ward@long-leys.org

4. Graffiti Update – Addressing Graffiti at the A46 Underpass on Long Leys Road

1. An online survey was sent out to those who have signed up for the community email or Facebook, and the findings were discussed in the newsletter. Approximately 60 people initially responded, and about 90% wanted some action taken. Approximately 70% said they would prefer a mural.
2. The newsletter also provided an opportunity for residents to complete the survey and share their comments.
3. We have previously obtained very draft estimates of costs for a mural, and this would be closer to tens of thousands of pounds rather than thousands. The LLRA does not currently have funds for a mural or other remedial work.
4. We have been pursuing Lincolnshire County Council (Highways) to see if they would remove it (the underpass structure is owned by Highways). Following intervention from our local County Councillor, the County Council has agreed to do this and instructed a contractor to clear the graffiti. As it is painted on concrete, it is anticipated that they will pressure wash it. Timing to be confirmed.
5. We are taking into account many of the residents views with alternative options and are aware that the graffiti could return even if the walls are pressure washed or a mural painted there.
6. LLRA is exploring whether anti-graffiti paint would help minimise further vandalism although advice from the city council is that pressure washing is a better solution.
7. Please see Natalie and/or Jackie at the end of the AGM for further discussion.
8. Thank you for your support with this matter.