



M3 Community Partnership (M3)

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 20th January 2022 at 6.30pm

in The George

Present: Jackie Swabey (Chair), Lou Chant (MYC), Fergus Dowding (Martock Community Group), (All Saints Church), Rev. Paul Fillery (All Saints Church), Sarah Slade (Martock Christian Fellowship), Paul Harding (Patient Participation Group), Geoff Lucas (Treasurer), Cllr. Louise Clarke (SSDC), Blair Crisp (Martock Parish Council). Graham White (The Leveller Advertising Coordinator) (part)

Apologies: Ivan Childs (PCC)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Ivan Childs (PCC).

2. To agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 October 2021

The minutes of the meeting were approved as being a correct record.

3. To confirm the actions agreed upon at the last meeting have been completed.

Jackie Swabey attended the Parish Council's meeting in December to request that the Parish Council rejoin as a member of the M3CP steering group. The Parish Council had agreed to send a representative to the meetings and the meeting welcomed Blair Crisp who was nominated to attend meetings.

4. To receive written reports (21 October 2021 – 19 January 2022):

Written reports were received from Martock Christian Fellowship, All Saints and Martock Community Group. The following verbal reports were given:

- Lou Chant reported a joint trip to Flip-Out was very successful in ½ term with Martock, Stoke and Norton youth clubs. Sessions had restarted after Christmas although numbers attending are low due to self-isolation. The youth parish council had been successfully involved in raising money and gifts for teenagers for the food bank before Christmas. The Youth Parish Council have been nominated for a South-West Community Award. A teddy-bears picnic is planned for the jubilee on Bracy Road rec.
- Louise Clarke reported that the focus of SSDC is on the planned unitary council which will come into being to replace the 5 existing councils in April 2023. 2 members will be elected in May 2022 for the Martock Ward which includes Martock, Stoke, Ilchester, Ash and Long Load.
- Blair Crisp reported that the Parish Council were currently refurbishing the MUGA and play area on the recreation ground with a new roundabout accessible for wheelchairs being planned. The Parish Council are working with the Somerset Bus Partnership about

the transport needs for the area. The results of a large bid for bus services for Somerset to the Department of Transport are awaited.

- Plans for the platinum jubilee 2nd-5th June are to include a 100ft x 40ft marquee (to be confirmed at January's MPC meeting) with a walking carnival, sporting events on the Thursday, a music event by MCG on Friday, the Annual show on Saturday. All Saints and MCF are discussing a joint service on the Sunday morning.
- Paul Harding reported that marshalling for a vaccination centre for the area was set up in only 2 days at Martock before Christmas; Dillington House is now hosting the vaccinations on Wednesday and Thursdays. He warned the patient transport will become more of an issue as Symphony are planning more specialty clinics in each of the 4 surgeries, which will result in more people needing to travel more to Crewkerne, Somerton as well as to South Petherton for some needs.
- Paul Fillery reported that Martock School had coped very well during covid and the Pre-school is doing well.

(Lou Chant left the meeting to attend other engagements)

5. To receive a proposal regarding The Leveller magazine from Graham White

Graham White described his professional background including running print companies and with the GetSet scheme for Somerset and Young Enterprise.

He explained that with the need to increase advertising back up to pre-Covid levels it is necessary to attract advertisers from a wider area. To do this the confusion with the Langport Leveller needs to be tackled. He presented visuals of a new design for the front cover with a new name 'The Pinnacle'. After discussion the meeting voted to approve the name and one particular design with cross heads.

Graham is to start marketing to a list of 16 potential new advertisers with the possibility of testimonials being included inside along with vouchers.

6. Financial Position

Geoff Lucas reported that funds stand £1,588, including an individual donation of £500. A loss of £1,422 had been made in the last year. Donations of a further £400 from MCF and MCG will allow the printing of the March issue of the Leveller to be funded. The next meeting will review the financial position with regard to the July issue.

7 . Any Other Business

a) Kingsbury Episcopi, Ash and Long Load and Ash Parish Councils to be invited to send a representative to join M3. **Action** Jackie Swabey

Action

b) RAM Life in South Petherton is a charity who offers the use of a minibus to community groups

8. To note the date of future meetings

The dates of the next meetings Thursday 21 April and Thursday 21 July 2022 were noted.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

Approved (date): _____

Signed by the Chair: _____