

Notes of a Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust meeting held at Milton Lake on Wednesday 19th October 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: David French - Chair (DF), Nigel Hodder (NH), Suzy Mercer (SM), Freddy Robinson (FR), Chris Skinner (CS), John Widdowson (JW), Susan Woodhouse (SW)

		Action
1. Apologies for Absence	Brian Isherwood (BI) – unwell	
2. Minutes of meeting held on 22nd June 2016	The minutes were agreed unanimously by those who attended and signed as a true record.	
3. Matters Arising	<p><u>John Fifield memorial</u> – NH reported that a meeting had taken place and slow progress was being made regarding the various options.</p> <p><u>New trustees</u> – NH advised he had not yet contacted land owners.</p> <p><i>{Post meeting note: have written to Giles & Murray and in both cases at time of writing await a reply}</i></p> <p>Residents’ letter – SW advised this had been issued and that she has had conversations with some of the householders in The Street. There had been some feedback which she should send to Unity Dale (Stalls Coordinator).</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>SW</p>
4. Conflicts of Interest	<p>The following amendments reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW is now an MA Play Park Committee Member • NH advised that Sue Hodder is now Treasurer of The Bulletin • CS advised that Robert Kelso is no longer Treasurer of The Bulletin • BI had advised that Sylvia Isherwood is no longer Treasurer of the MA Local History Group <p>All trustees signed the amendments on their conflict of interest statement except BI who will do so prior to next meeting.</p>	BI

<p>5. Email decisions</p>	<p>Confirmation of earlier decision by email: Agreement of the content of the letter distributed by SW to residents of The Street (see item 3 above)</p>	
<p>6. Beneficiary Bids</p>	<p>These were discussed in detail following the individual scoring exercise prior to the meeting and summarised by NH.</p> <p>A number of concerns were expressed during the evening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilton PCC – concern we may be funding the priest • Millennium Green – need to check why the insurance associated with this land cannot be covered by Parish Council insurance as they are the landowner • Community Fund – no award to be initially given as there were no specific projects in the bid. We recognised that there is a need for some funding between Street Fairs so agreed to place a sum on abeyance subject to subsequent satisfactory bidding from the Community Fund. It was pointed out that we could equally retain some funds for direct grants to be made by the Street Fair between Fairs • Generally, a concern regarding some over inflated bid amounts <p>Following a lengthy discussion regarding the suitability of each bid, a sum of £19,475 (including the sum in abeyance for the Community Fund) was agreed and FR proposed that we agree the provisional awards as per the attached spreadsheet. Carried with one abstention. DF would write to Michael McAvoy advising the decision regarding Community Fund.</p>	<p>DF</p>
<p>7. Nominated External Charity</p>	<p>NH advised that the response following the AGM had been poor and proposed that he should issue a further email to all Members advising them that 3 charities had been nominated – Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester, and Julia’s House.</p> <p>Voting would close on 30th November 2016 and the successful charity announced shortly after.</p> <p>This approach was carried unanimously.</p>	<p>NH</p>
<p>8. A.O.B.</p>	<p>“Free” ticket allocations – the key is to ensure the wording of any letter advising free tickets clarified they were only for residents and not for visitors to a household.</p> <p>Operational payments – discuss principles at next meeting</p> <p>Website – no further information at this time.</p>	

	<p>February 2016 awards – we need to follow up to determine whether grants have been used in line with the requests initially made in applications.</p> <p>Organising Committee feedback – this should be a regular agenda item.</p> <p>Finances – FR advised we had £255 in the current account and £7396 in the business reserve account. She asked that this also be a regular agenda item.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of next Trustee meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 17th January 2017 proposed. Venue to be agreed.</p>	