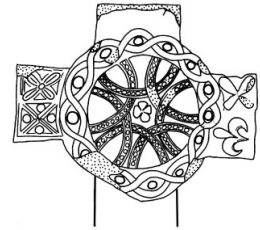


MACA

Mitton Area Community Association



Minutes of General Meeting Held at Mitton School on Thursday 30th April 2009

Present:

Committee Members: Chris Thomas (Chairman), Geoff Butcher (Secretary), Jo Holberton, Jean Wiseman.

A register of other attendees may be inspected upon request.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mary Butcher, Neville & Fran Gyngell, Carrie Sermon, Derrel Green, Bob & Rose Rackstraw, Lionel Perry, Andy Beadle, Fred & Pat Butcher, Jill Mooney.

2. Chairman's introduction

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited suggestions for AOB (see below)

3. Minutes of last meeting

There were no issues raised from the minutes of the last general meeting. The minutes were adopted without a vote.

4. Secretary's report

The secretary wishes to relinquish the post as soon as a replacement can be found, but will continue on the committee, and maintain the MACA website.

5. Treasurer's report

Nigel Holberton is still unwell, and his duties will be taken over by Jo Holberton until he is able to resume. The chairman presented accounts for the period ended 31st March 2009. This showed a net income of £150 (from the prize draw) and no expenditure.

The balance sheet shows a net surplus of £1610.48 at 31st March 2009. There is an additional £154 being held by Andy Beadle from the 100+ club, of which £50 is allocated for May prizes, leaving £104 to be banked.

6. NHS Centralisation of services

An update on this project was handed out. Neville Gyngell represents MACA on the consultative panel. A site has yet to be decided upon, with the MAFF site (behind Morrisons) being the preferred option at the moment.

7. Emergency Help Centres

A talk about proposed emergency help centres was given by Becky Jeal and Julie Irwin. At the end of the talk a request was made for any volunteers who could help in the event of an emergency.

8. Interval

9. Social Committee's Report

Jo Holberton reported on recent and proposed social activities. She thanked all those who had contributed to the joint MACA/playgroup Pudding Evening. She mentioned that the social aspect has been quiet lately. This was largely due to the fact that most Social Committee members are heavily involved with school activities, so don't have much additional spare time. More volunteers would be extremely welcome.

10. Internal Land Drainage Boards

Vernon Smith gave a talk about Internal Land Drainage Boards, illustrated with a number of photographs. In our area Tewkesbury Borough Council has adopted the responsibilities of a Drainage Board, which involves a statutory duty to maintain watercourses.

11. Tewkesbury Regeneration Initiative

Guests Dave Witts and Les Buchanan gave an interesting talk about the Tewkesbury Regeneration Initiative, which is a scheme to try and get more resources to improve the local community.

12. Any Other Business

Annette Merrick warned people to be on the lookout for maverick scrap dealers, who had been seen helping themselves to items from a garden.

The chairman asked for volunteers to help with the Tewkesbury Half-Marathon on Sunday 10th May. The organisers are paying £20 per person. Several people offered to help.

13. Date and time of next meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on 30th June 2009 at 7.30pm in Mitton School.