



MISSION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on the
17th March 2021

Committee Members Present

Ann Beacham (Chair)
Amanda Hannigan (Vice Chair)
Ian Cotterhill (Treasurer)
Lucy Buckley
Janis James
Sue Howard
Lizzy Clifton
Tanya Homer

Others Present

Liz Rowe
Jane Watson
Peter Edwards
Mandy Walker
Brian Swift
Laura Garnett
Emma Paragreen
John Paragreen
Spencer Robey
Jan Robey

1. Apologies for absence – none received

2. Minutes from last meeting of 20th January 2021 (circulated by email)

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the 20th January not covered in the agenda

Spencer and Lizzie to wait until after Covid restrictions ease it is possible to go to look at styles of new chairs for the community centre.

Action – Spencer and Lizzy to plan when to look at chair styles and materials

4. Treasurers report

Ian explained that he had just taken over the role of Treasurer, and has only limited financial information at this time. Ian detailed the amounts in the MCA accounts currently .

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5. Future Events

5.1 Time to Party July 2021– Concerns were raised by a Parishioner with regards to MCA making the decision to hold this event without public discussion. Apologies given by the Chair for this, but explained that as the country was opening up there was very limited time to book the services from vendors we had booked originally for VE Day 2020 as Covid restrictions being lifted means they are receiving many enquiries for events. The MCA had taken the decision not to ask for deposits to be returned as these were small local businesses and we wished to support them. Plans thus far include food vendor, vocalist, and steel band.

Action – Ann to request the use of the village green for the event from MPC.

5.1 Unlocking celebrations – Mandy Walker explained that there were discussions being held with community members about village celebrations in June to be held on the first weekend after lockdown restrictions are, hopefully to be lifted. Mandy asked if MCA would be interested in helping and assurances were given that we would be very happy to help and for Mandy or other community members to let us know what would be needed.

Discussions were held about the fireworks MCA had booked for the original VE Day celebrations to see if they could be used on the June weekend. It was explained that the fireworks had been cancelled early 2020 after the agreed venue was no longer available.

5.2 Annual calendar of events – Janis James discussed the idea of pulling together a calendar of events to be held in the village across the year. In previous years this did happen and helped co-ordinate what villagers were doing so there were no clashes and things could be timed across the year so there were lots of things on offer.

It was agreed this was a good idea and Janis offered to lead on the plans.

Action – Janis to start contacting people to understand what is planned across all community groups.

6. Community Centre

6.1 Re-opening plans – Chair noted that with the changes in the Covid restrictions outlined in the Government road map it is looking possible that there will be chance soon to open the community centre. Currently only MPS use the centre, due to the Government position last year to prioritise early years education provision. The MPS Committee are aware that this is the case and have been asked to plan for wider opening. This includes returning to their model of packing up after each session.

There was also discussion with regard to clarification of the insurance position about independent cover for those groups who make a profit, even if this is a very small amount. This needs to be made clear to users to whom this applies and it may mean the booking form is amended to reflect this.

The MPC will return to the community centre in May for their meetings it is planned. We are working with community groups to check when they wish to return and if to their original times and days.

6.2 Centre Property Maintenance Sub Committee- Ian Cotterhill happy to chair and arrange dates for this meeting with the Clerk of the Parish Council. Ian also discussed the possibility of his brother joining the committee by invitation as required, as he has extensive experience of renovation of buildings.

7. Correspondence – Ian noted that he had confirmed with the District Council the use of the community centre for local elections on the 6th May 2021.

8. Newsletter – Sue has kindly agreed to pull together the MCA contribution to the village newsletter. She asked for items for publication to be forwarded to her. Sue will then liaise with Mandy to ensure our entry is included in the village newsletter.

9. AOB

Brian Swift discussed the need to replace the cabinet for the defib housed on the wall of the Angel Inn. Recently the power had been turned off due to work being undertaken in the pub, meaning there was not access to the defib in an emergency as the key pad to enter to code to open it is electronic only. This meant the defib was not available for a period of time. In order to mitigate the risk of not being able to access the defib in an emergency due to power failure, Brian suggested purchasing a model with a manual key pad.

It was agreed that this was a very good idea and asked Brian to research models and prices. Further discussions were held with regard to repeating CPR training for villagers. Again seen as a very good idea. Brian to check if this is still available

Action – Brian to send the information for discussion at the next MCA meeting

Vacancies on the MCA committee were discussed. Former members Sue Howard and Lizzie Clifton re-joined the committee and Tanya Homer was also co-opted onto the committee. Welcome to all was given and thanks for giving their time to this voluntary community group.