

MCA AGM and FORUM 30th October 2018

Approx. 50 people in attendance.

1. Annual Report & Accounts...

Objectives were noted, the principal one being to act as an umbrella organisation utilising charitable status to work with other representative bodies for the benefit of the village. In this context, the success in getting grants for the Eggs2iPad and Bird & bat boxes projects was noted. It was resolved to accept the Report & Accounts.

2. Acting Chairman Quentin Mackenzie introduced Jonathan Gadd who had allowed his name to be proposed as Chairman. Quentin also said with Jonathan as Chairman, Glyn Martill was willing to continue as Treasurer and he, Quentin, would be Secretary. The following proposition was therefore put to the meeting to be considered en bloc:

Proposed: Jonathan Gadd – Chairman

Glyn Martill -- Treasurer

Quentin Mackenzie—Secretary

The resolution was carried unanimously in favour.

3. Jonathan Gadd, as new Chairman, said he hoped to involve the new residents of High Royds in the Menston community—particularly the younger residents... A recent report had said that 16 to 24 year olds are the loneliest part of our society.

4. The next MCA meeting will be on 22nd November in the Library at 7.00pm

ISSUES RAISED AT THE FORUM

- a) Drug dealing in the Park—The Police are investigating, particularly PCSO Paul Allwood.
- b) A vote of thanks was passed for British Gas for the way they had handled recent maintenance work (and the problems they had encountered) in the village.
- c) TAXIS: With the closure of the Fairfax Club, RideAway Taxis will need to find a new base... Kirklands has been suggested. This to be discussed at the next Kirklands Menston Trust meeting. The Kirklands Trustees are: Peter Finlay (Chairman), Dale Smith, Peter Wilbraham, Quentin Mackenzie, Gordon Metcalf (MPC nominee), Duncan Watson (MCA nominee), Ed Brundle, Richard Wightman, Jonathan Gadd and Cheryl Thornton. Heather Norreys is the Manager and Catriona Hanson is the Secretary.
- d) Parking in Main Street, particularly outside Methodist Chapel... The narrow road helps to slow traffic. Please use the busses.
- e) It is increasingly difficult to get Road Sweepers and Gully Cleaners to come from Bradford to Menston... Please clear your own frontage where you can and report any blocked drains.
- f) The Community Library has been well supported and very successful.
- g) The Dementia Friendly Group in Burley has been very successful—can we try again in Menston?