

MCA AGM Minutes

8pm, 3rd May 2019, Marsden Mechanics Hall Meeting Room

In attendance;

Oliver Speakman

Shaun Beckingham

Lucy Beckingham

Gwynn Prosser

Cllr Nell Griffiths

Chris Hunter

Cllr Rob Walker

Apologies; Sarah Bradley

Minutes

1. Review of minutes of last meeting;

Meeting date needs to be added, and also that there was a report by the treasurer. In addition, Gordon Beever was voted in as the accounts auditor, the accounts were audited and were accepted as accurate. Minutes accepted by the group, with amendments.

2. Chairman's report; summary of activities as follows

- Christmas lights
- Christmas switch on fayre
- Shed is now watertight and finished, and has new occupants (orange donkey, cuckoos)
- £200 donated to Jazz festival
- £200 donated to the community fruit and veg shop (progressing with consultation and development of ideas, including premises)
- Applications to Cuckoo's nest and xxx
 - successful?

New financial years actions

- Association with the Cuckoo's nest

Association with the Poppy needs to be reestablished - Action

Plans for next year

- Shed needs a plan for storage, working space etc and a big tidy up and would benefit from some sort of racking. Offer of shelving made and accepted (Chris and Gwynn to arrange)
- Generator needs to be installed, so that it can be used by a great deal of
- Workshop bench suggested to host other workshops etc.
- Marsden Imbolc Fire Festival (MIFF) would like some space in the MCA shed. This will be welcomed, and will be accommodated after the Big Tidy Up (BTU)

- Additional projects can be shaped up and will be discussed in AOB.

3. Treasurer's report

SB provides notes and overview of the state of the accounts.

- Support given to the Fruit and Veg Co-op by holding funds.
- Expenditure on planned items will reduce balance to within planned variance.
- Building costs have increased, but usage has increased.
- Cheque from avalanche dodgers given to SB.
- 2 payments for christmas lights electricity are shown in these accounts.
OS Proposes that the accounts are correct, and Chris Seconds the motion.
- GB Accountant has been gifted for appreciation of service provided. He has been voted back in as the Auditor.
- Improving financial position that improves the self sustaining funding position.
- SB proposes that finance activities are maintained as last year, which is seconded. This provides guidance to the secretary to pursue the same activities.
 - Gift Aid being progressed.
 - Supporting the Fruit and Veg Co-op with financial capabilities.
 - GAP application to enable access to funding, to support other projects access funding.
 - **Action** - Policies may need to be reviewed? Action to be globally reviewed at the next AGM.
 - Registration with online fundraising campaign capability (Wonderful.org). Money can be drawn down at monthly intervals into the MCA account and provided to the organisation that is fundraising. This will need to be in line with the policies to do work.
 - Suggestion that web is revisited; to host the

Risk to be noted

- KMC support for lights is capped at £414 (reducing each year), and this source of funding could well be removed in the near term.

4. Election of officers

All officer resigned.

OS proposed and seconded as Chairman. Elected.

AB proposed and seconded as Secretary. Elected.

GP proposed and seconded as Vice-Chairman. Elected.

SB proposed and seconded as Treasurer. Elected.

DPO Officer; Because sensitive personal details may be held by the MCA, a DPO position needed, as an independent entity on the Board. CH Elected and seconded.

Other Committee Board Members elected; Chris Hunter, Sarah Bradley, and XX Welsh

5. Privacy notice

Drafted by SB in line with ICO guidance. Reviewed and accepted. This supersedes the old DPA policy of MCA.

Action - OS to add to the website.

6. Revision of the Constitution

SB summarises the changes that are proposed;

- Include version history in the document
- Removal of S17 sentence that refers to a section that must have been removed
- 6 members are stated as quorum; proposed that this is changed to two thirds of the elected board. Agreed.
- S11 - not less than 20 members are needed to call a special meeting. Can this be amended to 10? Approved.
- Executive will meet 6 times a year- proposed to meet as needed, with 7 days notice Approved.
- Vote on the changes to the 2nd part - removal of reference mechanics, and the addition of new points adding to cultural heritage, and people in the community. Changes are approved by the board and will be submitted to the charities committee.

AOB

A. Wildfires updates;

Development of a community led scheme, to be introduced by the fire service. Modelled on the WI scheme, at Dovestones. Potential for a database to register when volunteers will be marshaling on the moors, to monitor for risks and behaviour that needs to be discouraged, such as dogs off the lead at lambing etc.

Ways of working and group identity to be developed by a community meeting. Also Yorkshire water will back the scheme, and should be informed of the nature of the scheme as they might be able to provide financial support. MCA may be able to provide a variety of support, for example, as a charity umbrella to operate under.

Next meeting will provide a further update.

B. Suggested new projects;

- Folk Festival idea is being developed, and was raised by CH. September 2020 suggested as inaugural year. Organization would like to use the MCA as an umbrella organisation. Objectives would be for youth / new folk performers, and possibly fringe / fusion acts. Noted the similar time of year as the Walkers are Welcome festival, and a synergy may be possible.
- NG raised that a group (Sheila and Fiona) wants the Mechanics Hall to be more available to vulnerable and disadvantaged in the village. There may be an opportunity for MCA to act as an enabler for this group to access funding. More information is required for the board to evaluate this opportunity. The group are invited to present their

ideas. CH notes that the Library Service may be able to support the development of this initiative.

- Note from Lady in Conservation hoodie (Ronnie?); Civic CrowdFunding Platform training is available - AB to pass this material out to the attendees if it is of interest.