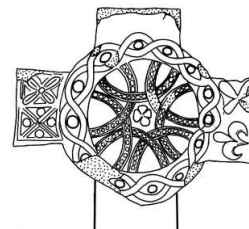


MACA

MITTON AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of General Meeting Held at Mitton School on Tuesday 30th June 2009

Present:

A register of attendees may be inspected upon request.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mary Butcher, Lionel & Erna Perry, Anne Clarke, Fred & Pat Butcher, Jill Mooney, Andrew & Chris Turner, Derril & Judy Green, Bob & Rose Rackstraw, Bob & Adrienne Skelt, Jackie Bullock, Sarah Peters

2. Chairman's introduction

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited suggestions for AOB (see items 9 & 13 below)

3. Minutes of last meeting

There were no issues raised from the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting or the last General Meeting (both held on 30th April 2009. Acceptance of the AGM minutes was proposed by Ken Powell and seconded by Mary Powell, and the GM minutes by Martin Wright and seconded by Dave Bullock. Both minutes were passed unopposed.

4. Secretary's report

The secretary reported that the questionnaire about the village hall proposal had been prepared (to be distributed later in the summer). Also a letter had been received from the council about proposals for alterations in the high street. Both of these topics are scheduled to be discussed later in the meeting.

5. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report to the 31st May 2009 showed a balance of £2027.68, being made up of £1853.68 in the bank and £174 cash in hand. The cash in hand is mostly related to 100+ club prizes and subscriptions. No questions about the finances were raised by the meeting.

6. Membership renewals

All memberships are now due for renewal.

7. Support for Social Events

The last social event organised (a casino evening) had to be cancelled due to lack of support. It is proposed to hold a barn dance in the autumn (probably October), but before proceeding with this it is important to ensure it will be supported. The meeting was asked if such support would be forthcoming; 90-100 people would be required to make this viable. Ticket price would probably be around £5 per head. The social committee would be looking for firm commitments to be made by early September.

8. Donation to School Funds (Agenda item 10)

The chairman suggested making a donation of £50 to school funds in recognition of our use of the school hall. This was proposed by Ken Powell and seconded by Neville Gyngell and passed without dissent.

9. AOB: Update on Highways Matters – Cllr. Vernon Smith

Cllr. Smith is heading a County Council Highways Task Force and reported that work is going to be carried out this summer to alleviate the flooding problem in Ashchurch Road.

He also reported that the County Council had £3M available to put into education, child and youth services.

He asked that anyone with any issues regarding the County Council contact him.

10. Interval

11. The Future of Traffic Calming and Road Improvements in the High Street

Mike Sztymiak outlined County Council proposals for traffic management in the High Street in order to improve road safety. He presented a video showing a simulated car journey along the High Street with the proposed alterations superimposed on the existing road. After the presentation he answered various questions about the proposed scheme.

12. Community Land Discussion

Mike Sztymiak gave an overview on the procedure to be adopted regarding the circulation of the questionnaire prepared by MACA. This will be distributed to all homes in the MACA catchment area. The land available (approx 1 acre on the Rosefields development) must be used within a 5 year time limit (already running) or it will revert to the development company. In order to raise funds, a local need for such a facility must be proved.

The chairman asked for volunteers to distribute and collect the questionnaires during the summer, so that preliminary results can be presented to the next GM. A number of members offered their help.

13. AOB: Tewkesbury Regeneration Initiative

This is a new group formed to improve the environment in and around Tewkesbury. Andy Beadle and Jo Holberton are representing MACA on this.

14. Date and time of next meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th September 2009 at 7.30pm in Mitton School.