

Meeting with MADRA 6/02/225

In attendance:

Chris **MADRA trustee**

Peter **MADRA trustee**

Daniel **MADRA trustee**

Pat **Individual**

Alan **Individual**

Steve **Individual**

Zillah **Council representative**

This meeting was recorded by Zillah on behalf of Knapton Parish Council. These notes are my recording and understanding of the meeting and are not an exact verbatim recording of what was said by anyone in attendance.

Change from current model to CIO

MADRA is motivated to change from their current model into a CIO so that trustees will not be personally liable or any claims, accidents etc. The change to a CIO will mean that if a claim is submitted against them MADRA as an organisation will be liable not the individuals.

- This was agreed on in the EGM held by MADRA last November.
- The current governing document (the Conveyance) has been deemed out of date by their solicitors which has prompted the discussions around changing to a CIO.
- MADRA becoming a CIO will have no further direct implications on the village whatsoever.
- MADRA will call another meeting (EGM) to agree what is in the new CIO governing document. This document will be based on a standard template provided by the Charity commission. They will highlight the changes they have made to the standard document provided by the Charity Commission.
 1. MADRA will send a copy of this standard document they will base their constitution on to the KPC.
- MADRA is open to any suggestions to what could be added into the new governing document.
- The proposed cost for MADRA to change to a CIO is £3-5,000. However, this is an estimate as they are unsure if solicitors will be needed and how straight forward the change will be.
- MADRA is adamant that a reset will not happen as they are happy the EGM was run to all protocol and met all requirements stated in the conveyance (governing document).
- MADRA are waiting to hear back from the charity commission about the next steps to advance to a CIO.

Noise

- MADRA collected and sent noise data to environmental health but is happy to provide the KPC with this data.

- In the evenings people will be encouraged to use the opposite patio, away from residential areas, for smoking and socialising in an attempt to reduce noise pollution.
- They have cut down band performances to mainly duo acts (e.g. a solo singer or a singer and guitarist) and will only host bigger bands on special occasions.

Playground

- MADRA will be happy to explore the opportunity of helping fund new playground equipment, if the KPC produce a quote.

Membership

- under the current governing document members are classed as members of the 7 parishes and that to pass any changes to the way MADRA operates a meeting needs to be called and 75% of those in attendance need to vote for the change.
- At the EGM last November held at MADRA, a vote was passed to allow people outside of the 7 parishes to become a member for a fee of £10. If you live in the 7 Parishes, you can join as a member of MADRA for free.
- This means that now all the trustees can vote, which was not the case before as some of the trustees do not live in one of the 7 parishes.
- To become a member, you have to fill out a form detailing a way to contact you, meaning that they can contact you about upcoming events, EGM's and AGM's etc.
 - 1) To consent to this there is a box at the end of the form which you can tick if you wish to agree to receive correspondence from MADRA.
 - 2) No third party will receive your information.
- This change was proposed so that the MADRA can work towards being self-governed-meaning that members and people who use it vote on decisions.
- Anyone can use MADRA but cannot vote if they are not a registered member.
- Anyone can get hold of a membership form by email, going into the clubhouse. As well as this they will be distributed to Parish councils to give out at meetings.

Trustees

- At the moment there are 6 trustees of MADRA, who were voted on at an AGM according to the rules stated in the conveyance. They will need to decide the maximum number of trustees they will have operating under a CIO. They will be elected at AGM (next one is scheduled for April).
- A Parish council can join as a Trustee but as a representative of the whole council. Under the current governing document, they would be personally liable as trustees for claims or accidents. However, if MADRA changed to a CIO this would not be the case.
- MADRA has previously emailed all the 7 parishes giving them all three choices.
 - a) Become a trustee as a council and have a vote
 - b) Be invited to meetings and included in discussion but have no vote
 - c) No correspondence

All but one responded with the latter.

- Under any document, if MADRA land was sold, none of the trustees or members would be entitled to any money from the sale. MADRA were very clear that no trustees want anything other than MADRA to remain as a sporting and social facility and have no motive to sell it.

- If MADRA stood down now, under the current conveyance, and no else took over, the charity commission would have an obligation to take over and consider finding other people to take over. In the event of no one suitable being found they would sell it and give the money to local charities.

Other points of interest

- Starting in March- their kitchen will be open serving diner style food on Wednesdays- Fridays 8am-2pm and Saturdays and Sundays 8am- 5pm.
- MADRA say that handling lots of different correspondence from multiple parishioners can be confusing and would find it helpful If there were a spokesperson to enact on their behalf via email and at meetings would be extremely helpful.

In conclusion, all felt the meeting was productive and are eager to work together in the near future. Please let me know if anything need clarification or you feel I have wrongful recollection of some of the points.

Zillah Austin

Knapton Parish Councillor