



Shevington and District Community Association

Registered Charity No. 513784

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th. April 2015

Welcome by the chair

Marlaine welcomed new people to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Pam had asked Marlaine to thank everyone for sponsoring her daughter Sarah, who had completed the London Marathon at the weekend despite injury and raised more than £5,800 for the NSPCC in memory of her dad, Ed.

Present

Gerald Arstall; Margaret Carter; Kim Collins; Paul Collins; Mike Crosby; Pauline Eccles; Elaine Ellams; Lorna Ellis; Chris Horridge; Paul Liptrot; Eileen Longmore; Jim Maloney; Veronica Maloney; Carole Miles; Sheila Milnes; Andrew Moakes; Carol Moakes; Alan Mohring; Izzy Morris; Gabriella Mossad; Pam Powell; Beryl Smith; Joan Wadcock; Ira Whiteley; Marlaine Whitham; Jane Lawrence Wood

Apologies

Damian Edwardson; John O'Neill; John Whiteley

Minutes of the meeting held on 31st.

Proposed by Carole Miles, seconded by Lorna Ellis, the minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

Dementia Friendly Communities

Several people who come to CA had attended the event held at the Britannia Hotel on 15th. April "Let's make Standish and Shevington Dementia Friendly" and will attend the second meeting on 29th. Events had already taken place in other parts of the borough with interesting feedback. There is funding available from Wigan Council to support local ideas and projects to help people living with dementia and their carers. The third event, Decision Day, at the Britannia Hotel, will be to listen to presentations before casting a vote. Anyone is welcome to come along and vote, not just people who have attended on 15th. and 29th. April. Come along from 12 noon till 1pm. or 1pm. until 3pm. You do not have to stay the whole time; votes from as many as possible are important.

A potential role for the CA was discussed. It was agreed that we were well placed to help maximise the benefits of the DF initiatives as we had so much local knowledge and many links already in place. It was agreed to meet at the Library on 11th. May to pursue the idea and consider an application from the CA. (for a networking and awareness raising project) as well as other possible applications. Those interested in attending put their names forward after the meeting.

Presentation from Beryl and Joan who run the Dementia carers support group, in the Methodist Church building on the last Monday of every month from 10.30 - 12.30.

Joan spoke about different forms of dementia; sudden onset vascular and Alzheimer's which can develop more slowly and is due to tangles and clusters interrupting messages to the brain. There is no natural progression as everyone is different. Being practical and not expecting too much of the person or yourself, also avoiding confrontation as the person becomes less and less able to cope with everyday life, was sound advice. Beryl then spoke about being a carer for her late husband who developed dementia following a big stroke.

Everyone agreed that the talks had been interesting and informative and a great help in understanding a little better for those who have no first hand experience of this cruel illness.

Finances

Jim gave detail of the accounts and had cheques to be signed for the bids agreed at the March meeting for Shevington in Bloom and Standish Lower Ground in Bloom together with one to the secretary for printer ink, receipt provided. He had received an application for £100 from Shevington Community School children's gardening group to buy bird tables, bee boxes, plants, shrubs and wood. Officers had agreed to support the bid and those present approved unanimously.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

District Councillors Updates

Paul spoke about ongoing litter collecting on the s bends on Sundays, together with tidying land behind the former pit houses opposite St. Anne's school. Anti social behaviour in Appley Bridge and Shevington was being looked into. The "Beat It" team will be in the district again between 13th. and 17th. July. Contact Mike well before their visit, if you identify any areas in need of attention and he will add to his list.

The councillors had attended the event re John O'Neill becoming an Honorary Alderman.

Congratulations to John from CA.

Marlaine had written a tribute, (already circulated) to Dorothy Nightingale who died on 19th. April. Her funeral will be on Friday 1st. May.

Social, fund raising and working party activities

Margaret reported that ten people had attended the working party at Gathurst Station on Saturday and the three new people had also volunteered to help with In Bloom. Councillor Paul Prescott had given Brighter Borough money for more ferns, which should help contain bark on the embankment.

The blacksmith is making a planter in similar style to the basket weave planters outside the library, to be planted in memory of Frank Hodkinson.

There is a new trophy cabinet at the library waiting to be sited.

Margaret spoke about a three year plan for improvements to the recreation ground which would involve the trustees, Wigan Council and other organisations. The owner of the cafe on Church Lane has planted a weeping willow and Wigan council are now mowing the area.

Margaret and Anita will be attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace next month.

Gabriella gave background to the business she has started giving one to one care /sitting in peoples homes; Bella Care. She circulated her fliers -copies available on request.

Eileen said the AGM for Appley Bridge in Bloom will take place at 7.30pm on 14th. May at Appley Bridge Community Centre.

Andrew spoke about the recent fete meeting and said that the Gardening Club will have a trophy in memory of Dorothy.

Lorna reported that the event at St. Anne's with the Gospel Choir had been very enjoyable.

Ira said a couple had agreed to be trained to join the rota for the Credit Union at the library on Saturday mornings.

Izzy informed that the memorial bench for Bill Gaskell will be in place soon and it is hoped that it will be dedicated by the former Methodist minister in the summer.

Gerry said Over Sixties are having a coach trip to Chester on 12th. May and one to Skipton on 9th. June.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 26th. May 2015 at 7pm.

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