

MVRA General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thurs 20th May 2021, 19:00

Chair:	Rosemary Kidd (RK)
Present:	Caroline Alderson (CA), Dionne Sambrook (DS), Chris Watts Johnson (CWJ), Chris Simmonds (CS), Claire Craige (CC), Sarah Walden (SW), Cllr Izzi Seccome (IS), Steph Hillier (SH), Cllr Manuela Perteghella (MP) and 3 residents.
Next meeting:	<i>Exec Committee Meeting 9th June 2021</i>

Agenda items	Actions
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Amber Simmonds (AS), Fiona Tait (FT), Dominic Skinner (DomS), Cllr Edward Fitter (EF), Long Marston and Quinton PCs and from 3 non-executive members.</p>	
<p>2. No matters arising from minutes of general meeting 21st Feb 2021</p>	
<p>3. Welcome and introductions</p> <p>RK Introduced the exec committee and their roles and the background to the MVRA.</p> <p>RK reported on its main focus' and achievements so far (see presentation slides).</p>	
<p>4. Treasurers Report</p> <p>The RA bank account is now set up. CA reported it currently holds £107.04. £150.54 was raised at the Easter Trail. £29.11 was spent on expenses for the trial. £14.39 has been spent on a pro zoom account to enable larger meetings during covid restrictions. There</p>	

<p>is £228.87 in the Friends of Meon Vale Woods account. This has been promised to further woodland events.</p>	
<p>5. Meon Vale Events</p> <p>CS talked about the success of the Easter Trail and how it we can build on this.</p> <p>CWJ presented planned future events at Meon Vale. Including Meon FunFest, August Bank holiday BBQ and Halloween Trail. CWJ will be looking for funfest volunteers nearer the time once covid plans are known.</p>	
<p>6. Introduction to survey and consultation</p> <p>DS introduced plans to survey residents as to what our priorities should be as a RA. This will be done as a survey and a face-to-face consultation covid restrictions allowing. Residents were polled as to how they would like this delivered and to establish themes for the survey.</p>	<p>Exec to start drawing up plans for consultation at next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Request for volunteers</p> <p>A general request was made for anyone wanting to be more involved with the RA and/or community activities.</p> <p>Long Marston PC are looking for a Meon Vale rep. One resident has expressed an interest.</p> <p>SH introduced the Pavilion Café and is currently looking for volunteers to staff the café Tues-Sat. RK reported Stratford Time Bank had volunteers in Meon Vale that may be able to help.</p>	
<p>8. Open Floor</p> <p>There was a query from a resident as to who to report site issues to (these were issues caused by a developer). SW confirmed that in the first instance this should be: meonvale@mainstaygroup.co.uk. However, if not resolved contact the developer directly. We will try to assist if still not resolved.</p>	

CA expressed Mainstay billing concerns. IS explained the process of the council adopting roads and that this would not occur until all services were of a suitable standard eg. Lighting. The management of the site moving forward (in terms of greenspaces etc) was discussed. Currently St Modwens are forming a working group who will eventually manage the site.

The lack of maintenance for community facilities was raised eg. the all-weather pitches and lack of full access to leisure centre (remains closed at weekends).

The village hall is currently not bookable. SMD report it needs to be made covid safe. It was noted that fees for hiring the village hall and gym facilities had increased. There are still issues with the acoustics within the hall. IS offered to look into the issues with the village hall opening.

CC raised the issue that St Modwen's newsletter (their main source of communication) is not reaching all residents.

SW noted that drainage work has been carried out on the greenway alongside the brook leaving a dangerous steep drop.

The issue of speeding was discussed. IS explained that until the roads are adopted police can not fine people for speeding. She suggested we bring up the issue (particularly on Bailey Ave) with SMD as they may put in traffic calming measures. Also, it is worth looking into a community speed watch initiative.

IS explained the availability of County Council Funding for community groups.

MP reported on the district council's public consultation on climate change and urged residents to get involved.

WCC Greenshoots funding bids were discussed, one bid has gone in but the RA expressed a concern that they did not know how best to work towards helping climate change. MP explained there is no reason we could not put in a future bid for feasibility studies. MP also provided details of Severn Trent funding. IS

CC to write to SMD re leisure centre fully opening and repair to all weather pitches.

CC to send her SMD contact details. **CC** to contact SMD re reopening, acoustics and costs.

DS will post Newsletter info on RA FB group to inform in order for them to request it if they have not received it.

CC to add unsafe drop on greenway in letter to SMD.

CC to write to SMD, SDC Planning and WCC Highways re speeding.

offered to look into other local communities and their ideas for Greenshoots bids.

A new South Warwickshire Local Plan (joint between Stratford and Warwick DCs) is under consultation. This will replace the Stratford Core Strategy.

Sports Bid - Email received subsequent to meeting from Chris Freeman, WVASA. He will draft out a PID for the Sports Bid.

RK to prepare response to safeguard the open areas. **DomS** to provide base maps of Meon Vale

RK to finalise PID for sports bid and prepare the 3 policies required for the bid.