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Mayfield and Rocester Neighbourhood Association (Marna) Public Meeting 13 June 2019 - MRA Pavillion

Minutes

Present: Alz Coates, Jill Studholme, Stephen Dunn, Albert Golding, Janay Hogg, Tina Robinson, Charles Wimbush

Apologies: Karen Tallent, Kevin Coates , via Facebook: Mandy Sowter, Natalie Edge Edwards, Sophie Kate Conlon , Fiona Harrower, Katy Lewis, Kylie Robinson , [Amanda Sowter Was Heathcote](#)

1. Welcome and apologies

Charlotte Heathcote has resigned as Vice-Chair of Marna. Kevin Coates is acting Vice-Chair and we are looking for a replacement.

2. Minutes of last meeting approval

3. Community activities

Recent Events

Easter Egg Hunt with Senior Social Club

Thirty-one children came. The vicar was brilliant with the children. We raised £31.50 for the Senior Social Club. People met MARNA and had a chat. Everyone enjoyed themselves. SD commented that it was a really successful event and more children came than when held previously in the church, which ceased because of lack of children taking part.

Open Day for Groups in Mayfield

In conjunction with the Parish Council. AG commented that everyone he'd spoke to said it was fantastic. Parish Council had lots of interest, as did MARNA about the Multi-Use Games Area and playground. Several people wanted to join the Parish Council and for the first time ended up with more applicants than vacancies on the council.

Sixteen groups came. Most had interest. Several people new to the village came to the event.



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AG commented that the village is very widespread. He was pleased to hear that people from Upper Mayfield came. One of the only events where the whole village came together was the Well Dressing. Need to pull all segments of the village into events.

Some village groups didn't come - Heritage Group, Book Club and Football for example.

Events planned:

Fish and Chips Bingo

Tickets now available. Profits will go towards organising the village fete.

Summer Fete - 31st August

Have merry-go-round coming, portable bar from the Memorial Hall, Candy floss, inflatable slide. Going to ask the Parish Council for support. MRA Chairman Philip has been the chair since 1985 and it would be good to make it big for him.

Posters A3, A4 to go around village and Ashbourne. Ashbourne radio.

People are giving percentage of profits back to MARNA. Eg Memorial Hall is donating 50% of bar profits.

Will the merry-go-round etc donate a percentage of the profits? Ask what they will be charging for the rides.

MRA has an insurance policy which covers people enjoying the recreation facilities. Will cover the fete.

Going to approach each group in the village. AG suggested Heritage group could have a small board where children could stick petals in - a small well dressing. Design a thank you for Philip as he designed many well dressing boards? AG to take forward.

Secretary to email Uttoxeter Guides to enquire about sports activities.

Portaloos needed? CW to supply contacts for one supplier.

Projects

Notice board by flats

MARNA notice board to be arranged by Trent and Dove. Parish Council have been very helpful and let us use their notice boards but



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also want one near Trent and Dove residents. The shop has also been accomodating with posters.

MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)

Painting is nearly done. A little left to do. Surface is fine. One of the corner-posts needs attention as is a bit wobbly. MRA have the money. Buildbase are donating £300 of equipment plus everything else at cost. Total cost will be £1800. Have money set aside and Parish Council have given a grant. Hexagonal nuts need to have rounded shoulders. KC to mention to Kurt from Buildbase.

CW explained how well the Trent and Dove volunteers did and how much the MRA appreciated their help.

Next phase is to bolt 48 boards onto the existing uprights. Need volunteers with drills and spanners to help. Try to recruit people to do so.

After that netting - stretching it will be difficult.

Football pitch. AG suggested Mayfield Football apply to Football Foundation who have 3 billion to send around the country. AG has written to Ed Barker of the Borough Council about putting in an application to the Borough Council for funding. It could be a major uplift for the whole of the area. AG working with them regarding an Ashbourne application for grants and so will talk to them about Mayfield football pitch grant applications. Ashbourne asked for grant for £57000 which Football Foundation has indicated they will pay.

Football Foundation wants to encourage women and girls' football.

Plan is to reseed worst areas next year so summer football league will have to take place elsewhere.

Playground

CW has a grant which needs spending - wants to spend it on fencing the playground.

HAGS have now cancelled their visit this afternoon.

AG needs design concept, whether it needs planning permission (probably not). The Parish Council may be able to help with funding.



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AG to contact Tony Price from Trent and Dove regarding funding applications. Parish Council meeting 1st week in July, AG will raise at the meeting and ask for funding.

Playground aimed at ages seven and under.

AG suggested an element of heritage in the design of the playground - maybe get a grant from the Heritage Group. Heritage Mayfield sign on the playground would look very nice.

Outdoor Gym

KC has spoken to "The Sunshine Gym" and has a quote for equipment and artificial grass - £10000. Cost includes full fitting. Willing to send someone down to discuss with us and look at site. They advised go for the artificial grass. Suitable for people over the age of fourteen. Some suitable for the elderly and people with disabilities. Will be at the back of the football field.

After installation, doesn't require that much maintenance. Steel structures 25 year guarantee, paintwork 5 year guarantee, moving parts 2 year guarantee. Cleaning once or twice a year - would Alf's groundsman duties cover it?

Liability insurance covered by MRA? Look closely at insurance. Need signs saying over-fourteens, used at own-risk etc. Does the installation include signage? Do they have any recommendations for signage. Any references from other community groups which have installed the equipment?

Funding to be applied for with the help of Trent and Dove.

4. Estate matters (Trent and Dove)
None raised

5. Any other business?
None raised

6. Date and time of next meeting
Meeting ended 15:00.

Next meeting is 19 June 2019, 6.30 pm to concentrate on projects and events.



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Actions

JS- to contact Uttoxeter Guides

AC to liase with Parish Council regarding support for village fete

AG to liase with Heritage Society regarding petalling board

AG to investigate football pitch grant

AG to raise the issue of possible funding for the playground with the Parish Council

MARNA to encourage volunteers for MUGA next stage