



## **Minutes of the Milton Abbas Street Fair Trustees' Meeting**

**held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Present: David French (DF) - Chair, John Widdowson (JW), Debbie Drammis (DD), Ann Fookes (AF), Jennifer Harrison (JH), Stuart Driver (SD), Steve Gould (SG), Mark Castle-Smith (MC)

### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair welcomed all Trustees and Mark (MC) the Chair of the Organising Committee.

Apologies were received from Dawn Gibbs and Brian Isherwood.

### **2. Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

### **3. Matters Arising**

Discussions on moving and siting the container were ongoing. SG confirmed that he would continue to be available to assist.

Requests for bids had been issued and received and would be discussed later in the meeting.

It was confirmed that funding for the History Group would not now be given.

### **4. Conflicts of Interest**

All Trustees made known where they had interests in the bids for funding.

### **5. Ratification of Email Decisions**

There were no Email Decisions to ratify.

## **6. Financials**

There had still been no progress made with the Swimming Club.

AF briefed the Trustees on her proposal to reprint the 8th Edition of the Milton Abbas Village Guide. The Trustees were strongly supportive of the initiative, particularly as it would be available for the 2025 Fair.

A grant of £561 was agreed. It was also agreed that any receipts from the sale of the Guide should be shared equally between the Trust and the History Group.

AF to provide an invoice to DD when the Guide is printed.

**Action: AF**

## **7. Consideration of Bids for the 2025 Street Fair**

Eighteen bids had been received from a range of local groups. All the bids met the requirements of the Trust and the total bid was within the proposed budget. It was agreed that all bids should be provisionally accepted with the level of funding dependent on the outcome of the Fair.

It was somewhat disappointing that the offer of volunteers while substantial was limited to a small number of activities. MC would take this up with the group leads in due course.

JW agreed to send out confirmation emails to all groups which would include notification that MC would be following up regarding volunteering.

**Action: JW.**

JW told the meeting about an outline bid received that day from the Parish Council. The bid was for repair work to the "Lovely Step". The cost of the repair was estimated to be in the region of £20k. The Trustees decided that supporting this bid was not appropriate as it was really a Council Issue. There was also no guarantee that other funding would be made available.

JW would write to the Parish Council to inform them of the decision.

**Action: JW**

## **8. Planning for the 2025 Street Fair**

Mark (MC) gave a comprehensive update on planning for the 2025 Street Fair. The plans had been tested in a walk through exercise.

MC suggested that the opening hours of the Fair be changed from the current 11am to 5 pm to 10am to 4pm as most attendees tended to leave by 4pm. The Trustees agreed to this change.

The Trustees were encouraged by the good progress being made.

**9. AOB**

There was none.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be a joint meeting with the Organising Committee to be held in late March. The objective being to make the Trustees more aware of the detailed proposals and to ascertain how they might help on the day.

The 2025 AGM will be held in April.

JW to contact the Reading Rooms to confirm dates for both meetings.

**Action: JW**

David Froch  
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