



MISSION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Committee Members present:

Mandy Walker, Jan Robey; Spencer Robey; Lizzy Clifton; Wendy Threlkeld; Reg Threlkeld; Sue Howard; Ann Beacham; Ian Cotterhill;

Others present:

Janis James; Liz Rowe; Jayne Watson; Joan Challoner; Sandra Stansfield

Before the meeting began, it was announced that the Trustees had had a meeting with the Chair and advised that a private vote of confidence in the Chair had taken place. The Committee supported the Chair and this was to be minuted. As such the meeting would continue without further discussion.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ben Ryland; Brenda Lindley; Andrea Wilcox; Pat Swift

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF 16th October 2019 (previously circulated by email)

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

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

Three pictures for heritage wall yet to be reframed.

ACTION: Mandy W to organise in early new year

Ann B had passed hirer information to Jan R and Jan reported that the person was now hiring the hall every Monday evening as a result.

Lizzy C and Pat S had looked at our existing xmas decorations and said only a few more were needed that would not cost anywhere near the suggested £200 budget.

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

Printout from bank now included, for proof of bank balances.

The report indicated over £93 income from the book swap and congratulated Lizzy, Joan and Pat. All agreed that this was a wonderful effort and thanks went to the three of them.

Mandy W enquired as to whether the £100 donated from a neighbour of hers towards a tree, had been received. Spencer R informed that, as yet, it had not.

5. BOOKINGS

5.1 Review

Abbeydale Singers - Everyone agreed that this was an excellent event, enjoyed by all. It was originally agreed to split the proceeds 50/50 and to this end half has been sent to St. John the Baptist Church. Spencer R sent an email asking if all the proceeds could be given to the Church. He received mixed views and therefore he proposed that the balance of £140 was also gifted to the church, seconded by Sue. Most in favour - motion carried.

BDC Recycle talk - This was a very informative talk and thanks went to Janette Walker for giving her time freely. Reg T distributed stickers, for the inside of our blue bin with information of what is recyclable.

Autumn Clean up - This was attended by around 19 people with additional people cleaning at a different time. Thanks went to WI, for yet again providing delicious refreshments.

Joan C requested that staples be removed from the telegraph poles. This to be included in Spring Clean-up. Concerns were raised over the bottle bank and the cleaning of the area to be investigated.

Spring Clean up is 25th April 2020.

ACTION: Jan R to write to PC (copy to MW) to pursue the cleaning of bottle bank area

5.2 Future Bookings

Jan R read through the November and December bookings.

5.3 Future events

Christmas with Steptoe & Son - Saturday 23rd November

Wendy T said that 37 tickets had been sold. The cost of The Hambledon Theatre Company is £450 and they are arriving at 4.30pm. No further help was required.

Christmas Tree Lighting - Saturday 30th November.

Mandy W apologised to anyone that she may have offended with regards to the organisation of the switching on of the Christmas tree lights, which will take place at 4.30pm.

Mandy W has organised a group of volunteers. PC are arranging the electricity supply. All food has been donated with no cost to the MCA. A collection box will be available, on a table, for anyone wishing to donate towards community projects, with no pressure attached.

Liz R mentioned that it would be a good idea to find out what christmas songs the children are currently singing.

ACTION: Liz R to contact the School for information

Christmas Fayre - Sunday 1st December 12.30 - 3.00pm

Lizzy C said this was all organised. She will do a plan as to where the various tables are to be put. Joan C and Roz Walker will be doing the catering. The mulled wine will be free as we do not have a licence to sell, but donations are asked for the mince pies. It was hoped to get children to sing as per last year.

Raffles to be drawn towards the end of the Fayre followed by the 100+ Club Super Draw.

65+ Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18th December

Everything booked. Confirmation that funds will be forthcoming from BDC have been received. Spencer R has requested funding from PC to match last year. Jan R asked people to think of something other than sweets to give as a gift.

Village Pantomime

Ann B reported that she had not had confirmation from all those who had previously expressed a wish to be involved. It was reported that people were disappointed at the lack of children/teenager involvement. It was unanimously agreed to cancel the pantomime this year and think about next year.

Ann B was thanked for her hard work.

VE Day 75th Anniversary - 8th May 2020

Ian C explained how the organisation has moved on. Marquee booking confirmed and food supplier will be confirmed shortly. Ian C mentioned that the WI had requested that the Cry for Peace be read out by a female and male jointly. Looking at the words, it was decided that it was more appropriate for it to be read by a man. This was agreed. Next meeting will be in January. It was noted that flyers advertising the event will be sent out at the appropriate time.

6. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Other Projects - Spencer R questioned as to whether this item needed to be put on the Agenda in future.

7. COMMUNITY CENTRE

7.1 Lease

Sue H, Ian C and Mandy W are due to meet with the PC Lease Committee on Monday 25th November.

A full and frank discussion took place with those present giving their views. One of the major stumbling blocks was Clause 13, where it was suggested that we must consult with PC on any repairs or works likely to cost over £200. Ian C expressed his disappointment that this De minimis amount was reduced without any consultation with MCA. The figure of £200 was considered far too low and £1000 was suggested. All views were noted by the Lease Committee and Mandy W to make tracked changes to the proposed lease and send to Ian C and Sue H in the first instance for their confirmation of changes and then onto the rest of the Committee, before the meeting on Monday.

Mandy W asked the PC Chair, who was present, for comment but she declined at this stage.

Joan C suggested that a list was drawn up showing what the MCA and PC were responsible for and attached to the lease as an Appendix. Spencer R advised that there had been a list in the past, written by Mark Watson and Spencer would circulate this to the Committee for information. Janis J said that there would probably have to be a compromise and there was an opportunity to work well together.

ACTION: Mandy W to make tracked changes as discussed and send to Ian and Sue, then to the Committee before meeting on Monday 25th November

7.2 Heating/Insulation

Spencer R advised that the new heating programmer, which has online information regarding the heating levels, has shown that the building is very difficult to warm up, especially in the very cold weather. To compensate for this, the heating is being put on a lot earlier than should be necessary. One of the main issues is the lack of insulation in the attic space. He has received 2 quotes from companies. The best one of which was £855 plus vat. This company have also been to visit the hall and can do the work on a Saturday. It was decided that we would have to run this past the PC and ask them to fund it as this was a Capital item and not repair and maintenance.

ACTION: Spencer R to write to PC

7.3 Sound & Projection

Lizzy C informed that the loop system is only beneficial if you have a hearing aid. She showed a flyer from Sonata Aurio who fit acoustic panels to control reverberation. She suggested the cost would be approximately £1500. The church hall at Hexthorpe have these panels.

ACTION: Spencer R to contact company for advice and possible quote

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mandy W asked for feedback for the proposed MCA side of the Newsletter for December. Changes and suggestions were made.

Reg T mentioned he had completed a Health & Safety check of the building.

Jan R said that the Christmas Tree in the Church had been paid for. To be decorated by Lizzy C and Sue H.

As this meeting had been quite long and intense, it was suggested that any further business be carried forward to the next meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Jan R had received 2 pieces of correspondence. Firstly, via PC, Notice of a Carers' Event on Friday 22nd November. This has been put on our board.

Secondly, the Parliamentary Election candidate list. This has been put on our notice board outside.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed not to have a meeting in December. Therefore the next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm.