

Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 14th September 2014

Present:

Directors: Rob Bailey, Martin Bentley, John Holton, Simon Wisdom, Steve Thorpe, Vicky Waine, Stephen Farthing

Members: Hugh Mulligan.

Apologies: Bob Littler, Pat Rowley

Guest: Vic Cope

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At the beginning of the meeting Stephen Farthing tendered his resignation from the MVA board. This was held in abeyance pending a consideration of the effect on membership and quorate debate.	RB
1. Matters arising from last meeting: <u>Security of Centre and Field Area (locking of gate)</u> : Hugh reported that there had been no incidents since the last meeting and the agreed policy is so far working well. <u>Stage Block Renewal</u> : The purchase of commercially available blocks would cost £3-5k approx and the issue of storage would remain unresolved. Vic presented a professional (TopNotch) endorsement of the safety of the proposed construction. In the light of this new information, a figure of £600 (ex VAT) was approved for the refurbishment of stage blocks. Work to be carried out by TLOTSW group. Vic to approach Bob re funding. <u>Autumn Ball</u> : Vicky reported that all tickets have been sold and there may be a small profit. The success of ticket sales means that 2 complimentary bottles of wine can be supplied to each table. <u>Asset Register</u> : Rob reported that an accurate asset register is required for the MVA, TCAM and MPC in order to satisfy accounts and insurance. This will clarify maintenance, repair and replacement responsibilities as well as insurance liability. Draft MVA and TCAM registers to be presented at the next meeting.	VC RB HM
2. Stolen Floodlights and Generator : Following the theft of the Walgrave Amber lighting rig from outside the Centre, a background document detailing a discussion between Kevin Simons and Rob Bailey was discussed at some length. A compromise solution was arrived at and the outcome will be minuted as soon as agreement between the MVA and Walgrave Amber FC has been reached. It should be noted that there is no acceptance of liability by the MVA. Steve T tabled a quote from JCB for the insurance of the MVA lighting rig, (£500). This to be compared with other quotes through Fenherts.	RB
3. Renewal of communications devices : Steve T reported that the 4 existing 2 way radios are getting to the end of their lives and need replacing. He has investigated the purchase of 10 new radios at a cost of just over £100. This would provide a more dynamic communications set up and the bar staff could have their own channel. Steve to come back with more information at the next meeting, but the purchase was unanimously approved in principle.	ST
4. Information from Treasurer , (Investment of 'surplus' funds): Bob not present but his accounts spreadsheet was accepted. Vic outlined a proposal to replace most of the existing lighting with LED lights effecting a long term saving. It was agreed that funding by the MVA would be inappropriate and that the initiative should be added, (pending agreement), to the MPC project list – endorsed by TCAM.	VC

<p>Martin asked if the purchase of new PA equipment could be investigated, as that that we currently use is not fit for purpose. This could be used for Bonfire Night and other village events. Simon and Steve T to consider options.</p>	<p>SW ST</p>
<p>5. Issues for MPC: There was some discussion around Bob's timeline document for communication between MVA, TCAM and the MPC and the possibility of savings that might reduce the village precept. The suggestions within the document were acknowledged and noted.</p>	
<p>6. Newsletter and Website: In Pat's absence, it was acknowledged that all is in place for this week's delivery and some of the contributions from attendees were described.</p>	
<p>8. AOB: Martin reminded the meeting that Bonfire Night is up and coming and made his usual request for help with marshalling. Vicky said that the Youth Club could help with the Guy Workshop.</p>	<p>MB + all</p>

Next Meeting: **Sunday 12th October** at 5.00pm