

Minutes of MEC meeting held 8th April 2024 at The Mayfly

Present: Debbie Ray, Paul Johnston, Kinsey Foster, John Ellerby, Lorraine Le Grice, April Beale, Andy Beale, Susan Steward, Christine Newman, Joe Thompson, Harry Grainger, Piers Colby, Cate Clarke

Apologies for absence: Keith Patience, Janet Craig, Andy Pearce, Stefania

Minutes	Action
Minutes of previous meeting were agreed	
Matters arising:	
Proposed revival of the High Street Traders Association: Lorraine and Tim have done some sounding out	
Treasurer's Report: Stefania had sent apologies, but nothing new to report	
Use-It-All: nothing new to report. Kinsey planning to run some workshops	
Community Gardens: There was some discussion about how MEEG could take this forward. Harry would talk to Sheila Moss King. Agreed to put on agenda for next Committee meeting. Pocket Park: Christine had an email from Andy Pearce stating that LTC have taken this off their agenda and have no plans to take this up again.	Harry Christine
Community policing: Kathy had been visiting High Street shops. The PCSO had not yet been in touch. Christine will follow up	Christine
Bellevue Park 150th anniversary:	
LTC single-use plastic reduction plans: Debbie said nothing new to report	
Constitution amendments: had been made at AGM	
Light Up the High Street: John had circulated the outline plan and emphasised it would need to be well organised and have the support of local businesses. John already had contacted some local musicians and hoped we could obtain funding to pay them something. Lorraine suggested moving the event back to early December. A working group of Harry, Joe, Christine, Piers, Andy and Kinsey with John convening was agreed. Agreed this would be a priority event for MEC	John
Greening the High Street: Greening the High Street: there was a discussion about this which included the possibilities of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planters at the top ends of the Scores • Hanging baskets • Existing planters in the Triangle 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green walls • Incredible edible project • Debbie said this would go on the agenda for the Climate Committee and Harry would be invited to the meeting. • It was noted there should be a preference for sustainable / perennial planting. • Kinsey was investigating a CIC to promote edible planting with a bartering system. • John had information about bee-friendly planting in Woodbridge. • Joe suggested ESC or SCC might fund a mural on this scheme. 	Debbie/Harry
<p>20's Plenty/local traffic problems: 20's Plenty / local traffic problems: there was a discussion about the High Street becoming 20mph zone. Debbie would put this on the Climate Committee agenda.</p> <p>Sue would find out about getting access to a Community Speed Gun. She was in touch with a group in Oulton Broad who were contacting parish councils about 20mph zones.</p> <p>Agreed Christine would talk to the police about traffic incidents including speeding.</p> <p>There was an inconclusive discussion about traffic calming measures.</p>	Debbie Susan Christine
<p>Heritage open days: Sue said that the theme for next September was "connections". She and Christine would meet to put together ideas, including promoting Ness Point</p>	Susan/Christine
<p>AOB:</p> <p>a) Local community involvement - put on agenda for next meeting</p> <p>b) Big Lunch: there was a discussion about possible dates/places. Agreed to aim for mid/late July possibly outside Mark's and the Mayfly and to find out about a possible road closure for the day.</p> <p>c) noted that LTC's Annual Assembly would take place on 30 April at Hamilton House. Christine and Debbie would connect to submit a brief MEC report.</p> <p>d) Test Pit Garden project. Sue had been in touch with Richard Mundy from archaeology. Christine would circulate info if Sue able to confirm details</p> <p>e) Use Your Voice event on 20th April at URC. Leaflet and small poster circulated</p> <p>Quiz night at the Triangle 11 April</p> <p>Vinyl night at the Triangle 18 April</p>	Christine Harry Christine/Debbie Susan/Christine

<p>Eco fair at Carlton Marshes 28 April</p> <p>f) Lowestoft historic Scores meeting. Christine and Harry had attended but there was no information on funding that would be available. Sue noted that funding had already been spent on "consultants" but it was unclear who had been consulted! Sue would follow this up with an FOI request if necessary.</p> <p>e) noted with regret that the Bakery was to close.</p>	Susan
<p>Next Meeting: Monday 10th June 2024 – 6:00pm to 7:30pm – The Mayfly</p>	

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