

# Minutes of MVA board meeting

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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

## Present

Steve Thorpe, Sergio Di'rienza, Bob Littler, Martin Bentley, Chris Waine, Colin Balfour, Paul Howells, Vanessa Robinson, Mark Willis, Chris Tedore, Laura Cross

Sarah Heart and Cheryl Buckle for item 8 only

1. Apologies

John Holton, Rob Bailey, Jo Faulkner, Sandra Fernandes-Neto, Nick Hughes

2. Mins of last meeting

Agreed

3. Matters arising

3.1 Youth Club.

*There is currently no space during the evening weekdays at tcam. This is not going to change in the near future. The MVA has also spent the last few years trying to involve volunteers for running the youth club without success. As a result we have decided to remove this from the agenda for the time being.*

3.2 Defib kit ongoing maintenance costs

*The defib kit which sits at the side of TCAM has needed a new instruction sticker for the front as the current one is damaged. The pads are also near the expiry date and have needed replacing. Instruction sticker £30 plus VAT and £3.50 postage  
New pads (including £59.90 plus VAT and £9.95 postage  
The new pads include all the wiring and connections. It was decided that this is an ongoing MVA funding and the cost will be reimbursed to TCAM*

3.3 Communication equipment (ST)

*Radio communication devices that are owned by MVA cost circa £100 about 4-5 years ago. Some don't charge and they no longer work as they should. Due to the limited number of events when these are required Steve Thorpe will investigate how much a new set will cost against how much they are to rent from a local company. The findings will be distributed and a decision will be made at the next meeting.*

#### 3.4 New members (ST)

*The meeting was a great turn out with lots of new people wanting to get involved. Questions were raised on the evening about the structure of the MVA and what is required from members and the legal obligation involved. Mark Willis is going to investigate this and report back with options for new and current members*

#### 4 Information from Treasurer

##### 4.1 Accounts. (BL)

*Cash in the bank as of 22.05.2018 is £19,885.42*

##### 4.2 Transfer of MVA Accounts from Alanthwaites to MP. (BL)

*This has been completed and the accounts now sit with MP*

#### 5 Newsletter and Website

##### 5.1 FB page (CB)

*Colin Balfour and Steve Thorpe continue to manage MVA FB page and this is ongoing. No issues to report*

##### 5.2 Newsletter (SFN)

*Update from SFN - I am afraid that we will be calling a close to the Mawsley Villager newsletter. Unfortunately a combination of work and other commitments have taken over, meaning myself and the team just can't manage an effective coordination of all the parts. Once this has been posted on Mawsley FB pages, Colin Balfour will put a post out on MVA FB to ask if anyone is interested in taking this on to make contact with us.*

*We, the MVA thank Sandra, Rob Bailey and Robert Castley for their help and contribution to the newsletter for the last few years.*

##### 5.3 Website (ST)

*Nothing to report. This item will be removed unless there are any pressing issues which require it returning to the agenda.*

## 6 Events/Projects

### 6.1 Bonfire Night (CW/ST/MB)

*Preparations are starting for this years event and is being run by Chris Waine, Steve Thorpe and Martin Bentley. Regular updates will be presented at each meeting*

### 6.2 Knee rail/fence completion @tcam – MPC funded (ST/PR)

*The knee rail at TCAM where the old bike shelter was needs further work. Due to the shelter coming down the knee rail needs extending and the fence replacing. It was estimated this would cost £100 for parts and tools. This was agreed in the recent Parish Council meeting for them to fund and the MVA will provide the volunteers to complete the work. Steve Thorpe will organise and hopefully have this completed soon.*

## 7. MPC liaison

*Ongoing*

## 8. Funding Requests

### 8.1 Netball team

*Mawsley have a netball team who are doing well within the Kettering league. As they progress they have requested help for training equipment and other kit to the value of £590. The total amount was questioned as some members felt some of the kit was not really necessary. In principle it was agreed that £390 will be funded to the group which is minus some of the kit. Laura Cross is going to contact the netball team and report back to the MVA.*

### 8.2 Football awards

*The MVA were made aware of a possible funding request but nothing was presented at the meeting*

### 8.3 Panto Group

*The Panto group were represented by Sarah Heart and Cheryl Buckle. It was felt that the panto is a significant event on the village calendar and that supporting the event when needed falls within the aims of the MVA. They currently rehearse each year at Cransley*

*Hall and wish to bring this back to TCAM however struggle with the cost of hall hire. The panto group did not feel that raising ticket prices was feasible. The panto group therefore requested £735.35 for rehearsal hall hire and £391.50 for Show weekend hire, totalling £1,126.85, a significant request compared to the monies normally awarded by the MVA. The total budget for the show was £1920.00 and this would break even, however the panto group would like to be able to increase their budget for costumes, lighting and props from £300 towards £500. Show weekend hire is a required cost regardless of where rehearsals are held.*

*After much discussion it was agreed that MVA would help this year with covering the upfront cost of the hall for rehearsals at £735.35, thus covering the delta of circa. £400 between Mawsley hall hire and the cheaper Cransley hall hire, thus achieving the objective of the request, plus providing an surplus budget of circa £300 to £400 to invest in new costumes, lighting and props. The panto group will be aim to increase ticket sales and break even, returning as much of the funding as possible at the end of the year if successful. If not successful, MVA will underwrite the loss up to £735.35. It is understood that if the show is run at a loss, the MVA would not be able to underwrite this every year, and that the event needs to stand on its own merit.*

9. AOB

*With many new members attending it was decided that a separate working group will be set up which will focus on new events for the village over the next few years.*

Date of next meeting yet to be agreed.

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