



MISSION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on 21st October 2020 at 7.00pm

Committee Members present:

Ann Beacham; Lizzy Clifton; Ian Cotterhill; Amanda Hannigan; Sue Howard; Jan Robey; Spencer Robey; Ben Ryland; Wendy Threlkeld; Reg Threlkeld

Others present:

Liz Rowe; Andrea Wilcox; Mandy Walker
MPC Members; Jayne Watson; Mark Watson; Peter Edwards; Ken Sheppard; Jamie Sutherton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF 16th September 2020 (previously circulated by email)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. These will be signed in due course.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 16th September 2020 (not covered elsewhere on Agenda)

Sue H is now in possession of the Community Centre pictures and will arrange reframing.

ACTION: Sue H to organise reframing

Liz R reported that Brenda Lindley would like to keep to the same weekend as this year, in September, for the Scarecrow Festival next year.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (previously circulated by email)

Spencer R reported that further expenditure has been incurred since the report was sent out - £156 Dyno Rod drain clearance and £48 Eagl-s Newsletter printing.

Business Banking Switch was discussed. Ann B mentioned that Mark Hooper was having issues with this - not as easy as it seems. **Spencer R to liaise with him**

Village park and playground money (£58.26) to be transferred to new bank account when set up by Pat Swift. Financial Projection was discussed. Ian C said there was not much leeway with either estimate. It was hard to forecast at the moment as not sure which groups will return when allowed. Thanks went to Spencer.

5. FUTURE EVENTS

5.1 Halloween Weekend

Ann B and Amanda H had spoken to Mandy W to discuss the organisation of the event.

Judges were needed for the House Decorating. Work on the Trail was underway.

Jayne W was confused re the TTN money, in the way it was decided not to accept it and when and if the decision was minuted. Mark W said it was the worst decision and not in accordance with the MCA constitution and Jayne W agreed. Decision not to accept this money should have been put to all villagers.

In response, Ann B said that the financial decision was made outside of a scheduled MCA Meeting and all members decided via email. The request for money for the event was made to Parish Council who referred it on to Town Estates Charity. MCA were not aware of this happening until a letter was received (electronically), which stated that this money was from the TTN donation that was given to Parish Council and that Mandy W was going to put something in the next Newsletter to recognise TTN supporting ongoing community activity.

Peter E said that TTN was a lawful business and the lack of regulation with what they were doing was BDC failure and this should have no bearing on whether to accept funds from their donation.

MCA would now be funding prizes and Sue H was donating money also.

Mandy W pointed out that she was a regular complainer re TTN and that the MCA, by refusing the money, were not using money which was due to the villagers. Spencer R pointed out that the money was still being held with TEC for the benefit of villagers, so not losing out.

Mandy W felt that the MCA had made a decision without the input of the community in an open meeting and requested that it would not happen again.

At this point Ben R said the village was so disjointed with groups pulling in different directions. This has turned into an aggressive argument. It appears that we don't work together amicably.

5.2 Christmas Event

Permission had been sought from MPC to hold an event on the village green. Liz Rowe thought it too much to have events 2 weeks running. **It was agreed to cancel the Christmas Fair/Market.** Liz R suggested children singing on the green nearer to Christmas. This would depend on the Government rules at that time.

5.3 Pensioners Christmas Dinner

Mandy W explained that she was providing 20 over 75's with a parcel for All Saints Day. Jan R said that although The White Horse Inn was willing to provide a meal, it could not be as sociable as usual as households would have to sit separately. Liz R suggested giving a poinsettia plant and Wendy T a box of chocolates. Jan R suggested postponing until such time it was possible to mix together. Spencer R advised that Michael Billington was willing to do takeaway meals. Mandy W said she could ask those in receipt of the All Saints Day parcel if they would like a takeaway meal and let Jan R know outcome - **Agreed to find out those who would be interested in a takeaway meal**

6. COMMUNITY CENTRE

6.1 Pre-School and Cleaning

Ann B and Sarah Taylor had a conversation about the difficulty in moving the equipment each week for the cleaners to be able to clean properly. It was agreed that MPS would do their own cleaning and that once a month Spik and Span would do a deep clean. MPS systems are working well. Spencer R suggested the MCA help to pay for MPS cleaning materials. This was agreed. **Spencer R to liaise with Sarah T**

Jan R informed that she had received centre keys from those groups who are not regular users. She has a list of all the numbered keys and knows exactly who has them and also received more questionnaires with comments re intentions of future use.

6.2 Minutes of Centre Property Maintenance Sub Committee Meeting

Sue H said that there was nothing to report other than draft minutes had been sent out and a response awaited regarding possible dates for a meeting with MPC representatives.

Peter Edwards asked if this was the same group that was supposed to have joint meetings with the MPC and if so why had the meeting gone ahead. It was stated this was a preliminary meeting only, to annotate the building survey into a spreadsheet for easier discussion at the joint meeting. Out of courtesy minutes of this internal meeting had been sent to the MPC.

It was stressed that the decision to approach John Bingham, initially for the roofing would be fact finding. He is familiar with the building, and his professional advice and recommendations could be used by MCA to obtain quotes. Per the Lease no decisions would be made on expenditure without PC discussion and agreement. However obtaining quotes does not require permission.

Mark W expressed his exasperation and surprise that the MCA went ahead without the MPC as this was a joint committee. It was reiterated this was merely a preliminary meeting to prepare discussion documents for the joint meeting. No decisions have been made and John Bingham had not yet been approached.

Ian C said we want to be inclusive and work together. Sue H said the aggressive tone of this meeting was outrageous and that the MCA were trying their best.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reg T said the previous good relationship between MCA and MPC suddenly changed and asked the cause. At this point voices were raised and Ann B said that she would stop the meeting and reconvene if we could not be civil to one another. At this point Peter E left the meeting.

Andrea W thought the latest Newsletter was good and had heard positive comments. Mandy W said she had negotiated the price of printing for the next 6 months at £24 per page.

Sue H said that buses were having trouble getting through West Street early in the morning as cars were parked on the pavement. Mark W said he would put the issue on the Agenda for next MPC meeting and talk to BDC Highways. Ken S suggested it could go on the next newsletter due in January. MCA information for newsletter needs to be submitted by end of December.

Liz R informed that the Yarn Bomb is 17th/18th July 2021.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 18th November 2020

The meeting finished at 8.34pm.

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