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MARNA Minutes

Public Meeting 19 February 2020, Mayfield Memorial Hall

Present: Alz Coates, Jill Studholme, Kevin Coates, PCSO Sean Elliot, Pamela Boura, Alf Burton, Andrew Reay-Robinson, Stephen Dunn, Fiona Harrower + one other

Apologies: Katie Layden, Sophie Conlon, Katy Lewis

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes of last meeting approved

3. Estate matters (Trent and Dove)

Two residents could not attend the meeting but had issues that they asked the Chair to raise with the Housing Officer. One resident contacted us regarding an upgrade query. Another resident wanted to arrange a meeting with the Housing Officer following her move last year. As the Housing Officer did not attend, Chair to email her instead.

4. Community activities

Events

Impact on the Community Awards

MARNA made it to the final. Alz, our chairman, won the Overall Impact on the Community by an Individual award.

Children's Christmas Party

Went very well. Everyone had a good time and the entertainer was very good so booked him again. 42 Children attended.

Fish and Chip Bingo

Planned. One of attendees complained it would make people obese. Asked if we could add a vegetarian option. Gluten-free is available.

Easter Egg Hunt

Meeting arranged with the vicar to discuss an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Village Fete

Should we do fete, or a Garden party where we charge for admission? Possibly end of July. All the stall holders at the last one said that they would come back. Could be a good fundraiser for the playground.



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However, the MRA playing field is being reseeded and then there will be 15 weeks before anyone can go on the field. Liase with Richard Wild to get the dates.

Playground Public Meeting

A member of the public suggested we invite the families who came to the Christmas party. Does GDPR mean we can't contact them directly? To be clarified.

Projects

Notice board by flats

Now up. Thank you "Men in Sheds" (a community group set up to combat loneliness by coming together to make and restore things).

MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)

Very positive feedback. 90% finished. Just need a break in the weather to complete.

Playground

Have received three quotes for playgrounds. The playground is missed by the community. Suggested we write to employers in the area as to whether they would contribute to the funding. Find out how easy or hard items are to fix or replace. Moving parts 5 year guarantee. Assembly itself 20 year lifespan. Will be shown how to maintain it - installers will give training.

When in place it would be nice to have a summer children's party there.

PCSO Sean Elliot explained how they raised over £100,000 for a skateboard park in just over 18 months. They got a considerable amount from Staffordshire county council.

Outdoor Multi-Gym

Have applied for grants to the Parish Council and Trent and Dove Federation. Will hear in March. Will apply to ESBC and County Council in the new tax year. Also to Landfill tax. It was suggested that we ask the Parish Council if they could instead buy items of equipment for the playground and reclaim the VAT.



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5. Any other business?

Tool theft then dumped in Mayfield. Two men in an old silver car - possibly a Mondeo.

Drains raised by a member of the public - explained that that was a parish council matter. School crossing still has flashing lights - member of the public complained about it wasting electricity. PCSO told us about Community Speed Watch - volunteers with a speed gun record the number plates of people speeding. They are then sent a letter by the police. Councillor Coates invited the PCSO invited to attend the next parish council meeting and explain further, but unfortunately he was busy on that date. Chair asked PCSO to send her details and she would look for volunteers

Local police are hoping to hold a Crime Prevention day on 30th May at the Duncomb Arms. We will help publicise it.

6. Date and time of next meeting

Provisionally Monday 1st June at 6 pm.