

Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 10th May 2015

Present:

Directors: Rob Bailey, Jo Faulkner, Steve Thorpe, Simon Wisdom.

Members: Karen Cox, Bob Littler, Hugh Mulligan, Pat Rowley.

Apologies: Martin Bentley, John Holton, Paul Richards (MPC).

	Action
<p>1. Matters arising from last meeting: <u>Welcome Pack for new residents:</u> Now available but still being added to. Copy at Centre. New residents to be accessed via Estate Agents, Rightmove and word of mouth. Tenants to be included. <u>Walgrave Amber Lighting Rig:</u> BL reported that the £250 cheque has yet to be presented. RB to contact saying that unless presented by the end of the month the cheque will be cancelled. Confirmation from WAFC that the matter is now settled is also required. <u>Letter to Villagers:</u> Now printed. Will be distributed after the latest newsletter has been circulated.</p>	RB
<p>2. Information from Treasurer: Balance remains healthy at £26,330.85 <u>Bank Signatories:</u> No issues. <u>Use of funds:</u> Request from Mothers & Toddlers for £434 for more play items and equipment. Agreed that £500 should be awarded with an annual 'top-up' of £250 on application. This would not preclude requests for specific additional funding. BL advised that M & T quarterly accounting should come within the MVA ledger.</p>	
<p>3. Fund Raising: <u>Suggestions:</u> RB referred the meeting to a document previously circulated by Paul Richards describing a range of funding sources. Members were asked to come with ideas to the next meeting. The meeting homed in on youth accommodation in Mawsley and the possible need to extend the Centre. It was felt that any extension should also be available for the wider village community, when necessary. Thoughts for next meeting?</p>	All
<p>4. Issues for MPC: <u>Youth Provision in Mawsley:</u> RB reported on a meeting with Vic Cope and Paul Richards of the Parish Council at which MVA concerns over the installation of a Portakabin and self-governance were raised. There will be trip to March (Cambs.) to look at a successful youth operation in action. RB to report back after the next Mawsley meeting at which some local youngsters should be present. The need for a co-ordinated approach was re-affirmed.</p>	
<p>5. Youth Club: The final session will be on May 20th unless more committed help is forthcoming. An appeal has been posted in the newsletter and hopefully someone will come forward. Payment was considered and RB will contact Northants CC and the National Association of Youth Clubs to investigate possibilities. However, it was acknowledged that someone within the village will initially have a better knowledge of the youngsters and their requirements.</p>	RB
<p>6. Newsletter and Website: <u>Pat's Successor:</u> No obvious candidate(s) have so far come forward although two names were mentioned as possible helpers. Pat will edit just one more edition, which will include the Family Fun Day programme. It was agreed that in the 'worst case' event of no-one offering support, the September/October edition would appear in its normal format, i.e. containing the usual adverts but with a blank space where an article of interest would have appeared. The issue of possible payment to new editor(s) was also raised.</p>	

<p>7. Any Other Business: PR asked if the MVA could underwrite the forthcoming 'Open Gardens' event and presented a cost analysis. SW offered the possibility of a small corporate sponsorship. RB reported that the blackboard outside the Centre was listing following strong winds. HM informed the meeting that he is seeking quotes for signage all around the Centre</p>	
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Next Meeting: **Sunday 7th June 2015 at 5.00pm**