**Minutes of the MVCA meeting 27th November 2019**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Deputy Chair took the meeting and welcomed all, introductions were made.

Introduction of Paul Burgess and Thomas Ratcliffe of Jarvis Commercial (Developers of the land next to Monton Carpark). Plans will be submitted in January and we would like to thank you for coming to the meeting to discuss with the MVCA, it is much appreciated.
Action: If anyone would like to comment, we will post the information on social media when it is submitted.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Church**

Monton Unitarian Church:

* ACTIOB: Please purchase tickets for the Eccles Brass Band concert here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/montonunitarianchurch/>
* The building work will be completed on Friday
* The [Christmas Tree Festival will be held at Monton Unitarian Church](https://www.facebook.com/events/monton-unitarian-church/christmas-tree-festival-13th-and-14th-december/2442814919308744/) on the 13th and 14th December
* Weds 18th December, 7pm, Blue Christmas service to acknowledge those loved ones are e who are not celebrating Christmas with us.
* Sunday 22nd December, 12pm, last Advent Service before Christmas
* Tuesday 24th December, 9pm, Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
* Sunday 29th December, 10.45am, Sunday Service
* For any information about the above, contact Rev Anna Jarvis, revannajarvis2014@gmail.com, 07769 038773.

**Gardening**

* No gardening throughout December, but if you would like any leaves for your compost please feel free to rake some up and take away with you!
* Veterans shelter celebration events will continue in the new year with visits to local schools

**Social Media**

* ACTION: We are looking for a volunteer to help with social media posting, keeping people in the loop of all things Monton and continuing the great work of Heather as she takes some time out with her growing family. COULD THIS BE YOU?
* Please email **mvcasecretary HYPERLINK "mailto:mvcasecretary@hotmail.com"@hotmail.co**m if you think this could be you to help out :-)

**Finance**

* October bank statements showed a balance of £6,500.

**Membership**

* We will be replacing the existing membership system in the new year but in the meantime please let us know directly if you would like a membership to the MVCA (Including I Love Monton discount card), renewals we will send out renewal information in the new year and hopefully a seamless service will resume soon!!

**Parking on Mirfield**

The permit for traders has been suspended until a full review is done by the council

ACTION: anyone still facing charges please get in touch with Cllr McCusker if you are still being affected by this. EMAIL: councillor.mccusker@salford.gov.uk

**AOB**

**Christmas in Monton**

Was a fantastic success with the Christmas lights on Saturday and the Christmas market on Sunday. ***A huge thank you*** to Dawn and all of the wonderful volunteers, it was a very chilly day to be out but everyone had a lovely day :-)

**Website**: Proposals will be heard in the January meeting for a new website

**Strategy: Updates to be proposed in January**

**Charity auction has been postponed until the new year, more info to be posted next year**

**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**NEXT MEETING** will be on Wednesday, January 29th 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

**Attendance:** Michael Masterman, Debbie Reeves, Stanley Reeves, Florence McCarthy, Maxine Coyle, Angela Walters, Thomas Ratcliffe, Rev Anna Jarvis, Cllr Mike McCusker, Carolyn Cullen, John Spellman, Dawn McCafferty, Paul Burgess and Thomas Ratcliffe, Darryl Brown, Alan Grisdale

**Apologies:** Pam Ward, Judith Gibson, Emma Gill, Stuart Lacey, Carole Stewart, Paula Garstang, Sharmina August