



M3 Community Partnership

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

in The George

Present: Jackie Swabey (Chair), Lou Chant (MYC), Sarah Slade (Martock Christian Fellowship), Paul Harding (Patient Participation Group), Cllrs Emily Pearlstone and John Bailey (Somerset County Council)

Apologies: Ivan Childs (PCC) (All Saints Church), Rev. Paul Fillery (All Saints Church), Cllr. Louise Clarke (SSDC), Fergus Dowding (Martock Community Group), Geoff Lucas (Treasurer),

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Louise Clarke.

2. To agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 July 2022

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.

All actions had been completed.

4. To receive reports (21 July – 19 October):

The following reports were given:

- Martock Christian Fellowship.
- Written report was submitted (enclosure)
Sarah Slade reported that:
 - The number of families needing Transforming Lives donations of food have increased from 4 in July to 16 now. Pasta and sauces, sweet corn, tea and coffee are the most needed items.
 - Dave Sinclair is joining as assistant Pasteur with a focus on youth
 - Christmas activities include a nativity service on 11th December, Carols at 4pm on the 18th and a service at 10:30 on Christmas day.
- Martock Youth PC.
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - The youth parish council are supporting the Fireworks on 6 November, at the Memorial on Remembrance Day and the Christmas Bazaar for Wayfarers on 26 November.
- Martock Community Group.
 - Film Nights have returned the last Saturday in October and November
 - Free to all Santa's Grotto in the Parish Hall on 3rd December

- Santa Sleigh tour in mid-December.
- Somerset County Council
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - The Local Community Networks (LCN) boundary options finished consultation have 3 different groupings for Martock. Only one option has Martock and South Petherton in the same LCN. More about LCNs will be published during November
 - Duncan Sharkey the new CEO has arrived and is busy planning for unitary
 - Children's Services attained 'good' Ofsted rating.
 - 7,500 new jobs are expected to be created by a new giga-factory in the Gravity investment zone near Bridgwater
 - Consultations are open currently about economic development; for parents and carers of children with special educational needs (SEND); on trees and on shaping health and wellbeing grants.
- Martock GP Surgery (PPG)
 - Paul Harding reported that Symphony have now taken over the management of marshalling for the vaccination centre from him
 - the AGM of Symphony took place in September and he circulated the CEO' speech from that event (Attachment)
 - Recruitment of GPs remains an issue.
 - Transport for people with no car remains difficult, as most face-to-face appointments are now delivered from S Petherton. Slinky buses do not go from Martock to S Petherton. A professional coordinator for patient transport paid for by more than one parish council was suggested. It was agreed to approach the Parish Councils of Martock and S Petherton to discuss ways to set up a Friends volunteer driving scheme.

Action Paul Harding, John Bailey

5. To report on the website martock.org.uk

Jackie Swabey reported on a progress meeting with Kacper Jednorowicz. The business directory has been cleaned and all businesses who responded have been uploaded. More residents are using the 'add an event' button to request the adding of events.

6. To report on The Pinnacle

Advertising for the December has increased and the magazine will be increased to 20 pages to accommodate.

7. To discuss the cost of living crisis

Meeting discussed how people can be supported in the Martock area.

It was suggested that a list of Warm Spaces in Martock should be compiled and publicised.

This could include Martock library with opening times, The George Café Thurs-Sat, Merchy's Café (top ups free after one coffee purchased).

Action Jackie Swabey and Sarah Slade

8. Financial Position

To be reported to next meeting.

9. Any Other Business

Meeting discussed the need for a new Local Community Plan for 2024 with an independent resident survey in 2023. A costed proposal to be created to discuss with the Parish Council.

Action Jackie Swabey

10. To note the date of future meetings

The dates of the next meetings Thursday 19th January, Thursday 20th April were noted.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Approved (date): _____

Signed by the Chair: _____