

MCA Meeting, Tues 23 January 2018

Minutes

Present: SDE, LMcC, QM, ADE, John Naylor, Gemma Kelmanson, Sue Rix, Dale Smith, Chris Hartley + 3

Apologies: Phil Moore, Glyn Martill, John Lees, Gerry Barker

Minutes & matters arising:

Last mtg 6 Sept. 2017

SDE asked about the identity.i.e. address or phone no. of Ken Limb who is understood to have an interest in bird boxes.

Chris Harley was asked about the proposed Jigsaw: no progress to report

Corresp: Paula Truman re. Forum. Phasing out in favour of a community forthcoming Welfare meeting?

Event scheduled for 8 Feb between 2pm and 4pm. Might be difficult for working people to attend, but MCA keen to see it work. D.S.made it clear he was in favour of continuation of the Forum even if in a modified format. There was support for this in principle. It was pointed out time was not on our side for advertising the meeting on the 8th Feb and a poster would be worthwhile.

MCA Finances:

Benefits from Coop received but formal presentation to be arranged. Already received £990 principally in favour of Menston in Bloom and bat and bird boxes. New cheque for £1641. There should have been a presentation but some concern the figures had been miscalculated so delayed. There will be a presentation: Regional Manager of Coop plus school, children, Scouts, MIB and MVA plus media. Can we get OK to hold it in the school? SDE asking the questions of the Deputy Head Maria Wilson

Dep. Head wants to crack on with children making more boxes. Has acquired some tools for the purpose. Year 6 want to build more. Where to put them? Sites we can control include Butterfield Park, Church, Porritt's Field. Number boxes, allocate them to children and create a Nature Trail? Plan to increase awareness and participation. SDE will speak to Stephen McCann, Charlie Barnes. Also suggested Peter Riley from Wharfedale Naturalists Society.

Application made for another £900 to landscape Barn Close.

Who are authorised signatories for MCA?: Glyn to advise. May need to change.

Asset Transfer:

Progressing re. Kirklands, hopefully to be completed by 1 April 2018.

MCA invited to nominate a Trustee: Duncan Watson willing, qualified and elected unopposed. SDE will advise Parish Council at meeting on 25/01.

M.I.B. Quite an intensive programme of activity for 2018. Strong group going forward. Contribution from Coop and MCA much appreciated and will assist, esp. with purchase of trees, to be planted in clumps in Menston Park, subject to backing from the community. Strawberry Tea & Plant Sale to take place at 23 Park Road on 02/06/18.

Forum: Menston still wants a Forum. We may call it something else, but with our ability to determine Agenda and what we want CBMDC to contribute. Would hope to increase frequency and numbers attention once we have community control over Kirklands. Should look again at the restriction on numbers allowed in the hall.

Roadshow: Several organisations likely to get involved, Potentially beneficial but lack of publicity causing concern with only 2 weeks' notice.

Newsletter: All out for distribution but not all yet delivered to the doors (apparently). Feeling that we'd like to improve the frequency to at least 3 per annum. This was agreed and SDE will put to the P.C on Thursday. Previously the Menston News has been controlled by the Forum dates but that can/should change, so we need to consider best dates for issue and publicity. Suggestion was October for the MCA AGM Jan/Feb and June to cover the activities in the summer

Birds/bats: Note that school half-term is 9-16 Feb. That could affect presentation of Coop funds also production and siting of bird & bat boxes. It was also pointed out the nesting season will be upon us soon so will have to crack on. SDE with expedite matters.

AOB: A.E gave a briefing on the Airport Consultative meetings particularly the new proposed flight path. SDE also attended with AE a meeting with Davy Laws the new chief of Leeds Bradford Airport. A ROUND OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO Alan for all the recent work he had undertaken on behalf of the Menston and Burley Communities.

Next mtg: _____ Approx two months time to be confirmed