

MISSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Lizzie Clifton, Peter Gravestock, Sheelagh Handy, David Hobson, Jan Robey, Spencer Robey, Pat Swift, Reg Threlkeld, Wendy Threlkeld, Jacky Wheeldon, Andrea Wilcox and Kath Williamson

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The meeting held on the 18th January 2017 was of an extraordinary nature, with members of the village invited along to an 'Open Evening' with a view to recruit a new committee.

Notes of the Meeting were presented and discussed. As there was no formal Agenda or business, other than an informal discussion about the way in which the MCA is used and run, the notes were not signed.

MATTERS ARISING

The new Chairperson, David Hobson, asked the outgoing committee members what were the five most important aspects they considered to be the first actions for the year ahead. These were as follows:

1. Events

The MCA tried to have an event every month, either organising or renting the hall. It was the general view that the Duck Race had been outlived (with the absence of water) and should be replaced with a new event. The meeting noted that the Ducks were owned by the MCA and should the MCA agree to change the format, Tickhill may wish to purchase. Tickhill are at present in possession of the Ducks.

It was agreed that the Grand Draw raised a considerable amount and should continue.

Other events had also been successful and should be retained - village show, Mr Dan, circus man, Taylor's wine evening and the Christmas Fair.

The Race Night held by the Mayflower Sanctuary was a huge success with nearly £2000 being raised for the Charity. It was suggested that MCA could hold one.

Various events were suggested:- Summer Fair, Games evening (dominoes etc), film evening - although if spoken films were used a licence would need to be obtained at a cost.

MCA Committee to develop a rolling twelve month of events.

2. Renting out

Utilise the hall more at weekends and school holidays e.g. pop up cafe.

3. Acquisitions for the community

The MCA had successfully obtained a defibrillator for the village. Mark Duncombe has had first aid training. He could be approached to hold first aid training for people wanting to do so.

4. Maintenance

Storage was a problem. The sheds were in need of repair/replacement. MCA could identify funds to purchase container for example.

Carpet in 'bar area' of main hall needs replacing. Tiles in entrance hallway also need replacing. MCA to liaise with Misson Parish Council.

Chairs need replacing but thought needs to be given to the storage of larger chairs.

A full condition survey needs to be commissioned to summarise the state of repair the building is in and to inform a plan to prioritise and cost the work needed.

5. Pre-School

This was an ongoing issue. A separate lease is needed for pre-school to be able to obtain funds from grants. It was agreed that Misson Parish Council would be approached again with a view to obtaining a new lease enabling MCA to sub-let to Pre-school. The existing lease is due for renewal in 2019.

It was pointed out that the rental of pre-school was heavily discounted but gave a huge service to the community, even though some children come from outside of the village, they do lead onto the Misson Primary School.

It was explained that there has always been conflict between the MCA and pre-school. The problem seems to be that the pre-school management changes regularly. It was agreed that it would be useful if a representative came to the meetings instead of writing in a notebook.

6. General Matters

David suggested that the new Committee consider dealing with two issues to begin with.

1. A comprehensive plan to manage the maintenance and improvements to the Community Association Centre, including clarification of responsibilities within each of the leases for the work and approvals process.
2. Communications - social media/Misson hub/Facebook. These need sorting out.

David asked for any suggestions for other committee members to undertake the above responsibilities plus two other members (eight in total) to cover for holidays absence etc.

David thanked the outgoing committee and especially Kath Williamson. He said that he had noticed that there was more community feeling on which to build for the future.

Sheelagh advised that Hannah is enjoying her job as cleaner and an improvement had been noticed. Sheelagh also mentioned that an anonymous donation to support musical events had not been minuted although Spencer thought it had been.

Andrea said that she would be willing to help in the future as did Kath. Reg and Wendy offered general help and printing and Jacky offered help with posters. Viv and Phil Shilling had also offered their help.

It was agreed that all meetings should be finished by 9pm at the latest.

Spencer asked about the signatories and David suggested Chairperson, Treasurer and one other committee member. Spencer said he would obtain forms for the necessary changes.

Lizzie was asked to provide a list of key holders.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting to be held on 15th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Mission Community Centre.