

To Members of CM Vision Group.

As chair, I wish to make a statement following concerns raised about CM Vision during a Parish Council Meeting in January 2019.

CM Vision was set up in 2011 with the remit of bringing together the three main groups within the village; the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Trustees, to ensure we all worked together for the good of the community and act together in future plans & activities. It was for Representatives of those three groups to 'report' into CM Vision to ensure that coordination of activities and events were maximised.

Initially, CM Vision applied for and received three grants from Big Lottery - Awards for All to enable Minshull Madness to 'hit the ground running'. These grants enabled us to purchase costumes, staging, bunting, sound and light equipment, tables, secure a ceilidh band and purchase medals and games equipment. All other events since have been self-financing.

As we know, CM Vision has not held a meeting since 15th February 2017, however, at our last meeting, it was agreed by all attendees, that regular meetings were not needed as all other groups were functioning cohesively and from now on CM Vision were only going to organise Minshull Madness, in conjunction with The Badger, and any new community events that may arise.

Therefore, since 2015 CM Vision have been self-sustainable through holding events such as plays through Cheshire Rural Touring Arts, Vintage Teas etc etc. It is the groups own money, held in its own bank account, generated through the sheer hard work of this group's members and the kind acts of support by our wonderful volunteers.

We have a reserve/contingency for events, currently totalling just over £4000.00. CM Vision have never asked, or approached other groups for money, or asked for facilities to be free. We have always worked in partnership with other organisations for the good of the community to maximise what we offer.

CM Vision has provided monetary donations, staging worth over £2000.00, helped individuals on a bursary basis, shared kit and equipment to other community groups, and as Chair, I am very proud of this philanthropic value and principle. Whilst we do not provide financial support to other groups, we will offer our support, time and opportunity of partnering on an event to ensure its success for the benefit our community.

The governance of CM Vision has always been under the jurisdiction of its own officers and its officers alone. I have total confidence in the due diligence of its financial management.

From it's last meeting, the Parish Council have requested our last two years of accounts; as a result, I have asked the Clerk of the Parish Council to formally write to us.

Finally, in a small village such as ours, community spirit is a balance of people working hard for the good of all, bringing people together, being inclusive and creating a 'better place to be'. CM Vision activities in conjunction with others have ensured we are an award winning village and I for one am very proud of what we have achieved together.

Kerry Bannon – Chair of CM Vision.