**Minutes of the MVCA meeting: 30th October, 2019**

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| **Upcoming dates for your diaries**Halloween & Bonfire Themed Family Party, Saturday 2nd Nov, 6pmMeet your Muslim Neighbour event; at the Gilda Brook Social Club 14th Nov, 7.30pm - 9pmCharity auction @ Worsley Golf Club on 16/12, TIME PLEASEChristmas lights switch on 30/11/19 TIME & LOCATIONChristmas festival 01/12/19, Partington Street Carpark, 6-8pm |

Lis Harris (Chair) conducted the meeting and Michael Masterman took the minutes introductions were done around the table.

**Introductions**

The attendees introduced themselves (list of attendees page 3)

**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 ClubNov 14th, 7.30pm - 9pm

*MONTON UNITARIAN CHURCH*

Update attached to minutes. Rev Anna made a plea for support for the wheelchair & accessible toilet project: <https://bit.ly/2PzjCfG> email revannajarvis2014@gmail.com for more details

*Parish Church of St Paul’s Monton*

Update from Ross around recruiting Church members for their Christmas event. All details on website & Facebook: <http://www.stpaulsmonton.org/home>

*Monton Methodist Church*

Latest activities here: <http://www.montonmethodistchurch.org.uk/activities.html>

**Gardening – Liz Harris on behalf of Gardening team**

Gardening team were awarded ‘Outstanding’ at the Britain in Bloom awards on Wednesday 30th October.

Clear up date TBC:

**Social Media – Liz Harris on behalf of Heather Benson**

Continue to improve activity & engagement on all channels

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

**Christmas**

Dawn updated the group on the two main Christmas events:

30/11/19 will be the Christmas lights switch on

01/12/19 will be the Santa arrival and festival

**PROPOSAL: To repair & install MVCS Christmas lights**

Proposed by: Dawn McCafferty

Seconded by: Angela Walters

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

***Total to spend <£2,500***

**Environment**

* Mike McClusker informed that poles on roundabout have all been shortened to same height.
* The Manchester Bee that was donated by Monton Brownie will be displayed imminently.
* Pam Ward confirmed that the alley gating work has been completed.

**Finance**

No report but CC has confirmed that finances are in a healthy position.

**Membership**

**Call For:** Volunteer to take care of our membership database and activity. This is an incredibly important role and could be suited to an induvial who wants to gain experience.

**PROJECTS**

**Veterans’ Shelter – report from Liz**

Britain in Bloom update in Gardening section.

Successful launch and press around the opening of vets’ shelter. Unfortunately there has been some vandalism.

**Events**

Charity auction @ Worsley Golf Club on 16/12, volunteers NEEDED.

Halloween evening @ Elm Bank on 02/11, £6, from 6pm: Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/halloween-bonfire-night-themed-party-mvca-tickets-77983575975>

Date for Festival 2010 is 4th July 2020.

**AOB**

1. Young Peoples Champion – **Call for:** a young people’s champion to help engage with local younger generation. Discussion around involving the National Citizens Service.

**Action: Mike McClusker to ask the detached youth team if there is a project that could link to this.**

**Action: Liz Harris to contact CVS to explore options**

1. Requirement for high-vis vest for MVCA team during walks & tours.

**PROPOSAL: To purchase hi-vis branded MVCA vests for walks/volunteering**

Proposed by: Liz Harris

Seconded by: Anna Jarvis

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

***Total to spend £100.***

1. Website funding

**Action: Darryl to research two options to build a new website that included membership functionality for next meeting**

1. Planning update from Cll Mike McCusker below:

Monton Motorcycles 159 - 161 Monton Road

· Planning permission was refused in November 2016 for the change of use of 159 Monton Road to a restaurant/café/drinking establishment (A3/A4 use) ref: 16/68622/FUL.

· The applicant subsequently submitted an appeal against this decision to the Planning Inspectorate who allowed the appeal and planning permission was granted in May 2017.

· In January 2018 the applicant submitted an application incorporating no. 161 Monton Road into the scheme, this proposed a shop, bar and restaurant (A1/A3/A4 use). This scheme proposed to retain a shop (florist) within the scheme and therefore was considered acceptable in light of the previous appeal decision. Planning permission was granted by planning panel in March 2018 (ref: 18/71230/FUL).

· In June this year the applicant submitted an application to remove the shop (A1 retail) from the scheme. Planning officers advised the applicant that this change was not supported by the council and the application would be refused. The applicant subsequently decided to withdraw the application (ref: 19/73780/FUL).

223 Monton Road

An application for prior approval for the change of use of the premises from A1 (shop) to A3 (restaurants and cafes) was refused in March 2019. The reason for refusal was ‘The proposed use represents the proliferation of Class A3 (restaurant and cafe) uses within the bounds of this designated neighbourhood centre and as such would undermine its vitality and viability in accordance with the provisions of Retained Policy S3 (Loss of shops) of the Salford Unitary Development Plan.’ (ref: .19/72932/PRI).

261 Monton Road

An application was received in June 2019 for the conversion of an existing office (use class B1(a) ) to A3 (restaurant and cafe), A4 (drinking establishment), installation of external flue to side elevation, outside seating area and alterations to elevation (ref: 19/73773/FUL). This application is currently being assessed.

1. Roger Glew provided an update on the #wrapupsalford project that the Rotary club are involved with:

**Strategy**

Michael Masterman proposed a change to the organisational structure of the MVCA to develop the association’s strategy work, including separate membership and business meetings. A number of concerns & ideas were raised and discussed that will be taken forward.

**Action: Senior leadership team to discuss options and bring to meeting in 2020**

**Attendees**: Liz Harris (Chair) | Michael Masterman (Minutes) | Dawn McCafferty | Rev’d Kim Ratcliffe | David Haley | Anna Jarvis | Angela Walters | Judith Gibson | Rev’d Ross Garner | Roger Glew | Daryl Brown | Cllr Mike McCusker | John Spellman

**Apologies:** Hattie Pearson, Carolyn Cullen, Maxine Coyle, Florence McCarthy

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 27th November 2019, 6:50pm for 7pm start.

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