

This Bulletin is to update members of MCA following the Trustee Meeting of Thursday, 30 June 2016

VIRTUAL VILLAGE HALL We have now been running events in the marquee at the Royal Hotel for two months, and it was time to take stock. There have been 13 events during May and June, with an average attendance of 35 people. We have requested voluntary donations, and just under £300 has been donated. The bar has taken just under £800, and we currently have bar stocks valued at £200. In addition, the two charity events raised £250 for Hospice at Home, and £485 for Cumbria Cruse Bereavement Care respectively. The original 'team' of 11 local residents who offered to help at the MCA AGM in April have remained fantastically committed, and continue to be involved.

We have a full programme for July 2016: which started with Jim and Lisa's Pop-up Restaurant on 2 July; This will be followed by Matterdale Field Day on 10 July; Matterdale Zings on 15 and 29 July; Film Night at Parkgate on 16 July; and a Ceilidh with the Reunion Ceilidh Band on 23 July. The proposed Swop Shop/Bring and Buy on 21 July has been cancelled as we realised that we had over-committed ourselves.

In August, the following events have been confirmed, with more probably in the offing (see website for update)

- * Sunday, 7 August at 4.00pm. Acoustic Session with local musicians, and bar. All welcome to play
- * Friday, 12 August at 6.00pm. Matterdale Zings - community choir
- * Monday, 22 August at 6.00pm Concert with local musicians and Matterdale Zings Choir
- * Saturday, 27 August at 7.30pm. Ceilidh with the Reunion Ceilidh Band
- * Sunday, 28 August at 6.00pm. James Rebanks at Sandy's Barn, Parkgate (ticketed event)
- * Monday, 5 September. Tour of Britain BBQ and Celebration Party

ACTUAL VILLAGE HALL The New School was put on the market in late May, and attracted considerable interest. Negotiations are currently in progress to finalise the sale, and gain planning permission for change of use into a residential home. At the same time, a planning application is being submitted for an Education and Community facility to be built on the Recreational Field. The Charity Commission have proposed an alternative mechanism for dealing with the transaction, and this is being pursued through on-going discussions.

BUSINESS PLAN A sub-group of MCA is progressing a draft Business Plan. Following a workshop with ACT, the sub-group have allocated tasks, and a draft plan should be available by September for a further consultation with ACT.

Other matters dealt with at the meeting:

- * Safeguarding: MCA needs a safeguarding policy in respect to both children and vulnerable adults. Lucie Stockdale agreed to be the nominated Safeguarding Officer for MCA, and will draft a Safeguarding Policy which will be posted on the website.
- * Website: now that Dockray has been turned on to fibre optic cable, updating the website will be significantly easier to manage! It is planned that more and better photos are included, and information will grow with time.
- * Finance Report: Mark Nixon, the Hon Treasurer, presented a report to the Trustees. He will be drafting a further report to present to the AGM in September.
- * Mission Statement for MCA: the Trustees undertook an exercise in drafting a Mission Statement for MCA as a prerequisite for the task of Business Planning and this will be presented to the AGM in September.
- * Planning for the Autumn and Winter 2016/17: a preliminary discussion took place. Further work needs to be done on this at the next Trustee Meeting, and then raised for views at the AGM.

The next MCA Trustee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 August 2016 at 8.00pm.