



MISSION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 at 7.00pm

Committee Members present:

Mandy Walker, Jan Robey; Spencer Robey; Wendy Threlkeld; Reg Threlkeld;

Others present:

Liz Rowe; Jayne Watson; Pat Swift; Brenda Lindley

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Lizzy Clifton; Ian Cotterill; Ann Beacham; Sue Howard; Joan Challoner; Ben Ryland

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF 20th November 2019 (previously circulated by email)

At the request of Mandy W, two lines in the Minutes were omitted, after which they were approved and duly signed.

Jan R asked that if anyone did not want something they say minuted, they must say so at the time.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 20th November (not covered elsewhere on Agenda)

Mandy W asked somebody could take down the pictures ready to be reframed. She will email John Stewart for suitable wording to go alongside the pictures once rehung. Liz R suggested her husband may have some relevant historical memorabilia we may be able to use.

ACTION: Someone to take pictures down from wall for Mandy W to have reframed and contact John Stewart

Liz R to explore any historical info

Village Bottle Bank - Jan R did not have to write to PC as Wendy T had already spoken to BDC, who said the company who empty the bottle bank would not hang around to enable anyone to clean the area. It would be possible to move to the other gate (with permission from Misson Mill) but this was thought not possible, due to the layout, as it would cause an obstruction to the entrance.

Newsletter - Spencer R asked that a standing order be set up to pay 50% of each newsletter printed.

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

Spencer R explained that since his report had been sent out, the money from BDC for the Christmas lunch had been received.

He presented the 2019 Income and Expenditure accounts which had been examined by Pat Swift and signed by Tom Darby. Thanks to Pat Swift for examining the accounts.

Jayne W asked what the £66 expenditure against the 65+ lunch was for. Spencer R explained this was the MCA contribution and included lottery scratch cards as gifts and christmas cards. He had also received a query re the 2019 Office expenditure of £971 - he advised that this included both Bawtry Today adverts and Defib training costs. We had also incurred costs in 2020 for new defib pads - see AOB.

Pat S noted a considerable reduction in the cost of the electricity year on year. Spencer R said he would present the full account with explanations and year on year comparisons at the AGM next month.

He also reported that he had received the new lottery licence and had applied for additional 10% rate relief.

5. BOOKINGS

5.1 Review

Christmas with Steptoe - This was a great success with all tickets sold. A small profit was made but this was more about a social evening. Thanks go to Wendy and Reg Threlkeld.

Tree Lighting - It was agreed this was an excellent event with new people attending. Feedback was good with some possible changes/additions.

* more lighting (other than the tree) was required.

* catering - just mulled wine and mince pies

- soup - instead of own cup have printed ceramic mugs (someone has offered to pay for these and also store them)

To be discussed further.

Spencer R asked of the possibility of a real tree. Jayne W stated it was not possible.

Brenda L informed that they first requested a real tree back in 2010, which was refused by PC.

Jan R suggested a different date, so the lighting ceremony was not so close to the Christmas Fayre. This to be discussed and decided upon later. Jan R said that we needed to firm dates up asap.

Christmas Fayre - Footfall was thought to be down on last year, with an influx towards the end. It was noted that the children did not sing as was hoped. Need to think about next year. We will discuss at next meeting, when Lizzy C, who organised the Fayre, can share her views.

65+ Christmas Lunch - Again this was a very enjoyable afternoon. Someone had mentioned that the numbers were down on last year and Jan explained that she had around 6 people cancel either the day before or actually on the day, mostly due to sickness.

5.2 Future Bookings

Jan R read through the bookings from now until end of March. She said that Art Group were due to restart at the beginning of March but Jan would check with Jacky Wheeldon.

Jan R explained that she had had a request from Linda Cspike re a fund raising evening for a poorly individual who was raising money for a private operation. This person also has a fund raising page on 'Go Fund Me'. Although the person does not live in the village, she has friends here and it was agreed that we charge the same as we normally do for a charity event to help cover our costs i.e. £10. Linda Cspike is not holding her usual fund raising event in September this year. Jan R pointed out that Linda C would need to obtain a new TENs licence, as the one she held for the last event was out of date.

ACTION: Jan R to contact Jacky W and Linda C

Book Swap 1st February - due to both Pat S and Lizzy C being away, Joan C had asked if someone could help with putting the books out/away. Although offers were made to put books out the day before, there were not enough able to help on the day. It was therefore agreed not to hold the Book Swap in February and to resume on Saturday 7th March.

ACTION: Jan R to inform Joan C and to put cancellation note on Centre door on 31st January

Wendy T to put something in Bawtry Today re cancellation and advertise March Book Swap as usual

5.3 Future events

VE Day 75th Anniversary - 8th May 2020

Spencer R outlined details to date. There will be another VE Day meeting on Monday 20th January to talk further.

Flyer - It was agreed that a flyer be distributed to all in the Parish outlining details and asking to register an interest in joining in the festivities. Spencer R asked Mandy W to look at the layout. Spencer R read out a list of people/organisations to write to try to obtain funding.

Liz R suggested a book with photographs of 1940's uniforms to help people with costume ideas. This could be displayed at the next Book Swap.

6. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

6.1 Mandy W informed that she had a pledge for a further 2 trees, (£200) from Sir Robert and Lady Jean Easton.

6.2 Mandy W wanted to measure the school area. Brenda L offered to ask Bawtry School to borrow a trundle.

ACTION: Brenda L to try to borrow trundle

7. COMMUNITY CENTRE

7.1 Lease - Mark Hooper, Trustees and PC Sub Committee to progress. MCA need to get a solicitor to look at lease. Mandy W brother, who is a solicitor, has looked at the revised 8 page lease and has said that it is not suitable for MCA or MPC.

Mandy W will email trustees/sub committee to arrange a meeting asap. Should the PC want to extend current arrangement, we would be amenable, but Jayne W said that the lease needs to be agreed as quickly as possible. The request for additional storage from the PC was raised. It was reported that Mandy W had asked MPS to clear a cupboard in the Peter Wilde room. This was thought to be difficult but would be included on the Agenda at the next meeting.

ACTION: Mandy W to arrange lease sub committee meeting

7.2 Heating/Insulation

The insulation of the loft has been completed.

7.3 Sound & Projection

The projector has been taken down and Reg T has looked at it. He thinks it is the lens that is the problem. It was established to be around 20 years old. Jayne W said that she would get Mark W to have a look at it.

Jan R explained that Pre-School wanted to put a bolt on the inside of the small room due to a safeguarding issue. Spencer R suggested putting new handles with key locks on both small room doors. This would enable us to lock small room if hirers only wanted the main hall. This was proposed by Mandy W and seconded by Jan R. PC to be advised and permission sought.

ACTION: Spencer R to buy and install locks once PC permission received

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Spencer R advised that there were some small changes required to the 100+ Club constitution. He was asked to email old and new to Committee.

ACTION: Spencer R to email old and new constitutions to Committee

Spencer R explained that although they were not used, the defib pad sachet had been opened and on the advice of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service we had had to purchase new pads. Two sets, together with a spare battery were ordered and the spare set is with the custodian, Brian Swift.

Wendy T advised that she had cleaned the planters.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Jan R had received a 'thank you' email from Anne Rowe, on behalf of the Church for the £140 donation (funds from Abbeydale Singers).

9. DATE OF AGM - Wednesday 19th February 2020

It was explained that 50% of the Committee have to resign but can be voted back on. Those to stand down are: Spencer R; Wendy T; Ian C; Sue H and Ann B.

ACTION: Jan R to inform Committee Members via email

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 18th March 2020 as AGM on Wednesday 19th February 2020.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm.