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## **Mayfield and Rocester Neighbourhood Association (MARNA)**

### **Minutes of Public Meeting 30 March 2019 - Mayfield Memorial Hall**

Attendees: Alz Coates (Chair), Charlotte Heathcote (Vice-Chair), Jill Studholme (Secretary), Kevin Coates (Committee Member), Rev Martin Soar, PCSO Sean Elliot, Simon Sowter, Demi Wibbeley, Dennis A Barlow, Stephen Dunn, Shannon Goodinson.

Apologies: Tina Robinson

Meeting opened at 16:01

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Introduced the committee. Mentioned the funding is from Trent and Dove. Explained that Marna is not just for Trent and Dove tenants but for the whole community.

#### **2. Community activities**

Discussed the events and projects we are planning.

##### *Events*

Easter Egg hunt together with the Mayfield Senior Social Club on 20 April. Some members of the Senior Social Club will help with the craft activities and egg hunt, and any funds raised from a raffle and refreshments will be split between the Senior Social Club and Marna.

Open Day for all groups to showcase what is on offer in the village - 4th May.

Fish and Chip Bingo. Chip shop in Ashbourne has offered a discount on the fish and chips.

Sports day and BBQ organised together with the Mayfield Recreation Association (MRA).

As some know we had a successful Christmas party for children.

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## *Projects*

Notice board by flats

Refurbishment of MRA facilities:

- The Skatepark/MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) - using volunteer labour from Trent and Dove and materials donated by Buildbase builders merchants
- Working with the MRA and Mayfield Parish Council on plans to renew the children's playground at the MRA. Planning picnic area and flowers in an area by the tree for people to sit down and watch the children. Toddler area at bottom.

Bus shelter for children waiting for the school buses (only at talking stage)

At our cheese and wine for village groups we found that volunteers were needed for both Mayfield Music and Santa's trip around the village. So we are trying to compile a list of people who would be willing to volunteer occasionally.

We are looking for Rocester members and are planning a public meeting in Rocester in September - aiming for 11th September, 4-5 pm. We will have a stand at the Rocester fete to get try to get members and volunteers.

PCSO Sean Elliot offered the use of the police station in Rocester free of charge as a meeting room.

### **3. Estate matters (Trent and Dove)**

#### *Pavement Parking*

A member of the public (DB) is concerned about parking on a pavement in Rocester, which is an especial problem for disabled people. Said that he had complained to Trent and Dove, as the footpath is outside their apartments on Riverside Drive, but they had done nothing. However, the PCSO thinks the parking issue is minimal and he does keep an eye on it. A leaflet drop has been done regarding the parking. Rocester parish council has been in touch with the enforcement officers who blitz it for a couple of weeks and then the problems return. Enforcement officers are stretched - rare for them to be in villages.

Another member of the public (SD) pointed out that the issue of parking on the pavement is an issue for the parish council. Trent and Dove appear to be informing residents and taking what action they can.

If cars are persistently parking on the footpath then photograph the car and submit to police or parish council.

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## *Dog Walking in Children's Playground*

People are walking their dogs in the children's play ground in Rocester - the ban on them doing so is not enforced.

SD suggested photographing the dog walkers as well and submitting them to the police or parish council. Not really a matter MARNA can help with.

## **4. Any other business?**

SD suggested that as we have limited resources and money, the other organisations we are trying to help should also do something for us.

A question was asked about Buildbase - we explained further that they are donating up to £1000 of materials to refurbish the skate park. Trent and Dove volunteers are coming to dismantle old netting, cut overhanging bushes, etc.

SD suggested that every couple of months we deliver an A4 sheet to all the houses in Mayfield saying this is what we've done and this is what we plan doing. Get volunteers to do that.

Asked if we will look to do a joint event with Rocester, which we will.

## *Bus Shelter*

Member of the public (DW) objected to the bus shelter being situated opposite her parent's house as the children make a noise and behave badly. The cars come round so fast that it is dangerous. Was upset that we hadn't consulted anyone. She pointed out that when the other bus shelters were made of plastic they were smashed all the time

We replied that at the moment it is just at the talking stage, would have to have planning permission, survey residents etc at a later date.

We are looking to supply a safe bus shelter for the children so they don't have to wait in the rain for the bus that doesn't always come on time. There will be three schools for differently aged pupils and three different pick up times.

There will be no going ahead without a consultation.

We would have to consider whether it would encourage antisocial behaviour outside of school hours but at the moment it is only at a very early stage.

In Mayfield there have been two reports of anti-social behaviour in the last six months - both adults. None by children.

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DW commented that she had no problem with them catching the bus but thought that the bus shelter will look awful. They are not supposed to play ball games on the green but they do and the ball games might damage the bus shelter.

Another spot for the bus shelter might be opposite the school next to Jubilee square, although the bus doesn't currently stop there. Used to have three or four stops around village but now just the one on the green.

### *Mayfield Recreation Association*

Suggested an outdoor multi-gym instead of multi-sport area. PCSO says such an installation is low maintenance and popular, he thinks the cost was £6000. Can have items for elderly - gentle exercise. An area for all ages. Consult with MRA and survey people to see if they think is a good idea.

Could the toilets at MRA be redone? Quite a big job - a council matter. Need to be maintained. Maybe a better route will be having portaloos. We will raise it with the MRA.

In Rocester a volunteer cleans the toilets and they lock themselves.

Maybe we should have a list of the issues people have raised and then communicate them to the parish council? We could have a follow up meeting with the parish council to discuss issues. Ask the parish council if one of their members could attend our future meetings.

### *Events and Meeting*

SD suggested that perhaps we could do a children's event each half term for under 10s in the community.

For next meeting say what we will be discussing. Give everyone who comes to our events a leaflet about the next meeting.

### **5. Date and time of next meeting**

13 June 1.30 - 3 pm Mayfield Recreation Association Pavilion.

Meeting ended 5 pm.

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