## MINUTES OF MELLOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm

Committee Present: J Foster [JF] T Entwistle [TE] L Foster [LF]

K Dean [KD] G Hargreaves [GH] N Roberts [NR] P Wallace [PW]

Also Present: S Brown [SB] B Murtagh [BM]

A Sharpe [AS] N Marsden [NM]

Apologies: M Johnson [MJ]

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	Lead on actions
It was agreed that JF would chair the meeting.	
The minutes of the April meeting were agreed to be a full and accurate record of the meeting.	LF
KD has been in contact with a fire officer, and will make an appointment with them.	KD
The MCA has been selected by Entrust to be audited for the Lancashire Environmental Fund on 28 <sup>th</sup> May.	
It was agreed that the capacity numbers quoted to users of the hall running their own events do not apply to the Mellor Village Show. KD and PW are going to be wardens at the show, which will take place around the first Sunday in September.	
JF took the meeting through the April accounts. There was a net deficit of £20,743.00. Excluding the building work and grants for the building work, there would have been a net surplus of £484.00. The cleaning bill was high due to a bill relating to the cleaning of the sanitary bins.	JF
KD has been in contact with someone suitable regarding fixing the broken door-closer.	KD
The April cafe took around twice as much as usual, due to it coinciding with the re-opening of the main hall.	
The issue of the governance papers was carried forward.	
Regarding a fence around the heat pumps, the measurements have been taken, and PW is available to work on the issue. S Foster has not yet provided the MCA with prices for the fencing he was suggesting would be appropriate.	
The meeting for the kitchen helpers has taken place. Some of the volunteers will be mainly assigned to washing up duties rather than food preparation duties in the future. Kitchen safety guidelines will be laminated and displayed. Some of the excess quantity of tea towels have been removed from the hall. Paper towels are to be used to dry hands instead of hand towels.	
Regarding the keypad system for entering the hall, the computer running the	PW

system needs adjusting so that the system is running on summer time. PW will take a look at the computer.	
Regarding maintenance and the guttering, KD will get Craig to take a look at the guttering, which is coming loose from the wall. KD and PW will go around the building and make a list of the highest priority maintenance issues. KD will contact Garth about the beeping alarm.	KD, PW
The notices for the AGM must be up for at least 28 days in advance of the AGM on 10 <sup>th</sup> July. It was suggested that they be displayed in a larger number of places around the village, and in the church magazine.	LF
Since Phase 2 has been finished, the disabled ramp is now surplus to requirements. It was suggested that it could be sold, perhaps on eBay or by advertising somewhere else. The original cost was around £200. It was decided to attempt to sell it.	
The building work is now completed aside from the decorating. The floor in the storeroom is now sealed. KD thanked NR and J Hymas for helping with that.	
The walking netball group were concerned about the ball hitting the thermostat. KD will put cages over the thermostats.	KD
It was suggested that help start to be mobilised to begin the painting. It was suggested that volunteers at the cafe may be able to help, or perhaps people from Blackburn College, though J Hymas had in the past researched this and found that it was not feasible to organise volunteers from the college. KD, PW, and NR will investigate. For now, the aim is to tidy up the decor, not to paint the whole hall.	KD, PW, NR
Regarding past events, the band concert was poorly attended, likely due to clashes with several other events at different venues. However, the event still managed to raise around £150 for the band and the hospice. JF waived the hire fee, as the event was for charitable causes.	
The proms concert will be advertised earlier relative to the event taking place this year.	
KD has been in contact with J Hymas regarding the music society.	
Regarding ideas for future events, suggestions included a Halloween event, quiz nights, a ceilidh, evening dance events, bingo, and stand up comedy. October or winter would be a better time of year for a ceilidh. KD will make enquiries regarding evening dance. LF will investigate possible quiz night questions. Bingo would be exempt from needing a licence if the event was not for commercial gain.	KD, LF
There was a booking request for 8 <sup>th</sup> June from Holy Souls Church. JF thinks that the event would have too many people, and would want a large amount of the Saturday, which would mean the regular genjitsu booking would have to be cancelled. Therefore the committee agreed that the booking request would be politely declined.	JF
It was considered whether there should be two different rates for booking the hall for association members and other people. It was suggested that other halls' rates should be checked to see if the MCA rates are competitive.	

Regarding the wedding booking, there has been a letter saying that the woman has plans to claim for the cost of the invitations, for posting them to India, and for the cost of the relocation of the marquee. As she had not complied with the booking requirements, the MCA was justified in its decision not to confirm her booking request. TE has replied using recorded mail to remind her of the situation, and that the booking was not confirmed.	
PW brought the draft updated booking form for the committee to review. He will email it around the committee and send to LF for additional review. LF will also check the grammar. The form needs an address line to be added.	PW, LF
The terms and conditions need to be changed so that in point 18, it says "not permitted" with nothing afterwards under that point. It was considered whether it would be possible to fit the terms and conditions on the back of the booking form. It was suggested that it would be difficult to fit everything on. The terms and conditions need to be finalised at another meeting, and checked by TE. GH, TE, and PW arranged a meeting for the Friday following the committee meeting.	PW, TE, GH
The issue of goals for the hall was carried forward.	
PW has fixed the speakers in the hall. PW investigated possible wireless options for them. It might be possible to use a Bluetooth device, which would connect to users' mobile devices, and cost around £30 each. There were also more expensive options, such as running cables around the room. It was decided that user views should be considered as to the best option. PW will investigate the pricing of the different options.	PW
At this point, the meeting was moved to a closed discussion on matters regarding the lease.	
The meeting was closed at 9:01 pm.	

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 pm.