

MINUTES OF MELLOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 11th December 2019 at 7:30 pm

Committee Present: J Foster [JF] T Entwistle [TE]
 K Dean [KD] G Hargreaves [GH]
 P Wallace [PW] L Foster [LF]

Also Present: A Sharpe [AS]
 S Brown [SB]
 B Murtagh [BM]

Apologies: N Marsden [NM]

	Lead on actions
The minutes of the November meeting were agreed to be a full and accurate record of the meeting.	LF
KD received a letter from Garfield Weston regarding possible future grants, but the MCA does not meet the requirements of the main grant mentioned.	
Mellor Parish Council had received a letter from Ribble Valley Borough Council regarding a complaint they had received about the lights.	
LF took the meeting through the November accounts. There was a net surplus of £790.42. There was a larger than usual amount of income from donations due to JF's charity run.	LF
Regarding the painting of the hall, some of this has now been done. The paint cost around £20 and there is plenty left. The meeting room still needs painting, and volunteers may be available on 11 th January and 12 th January. It may be better to paint the back wall of the main hall later, as it is better to paint it in the final colour initially rather than having to repaint it.	PW
The paperwork for the new bank account was signed by GH. JF and LF will now check it over and send it off.	LF, JF
Regarding maintenance, the heating temperature is now sorted. Currently it is set at 20C, though it was decided to turn this down to 19C.	
The door closer to one of the main hall doors is broken. KD has asked Craig to replace it, and also reminded him about the broken gutter. The handle is also broken on the downstairs ladies' loo. KD will fix this.	KD
Regarding car park drainage, KD has received a price from Jason regarding connecting the two drains. The cost will be just under £1000. The committee approved the expenditure.	KD
Regarding potholes, TE noted that some of them are getting worse. There is one in particular which may become dangerous. PW will carry out a temporary fix.	PW
Regarding the extra camera, there were difficulties connecting the camera that Blackburn Alarms had provided, and it did not meet the promised specification. The employee who had originally given MCA the quote has since	PW

left. Due to the unsatisfactory nature of the camera, it has not been paid for yet. To get a camera with the correct specification would in fact be £730 plus VAT. PW will review the system and the camera choice, as he has experience working with computers and systems.	
Regarding booking requests, Mrs Wensley would like to book a guide leader training session in the summer. JF will get back to her with prices. The WI event that Carolyn was looking into has found another venue.	JF
There is a Knit and Natter session intended to start on Monday evenings.	
The vegan fest would like to return on 23 rd February and on one of the Sundays in October.	
The brass band concert was well attended and raised £295 between the raffle and the door, which is to be split with the band, and £65 from the cafe. The band are unfortunately low on members, and are holding an open meeting on 13 th January at the hall to discuss ways to continue with the band and to try to get more people interested.	
The fundraiser for Bobbi was relatively poorly attended, but raised £700.	
There are no major upcoming events currently planned.	
Regarding future event ideas, TE suggested doing more events after the new year. It may be useful to look into the types of events other local halls run.	
In general, the hall's events need better advertising, perhaps in the form of banners that are visible from the road. Another option could be to advertise on local radio stations.	
The band may wish to do a Disney-themed concert in the future.	
PW looked into Irish bands, but these are all expensive to book.	
BM may be willing to assist with hall maintenance on a voluntary basis.	
There was a discussion of how to improve the relationship between MCA and Mellor Parish Council.	
Regarding the issue of applying to the Parish Council to help pay for new lights near the emergency exit, more communication is needed, though it may be possible to reattach the old light in a different position and see if that fulfils the intended function or not.	
There has been no further progress with the RHI.	
PW has emailed the quotes for the fence around the heat pumps around the committee, but more time is needed to review them before they are discussed.	
The meeting closed at 8:37 pm.	

The next meeting will be on 15th January 2020 at 7:00 pm.