

Menston Community Association

6<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Menston Methodist Church Hall

Present: Dr SD Ellams, Cllr Jackie Whitely, Cllr Dale Smith, Chris Hartley, Lillias McCullough

Apologies: Glynn Martill, Philip Davies MP, Cllr Gerry Barker, Cath Tully, Gemma Kelmanson,

1. Introduction from new Chairperson Dr S. D. Ellams
2. Minutes from meeting 11/10/16 on Menston.org website are approved as an accurate record
3. Matters continuing, last month's flooding which was partly due to leaves and believed to be preventable. Discussion that we may need to organise leaf clearing teams.
4. No correspondence
5. Open discussion of officers and roles within MCA but noted that Chris is the secretary and Lillias is the deputy chair.
6. Menston in Bloom: Quentin reported that 3000 bulbs were planted and the railway garden was tidied up and much improved. A memorandum of understanding has been signed between MPC and the other communities involved in the proposed Greenway that will use the old railway route to Pool in order to create a cycleway/bridleway.
7. Menston lights, it was suggested that a plan is made to improve the light in stages and at the moment MCA should discuss with MPC the future of who is better placed to pull this project forwards. Additionally it was suggested that householders are encouraged to light their own gardens to assist in continuity between the organised displays. A three year plan should be created once it is agreed who will take the lead. The question was raised about encouraging the local businesses to add in their own festival lights.
8. Gordon Metcalf of MPC is liaising with Tom Sumner in Burley in Wharfedale in regards to the public toilets at Kirkland's.
9. Long discussion about the Menston Newsletter which is funded by MPC but organised by MCA. Topics discussed included branding, objective, method, frequency, modality of using electronic systems. A proposal to have a split image cover with shots old and new representing the passage of time. It was agreed to include the Menston Business Leaflet in order to continue the promotion of our local core businesses. Topics openly considered: a quiz, feedback area or way of making it more interactive, a competition with small donated prize. There was consensus in a need to consult with MPC to ensure the changes were inclusive and worthwhile and would stand the test of time over the short to medium term. Next publication 7/3/2017 with deadline for articles and copy of mid-January 2017.
10. Menston Library was discussed at length as a central core of the community. MCA sees this as a pivotal success factor to take this on and will continue to liaise with MPC over the coming weeks. JW suggested that younger people could be involved by leveraging the need for skill development and improve differentiation on their fledgling CV's
11. Discussed Bird boxes and the further inclusion of pupils and staff at Menston Primary School. The boxes are to be sources as self-assembly kits. No time frame agreed!
12. FILM show at Kirkland's. Arranging 3 dates for 3 films. GB to send a list to Tony in order to create a master list of titles. Sue Rix getting a selection of dates from BMDC.

AOB: Chris recommended the Olicana Historical Society presentation to be held at Church House Ilkley on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 19:30

Agreed to have a bi monthly meeting of MCA

Next date to be communicated during the first week of January 2017.