**MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR KIRKBY MALZEARD PARISH**

**HELD AT THE MAIN HALL, MECHANICS INSTITUTE, KIRKBY MALZEARD ON MONDAY MARCH 14 AT 7:30PM.**

**The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Chairperson Pippa Manson. The Parish Council Clerk and 7 members of the public were present.**

**This meeting is an opportunity for residents and representatives of local organisations in Kirkby Malzeard Parish to report on activities, raise issues and discuss ideas. ALL residents are welcome. (This is not a Parish Council meeting, parish councillors, if attending, attend as any other resident).**

Minutes:

1. The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly explained the nature of the Annual Parish Meeting, stressing that it was not a Parish Council meeting, but effectively a ‘residents meeting’ and only involved the Parish Council Chairperson as she was best placed within the community to arrange it.
2. Members of a number of local organisations gave brief reports:
* **Mechanics Institute –** The MI have a number of different organisations that use the facilities, including but not limited to, the WI, Parish Council, Youth Club and the village lunch club. They are looking to encourage other organisations to use the facilities and are keen to attract more external theatre and music groups. The Reading room is now fully open and the coffee machine is available. The Reading room is available for hire and the MI hopes to attract arts and craft groups, sewing and knitting groups, book clubs and any other group who like to use the facilities. The MI also now has free WIFI available. In the future the MI have plans to refurbish the kitchen, develop a rear garden for community use, refurbish the office and establish emergency facilities that would be available if required. The MI trustees are progressing the plans to become a charitable incorporated organisation. This will involve dissolving the current charity and then reforming as a charitable incorporated organisation. There will be legal fees involved and it is estimated that it will take 6-9 months. By becoming a charitable incorporated organisation it will provide the organisation and the trustees the same legal protection as that of a limited company. The MI are also looking into getting an energy efficiency report on the building to see if they can increase the efficiency.
* **Women’s Institute –** The WI managed to keep members informed and engaged through emails and Zoom meetings through the pandemic. They have had a number of talks and demonstrations including a wildlife talk, a ‘weddings with a difference’ talk and a colours and complexion talk. The WI have a number of different groups including a short walks group, a ladies’ lunch group and a scrabble group. They have been fundraising at the village garden party and served refreshments at the MI open day. The WI have a varied programme to offer and a great team of volunteers willing to give their time and energy.
* **Kirkby Malzeard History Group –** The history group was formed in Nov 2021 via a Facebook group which now has 485 members. The group are in the process of developing a website and will be having an open day at the Highside Pavilion on the 3rd April from 2-5pm where there will be artifacts, photos and a book signing.
* **Kirkby in Bloom –** Kirkby in Bloom are a group whose aim is to keep the village looking good throughout the year. They organise a number of village tidies each year and maintain the tubs and troughs around the village. They have been working with the Parish Council to develop and grow the wild flower verges over the last 3 years. They also arrange trips to the Yorkshire gardens. Kirkby in Bloom are holding a coffee morning on the 19th March in the MI.
* **Highside Playing Field Association** – As a result of the pandemic the HPFA has lost a number of playing participants. Clubs are struggling post covid and this is having a knock-on effect on the HPFA. The facility needs support from the village and raised awareness of the facilities that are provided by this voluntary organisation.
1. Other issues and ideas
* **Tree planting** – It was suggested that residents should be encouraged to plant trees this year to coincide with the Queens Jubilee.
1. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 20:15

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