**Minutes of the MVCA meeting: 29th May, 2019**

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| **Upcoming dates for your diaries**  Monton and Ellesmere Park Neighbourhood watch meeting; June 5th 7-9pm Monton Sport Club  Meet your Muslim Neighbour event; at the Gilda Brook Social ClubJune 13th, 7.30pm  Race Night; June 14th, Worsley Golf Club, from 7pm  Heritage day planning meeting; June 18th Blind Pig, 7pm  Monton Green Summer Fare: June 22nd,12-3pm  Litter Pick Sunday 7th July (in preparation for the judging of The Green for Monton in Bloom) |

Liz Harris (Chair) conducted the meeting and Harriet Carr took the minutes introductions were done around the table.

**Introductions**

The attendees introduced themselves (list of attendees page 3)

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Gardening – 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 Garden 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*](mailto:florence_mccarthy@hotmail.com)

**Church – report from Pam Ward**

Meet your Muslim Neighbour event will commence again on Thursday 13th June.

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

**FUNDRAISING:** The link to raise funds to pay for the disabled access ramp for the church csn ber found on the Church website [www.ukunitarians.org.uk/monton/](http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/monton/)

**ACTION: Cllr Michael Wheeler to let Pam and Anna know about a possible grant to access some funding for this**

**Social Media – Harriet Carr on behalf of Heather Benson**

We have continued good responses on the social channels and your comments, likes and shares really help us promote the association and the village.

If not already, please follow us and comment on posts to help us be seen by more people, and any updates you wish to see on there, please send to the inbox and this can be scheduled to go out.

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

**I love Monton – Michael Masterman on behalf of Hattie Pearson**

Hattie and Michael have posted leaflets with further volunteers posting through residents doors to help promote the scheme and encourage membership.

Dawn and Hattie are currently working on a strategy to further improve our relationship with businesses and we can hear more on that next month.

We’ve currently got over 25 discounts. Full details can the found on the website [www.montonvillage.org.uk](http://www.montonvillage.org.uk)

To become a member, please visit the [membership](https://www.montonvillage.org.uk/become-a-member) page on the website above.

**Strategy - Michael Masterman**

Michael has been looking into the existing strategy research and workshop outcomes and will be putting together an updated strategy in due course. There are some consistent themes that run through the findings which we look forward to hearing more about.

If anyone would like to be involved in the strategy of the MVCA please contact Michael; [michael.masterman@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:michael.masterman@manchester.ac.uk).

**New Volunteers**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!**

Could we ask that you have a think about anyone you know or yourselves who might be interested in getting involved with MVCA? We are always looking for volunteers who can help us with

* Strategy
* Can anyone help with inducting new volunteers?
* Gardening
* To help sell tickets at Race Night 14th June

Volunteering could be for as little or as much as you feel able to offer! So please don’t feel that this is a commitment for months and years – it could be as little or as much as you want!

If you are interested, please contact Liz on T: 07754 477 346 or at [liz@montonmarketing.co.uk](mailto:liz@montonmarketing.co.uk)

**PROJECTS**

**Veterans’ Shelter – report from Florence McCarthy and Maxine Coyle**

Everything is going very well, we have some new signs on the shelter to promote the MVCA and Schofields have offered to make a private contribution in repairing (or replacing) the clock from the shelter which we are grateful for and look forward to see returned.

The opening events are currently being planned and two date options for this are the first or last week in September, depending on the availability of the Barton Theatre Company.

**ACTION; For those that would like to be involved in the planning of this, please join Maxine and Florence in the Blind Pig on June 18th at 7pm to discuss & plan ‘heritage day’ events.**

**ACTION; Harriet offered to help in scaling images to the correct resolution when the time comes to be printed on the corresponding display boards.**

**Christmas Event – Dawn McCafferty**

Dawn is in the early stages of pulling together ideas for this event, which is proposed to take place over the weekend of November 30 and December 1. Watch this space for updates! And if you wish to get involved, please contact Dawn on [mvca.christmasevent2019@outlook.com](mailto:mvca.christmasevent2019@outlook.com)

**Action points from last meeting:**

**PROPOSAL: The purchase of folders for History documentation & display boards for heritage materials.**

Proposed by: Maxine Coyle

Seconded by: Liz Harris

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

***Total to spend £35-£175.***

A proposal was put forward by Maxine Coyle and Seconded by Liz Harris to spend £35 of folders and inserts for all of the heritage materials to be sorted in to.

In addition to this, £140 on portable display boards that can be used at MVCA events to create temporary exhibition of above materials, including the past and present photo exhibition.

**ACTION; Rosemary Boardman to confirm if the Rotary are able to provide their spare display stand to save us the cost on this second purchase.**

**PROPOSAL: Replace sign and flower trough on the Monton Road roundabout**

Proposed by: Maxine Coyle

Seconded by: Rosemary Boardman

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

*Total to spend £306-£315.*

A proposal was put forward by Maxine Coyle and Seconded by Rosemary Boardman to spend between £156 - £165 on a new sign and stand to replace the existing MVCA sign on the roundabout and £150 on a new flower / plant trough for the sign to stand above.

**ACTION; Maxine will confirm the final quotes to include supply, delivery and install.**

**AOB**

1. Stuart Lacey expressed the membership renewal process had room for improvement, on and offline and the leadership team will be looking into this as a matter of urgency.
   1. **ACTION: If any members have renewed and are yet to receive their membership cards, please do email** [**mvcasecretary@hotmail.com**](mailto:mvcasecretary@hotmail.com) **and let Harriet Carr know so she can pass on and supply your membership card asap.**
2. Carol Wakefield discussed 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.
3. The group discussed “The Bee”, we would like to get this in to the village asap, but are experiencing some unknown delays
   1. **ACTION; Sharmina August is going to look into the delay of this at the Council.**
4. Paul Webster from Elmbrook told us about some of the community events they hold regularly, including bereavement support, prostate support and a monthly free lunch for those that are experiencing loneliness. Please contact Paul at [mail@elm-bank.co.uk](mailto:mail@elm-bank.co.uk) for more information

**Attendees**: Liz Harris (Chair) | Harriet Carr (Secretary) | Michael Masterman (Deputy Chair) | Stuart Lacey | David Haley | Dawn McCafferty | Pam Ward | Jean Blainey | D.E Thomas | Roger Blund | Joan Seed | Florence McCarthy | Stuart Dickman | Angela Walters | Mike McCusker | Rosemary Boardman | Maxine Coyle | Daryl Brown | Cllr Michael Wheeler | Carol Wakefield | Carol Wakefield | Paul Webster | Sharmina August |

**Apologies:** Carolyn Cullen, Lean Benninson, Bee Morrison, Emma McGill, Judith Gibson, Kevin Heakin

**NEXT MEETING** will be on Wednesday, June 26th at 7.00 in the main hall of the Unitarian Church Hall.

If you planning to join us please RSVP to [mvcasecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:mvcasecretary@hotmail.com)