



## **M3 Community Partnership**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm**

**in The George**

**Present:** Jackie Swabey (Chair), Lou Chant (MYC), Sarah Slade (Martock Christian Fellowship), Cllrs Ivan Childs (PCC) (All Saints Church), Fergus Dowding (Martock Community Group), Cllr Emily Pearlstone (Somerset County Council)

**Apologies:** Paul Harding (Patient Participation Group), Rev. Paul Fillery (All Saints Church), Cllr. Louise Clarke (SSDC), John Bailey (Somerset County Council), Geoff Lucas (Treasurer),

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Louise Clarke, John Bailey, Geoff Lucas and Paul Harding.

### **2. To agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 October 2022**

The minutes of the meeting were approved as being a correct record after changing Christmas Eve to Christmas Day for item 4b.

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

- Action regarding investigating transport between South Petherton and Martock is ongoing.  
**Action** Cllr John Bailey
- Action regarding an article in the Pinnacle about Warm Spaces appeared in January. It was noted the library will be shutting for refurbishment from mid-February to early April.
- Action regarding planning for a independent survey of residents. A meeting with the Parish Council Chair is still to be arranged.

### **4. To receive reports (20 October-18 January):**

The following reports were given:

- All Saints Church
  - The replacement of the 35 year old gas heating system is planned with radiant heaters. A pilot in the Lady Chapel is to be carried out replacing 3 radiators with one hanging radiant heater. Funding is needed with the help of the Guardians.
  - Refurbishment of the kitchen is planned with Sparkworld providing equipment at cost. Several pews in the North aisle are to be removed to increase the space for tables near the kitchen.
  - 25 people attended the open bell ringing sessions and several have been recruited to join the team.

- The clock has been repaired and a new electric accuracy mechanism has been fitted.
- Martock Christian Fellowship.  
Written report was submitted
  - Transforming Lives need donations of tinned meat and hygiene items including toothbrushes
  - Naomi Gas to be invited to the next meeting in April.  
Action Sarah Slade
  - Easter activities will include a cross-church service on Good Friday.
- Martock Youth PC.
  - A hygiene and dental health project is planned
  - Young people are creating a display in the Market House for Valentine's day and will do the same for the Coronation.
  - Preparations have commenced for an event on the Monday for the Coronation and for a Playday in August.
- Martock Community Group.
  - Film Nights are continuing the last Saturday of January-April
  - Santa's Grotto was successful and the Santa Sleigh tour raised over £400 for local charities
  - A car boot-sale is planned at Yandell's on 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Somerset County Council
  - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
    - EP had met with Symphony to discuss the staff shortages. There is a lack of 1.5 full time doctors currently.
    - Transport options are being investigated, including a new Slinky Bus route.
    - AskMyGP service has been closed since before Christmas due to the backlog leaving only telephone contact for all needs.
    - EP to suggest Symphony consider an article in the Pinnacle to communicate with residents and also to suggest that a public meeting be held, which M3CP can assist with organising.
    - The Local Community Networks (LCN) boundaries have been agreed with Martock in the area with Somerton, Langport and the Levels.
    - The planning approval process for the new Somerset Council from April is being planned. A large number of applications are expected following the hiatus caused by the phosphate problem.

## **5. Cost of living Crisis**

- A scheme where surplus crops can be donated to the foodbank on alternative Wednesdays is being planned.

## **6. To report on The Pinnacle**

The magazine increased to 20 pages in December and increased advertising has put the finances back in a sustainable position.

**7. Financial Position**

Subsequently reported that the bank account stands at £2,411.

**8. Any Other Business**

Andrew Clegg to attend the April meeting to report on environmental matters.

**9. To note the date of future meetings**

The dates of the next meetings Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 20 July were noted.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Approved (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by the Chair: \_\_\_\_\_