

## **MCA minutes 18/09/2019**

In attendance;

Oliver Speakman

Shaun Beckingham

Ainee Welsh

Alice Brown

Gwynn Prosser

## **Agenda**

### **Review of previous minutes;**

SB provides updates on the AGM minutes to AB for corrections.

### **Christmas lights**

- OS has investigated a suggestion from GP about a laser light for a tree, and is interested. GP agrees that it's a good idea. GP has one that he can borrow this year as an experiment.
- SB raises climate change and energy efficiency as a consideration for future purchases. OS agrees that this should be considered, and LED lights will be trialled in this year's lights.
- OS will come up with a theme. GP raises that the first year the lights were done was 1999, and therefore this year's would be the 20th year of the Marsden Christmas Lights. Could this be used as an influence on the events / theme?
- ACTION; SB to contact Chris to see if he will lead on the Switch on Event for 2019.
- SB will do the programme side of things again. A volunteer has previously done the type setting / layout. Talent is being sought to help with this. ACTION; can committee members think if there is anyone who can help with this task.
- OS to investigate LED frames, although the additional expense is a concern.
- Date 7th December agreed for turn on event.
- SB asks for agreement to the same format of expense payments as previous years, should the Event Committee meet ahead of the MCA. Agreement is given.

### **Autumn grant applications**

- OJS asks what to apply for?
- Gazebo is looking somewhat tired, and may need replacing next year?

### **Shed tidy up / Shed shelving / Shed party**

- When can this be done?
- Clear out needs to be booked -
  - There are frames need to be stripped in advance
  - Skip will be required the day before
  - Sunday 6th October is proposed and agreed for the Shed Clear up. Skip to be delivered in advance (OS to arrange) SB recommends Cheap as Skips.
  - Chase Chris Hunter regarding shelving / high vis / Event?
- GP confirms that a generator can be provided for the shed. It's petrol and will be better used outdoors than indoors.

### **AOB**

#### 1. Marsden Station improvements

Shaun raises train services, and a letter from a couple of years ago, referring to the poor train services in Marsden. The funding for a proposed footbridge that was suggested as part of Electrification has been withdrawn, and approaches have been made to the MCA amongst other groups to fund such a development.

A letter has been drafted that SB asks the attendees to approve.

It is approved, and SB will forward to Rob Walker and the SMART group, as evidence when presenting arguments against the withdrawal.

#### 2. Details of committee members

SB has a responsibility to provide member details to Charity Commission - and asks that the details held are reviewed.

#### 3. Gift aid

SB confirms that MCA has been approved for GiftAid, which should be remembered when considering fundraising. This will be used for the Cuckoos Nest funding.

#### 4. GAP eligibility

SB confirms that this status has been gained by MCA is now eligible to apply for council funding.

#### 5. Cuckoo grant

SB confirms that a grant has been awarded (£200 for lights, and £800 for notice boards) An additional grant has been sought for the fruit and veg shop (£1950 for joinery and electrical works to the shop) and gives thanks to Ainee and the Cuckoo's Nest (CN) for this.

#### 6. Ongoing management of the fruit and veg accounts

SB is maintaining separate records for MCA and Fruit and Veg, but is seeking agreement to some degree of fluidity in the management of these funds. OS notes that this is acceptable as long as the MCA buffer is not eroded. SB confirms that this will not be the case.

Outstanding expenditure is required from RW, for high vis, walkie talkies etc, and this needs to be accelerated to prevent holding grant funds indefinitely. It is agreed that this should be done by the Xmas lights, or returned to CN.

#### 7. Collection tubs

All the MCA tubs are out for collecting for CN. The CN purchase campaign has been extended to November, and SB proposes that the tubs remain out for the benefit of the CN until this point, so that they continue to benefit from collections. AW updates the committee on the CN's progress seeking a mortgage for the premises, and is optimistic that they will be successful.

#### 8. Constitutional update

SB has made agreed changes to the Constitution, which have been amended and are now accepted by the Charities Trust, as they stand. SB will revise the objects that the MCA has as an intent, in order to meet charitable trust standards over the next year.

#### 9. GP provides a volunteer expenses to be recouped, and SB receives and will pay.

#### 10. AW asks about the gambling licence?

SB confirms that this is in place, and can be used. A picture has been donated and a raffle is planned. The MCA will support this, and can be used to oversee this work. Committee agrees to this. 514016 is the MCA Charity number, which holds the licence.