

LINCOLN GARDENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on the Friday 8th of October 2021 at Lincoln Gardens Community Centre.

1. Apologies

No apologies.

2. Minutes of the last Annual General meeting.

The Minutes having been circulated

3. Matters Arising.

Mrs. Day pointed out that the date on the minutes was incorrect. In fact it should have been Friday 14th of June.

4. Chairpersons Report.

Mr. Hopkins welcomed everyone and went on to give an update since the Centre closed completely on the 22nd of March 2020, although Sections had started to close from the 16th. Our cleaner/caretaker was placed on furlough and all services were shut down, with contracts cancelled wherever possible. Coronavirus really started to grip the country, with severe restrictions imposed on the population.

At the request of North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) water flushing and testing of the fire alarm systems took place by the Chair, walking to the Centre weekly. The Government decreed that early learning schools should stay open – this was only to facilitate getting parents back to work. Under pressure from NLC Leisure and Education Departments we allowed Preschool to use the premises. Some services were reinstated and the cleaner/caretaker taken of furlough. It was pointed out to NLC that this was a loss to us in monetary terms as Preschool's rent would not cover the Centres costs. During this period a Legionella test revealed an issue with the hot water supply which had to be rectified. Two emergency light units also had to be replaced after a routine inspection. Preschool closed for the summer holidays on the 17th of July. Restrictions were eased and the Centre was deep cleaned in readiness for a return of activities on the 3rd of August.

Risk assessments were carried out and a safety inspection took place by the NLC Safety Officer. Preschool started back in the September. While we were open, Face masks, Hans Sanitiser, the 2 metre rule and appropriate precautions were taken.

Unfortunately we had to shut again on the 4th of November due to the increase in Coronavirus cases in England, although Preschool were allowed to carry on! This lasted over the Christmas period so there were no decorations, no mince pies, and no raffles like previous years.