**Minutes of the MVCA meeting: 26th June, 2019**

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| **Upcoming dates for your diaries**Film night at the Unitarian Church Hall; Friday 28th June, 7.30pm “A street cat named Bob”GMP Male Voice Choir at Unitarian Church; 20th August, tickets will be £10Meet your Muslim Neighbour event; at the Gilda Brook Social ClubJuly 11th, 7.30pm - 9pmRace Night; Sep 13th, Details to be confirmedHeritage day events; October 6th, Details to be confirmed |

Carolyn Cullen (Treasurer) conducted the meeting and Harriet Carr took the minutes introductions were done around the table.

**Introductions**

The attendees introduced themselves (list of attendees page 2)

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Church – report from Pam Ward**

*ECCLES MOSQUE -*

[Meet your Muslim Neighbour event](https://www.facebook.com/events/2284463741771884); at the Gilda Brook Social ClubJuly 11th, 7.30pm - 9pm

*MONTON UNITARIAN CHURCH*

Coffee Mornings are held every Tuesday, 10.00am - 12.00pm in the Memorial Hall. No charge for tea/coffee/cakes etc. but donations are welcome.

Please be aware of unsteady gravestones in the graveyard, these are being dealt with but it is important not to go near them. if your family gravestones are affected by these please get in touch with the Rev Anna, revannajarvis2014@gmail.com

**FUNDRAISING:** The link to raise funds to pay for the disabled access ramp for the church can be found [**here**](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/montonchurchaccessibilityproject). Please circulate and tell your friends and neighbours.

**ACTION: Cllr Mike McCusker will email Rev. Anna information about a possible funding option**

**ACTION: Dawn McCafferty to share again on social media channels**

**Gardening – Maxine Coyle on behalf of Florence McCarthy**

**Call for** volunteers in on the 7th July to help final preparations for the Monton in Bloom judging.

There will also be a litter pick scheduled for Sunday the 7th July, more details of how to get involved to follow.

The Gardening group regularly meets on Sundays between 10.00 – 12.00. If you are interested in helping the Gardening team from time to time, please let Florence know, as it’s a great way to spend a couple of hours in the fresh air on a Sunday morning with friendly people. And it helps to keep the village looking lovely! Florence can be reached on 07891 102291 or florence\_mccarthy@hotmail.com

**Social Media – Dawn McCaferty on behalf of Heather Benson**

We have been getting more interest from new businesses joining the area to be part of the membership scheme. Please follow, like and comment!

[**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/MontonVillageCommunityAssociation/), [**Twitter**](https://twitter.com/ilovemonton), [**Instagram**](https://www.instagram.com/mvca_uk/), [**Website**](https://www.montonvillage.org.uk/)

**Finance**

Carolyn Cullen gave a finance report, the association currently has a bank balance of £5,700, latest bank statements to be provided to confirm the final totals made from the fizz night and race night.

**PROJECTS**

**Veterans’ Shelter – report from Maxine Coyle**

There will be a small ribbon cutting ceremony in the next few weeks but please save the date for the 6th October for a bigger opening event, this will include costumes over the last 9 decades (since the shelter was built), tea and cake and some local history exhibitions and more - watch this space for more details!

**ACTION; For those that would like to be involved in the event in October, please email Maxine about how you can participate, there will be fancy dress costumes!**

**ACTION: Rosemary Boardman to send information about the Salford Local History Forum award to Maxine Coyle**

**AOB:**

**PROPOSAL: To book and pay for the Race night company to return in September**

Proposed by: Dawn McCafferty

Seconded by: Maxine Coyle

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

***Total to spend £150.***

*A proposal was put forward by Dawn McCafferty to organise a second race night at the cost of £150 to book the company to return.*

**AOB**

1. Cllr Sharmina August discussed the best position for a new bin on Monton road, the group agreed that between the betting shop and the blind pig would be appropriate as this will have a hot ash tray on top for cigarettes. Over time the bins along the road will be replaced to all have the hot ash tray which should help with the number of cigarette butts on the street. There will be one replaced imminently and the rest of the next few years
2. Maxine Coyle confirmed the final price for the new roundabout sign and trough is £315.00
3. Emma Gill sent information about overfull bins on Monton Road

**Action: Harriet Carr to send this information on to Cllr August**

1. Sharmina August reported the bee is on track to be installed, no delays currently
2. Carol Wakefield Litter signs and has a quote for the supply of these. We will hear the proposal in full and vote on this purchase next meeting pending permission from the council to put them up in the village. Carol was unable to attend so we will carry this item over to next month

**Attendees**: Carolyn Cullen | Harriet Carr (Secretary) | Dawn McCafferty | Pam Ward | Ellie Bridges | Connor Rogers | Judith Gibson | Angela Walters | Cllr Mike McCusker | Rosemary Boardman | Maxine Coyle | Daryl Brown | Cllr Sharmina August | John Spellman | Mark Rooney | Maxine Coyle

**Apologies:** Liz Harris, David Healy, Bee Morrison, Emma McGill, Judith Gibson, Kevin Heakin, Michael Masterman, Hattie Pearson,

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, July 31st at 7.00 in the main hall of the Unitarian Church Hall.

If you are planning to join us please RSVP to mvcasecretary@hotmail.com