

MINUTES OF MELLOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY 14th March at 7:30 pm

Committee Present: K Dean [KD] J Foster [JF]
G Hargreaves [GH] L Foster [LF]
N Roberts [NR] T Entwistle [TE]
M Williams [MW] S Hughes [SH]

Also Present : A Bibby [AB]
M Johnson [MJ]

Apologies : J Hymas [JH]

	Lead On Actions
The February minutes were agreed to be a full and accurate record of the meeting.	
The January minutes have been added to the website.	
The alarm system is now fully installed. Users should be encouraged to leave it on the "lock" setting for security reasons.	
The spring on the tennis court gate was carried forward.	
JF is still looking for further contact details from users.	JF
The issue of the noticeboard was carried forward.	
The issue of creating a speedbump was carried forward.	
JF took the meeting through the February accounts. There was a net deficit of £1,443, which was in part due to the cost of the alarm system installation.	JF
The March cafe was a big success, with a much larger number of people attending than usual.	
Regarding dog poo, Ribble Valley Borough Council will not provide additional bins and will not provide anybody to empty additional bins, but they have agreed to provide signage. KD has ordered an additional sign, and has also acquired some plastic to fix to the back of it to make it stronger.	KD
A health and safety session is being organised for all people who help in the kitchen at the cafe, to ensure that everybody is fully up-to-date.	
As yet, not many people have attended the new body conditioning session running in the hall.	
Nobody has contacted Balderstone Brass Band regarding possible dates for the Proms concert.	
The Co-op still has not sent the photo of committee members receiving the money raised.	
There has been no progress regarding contacting Neil McMillan, an accountant, about VAT.	
The first invoice has been received from the builders working on Phase 1, and the grants have already been received which will cover this. The grants from	KD

<p>Bernard Sunley and BAE have not yet been received. The work is progressing well, though it is a little behind due to the recent snow. The rafters are on, and KD is seeing an electrician tomorrow. There is a small issue with the brick – six packs of bricks were ordered, but only four arrived initially, with two more to arrive later – which means that the builder will not be able to mix the bricks properly to create an even colour.</p>	
<p>Regarding Phase 2, Sport England are still finalising their decision regarding the grant – they still have some technical questions, which they are answering without MCA's input. RVBC has confirmed that the proposal for £3,000 of third party funding needed for the application to LEF has been put forward for approval. The application to the LEF will be in by 28th March. Letters from users are needed in support of the application; half a dozen would be ideal. There is already a letter from indoor bowls. It was suggested that various groups could be asked, including the dancing groups, the fitness groups, the guides, and the kids' football. An application has been made to Tesco Bags, a scheme which asks Tesco customers to vote on which of three charities they would prefer to donate to, and then gives between £1,000 and £4,000 to the winner. A grant has also been applied for from the Duchy of Lancaster. It was suggested that the current net value of the account and all pending grants be calculated in order to gain an accurate picture of whether any money will still be needed. BAE will be applied to again, this time to see whether they will do the decorating. KD is hoping to get the builders' prices for Phase 2 next week.</p>	<p>KD</p>
<p>The decision regarding the colour of the hall walls was postponed until the next meeting. LF offered to create mock-up pictures of the inside of the hall in the different potential colours, provided that she receives access to a digital version of the colour swatches.</p>	<p>LF</p>
<p>AB pointed out that the bin which is currently being wrongly used as a dog poo bin used to be located on the tennis court, and that litter often accumulates on the court.</p>	
<p>A query had been received regarding whether it was acceptable for a young child to practise riding their bike on the tennis court when it was empty. It was agreed that this would set a precedent which might lead to teenagers with larger bikes riding on the court, and would therefore be undesirable.</p>	
<p>There has been no further action regarding the trees and the wall.</p>	
<p>The Houghton Players visited the hall, as they are interested in putting on a performance in November or December. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, but that it would be important to avoid setting the date too close to the date of the Christmas carol concert.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 8:07 pm.</p>	

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th April at 7:30 pm.