



M3 Community Partnership

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 20th April 2023 at 6.30pm

in The George

Present: Jackie Swabey (Chair), Lou Chant (MYC)(part), Sarah Slade (Martock Christian Fellowship), Rev. Paul Fillery (All Saints Church), Fergus Dowding (Martock Community Group), Cllrs John Bailey and Emily Pearlstone (Somerset County Council), Pete Westcott (PPG), Naomi Gas (Martock Parish Council), Andrew Clegg (Environment), Jane Hobbs (Martock & South Petherton Surgeries)

Apologies: Paul Harding (Patient Participation Group), Geoff Lucas (Treasurer), Ivan Childs (PCC) (All Saints Church),

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Geoff Lucas and Paul Harding.

2. To agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th January 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.

- Action regarding investigating transport between South Petherton and Martock is on the agenda
- Action regarding planning for an independent survey of residents. A meeting with the Parish Council Chair is still to be arranged. **Action JS**

4. To receive reports (19 January – 19 April):

The following reports were given:

- Somerset Council Somerset County Council
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - It was noted that the District and County Council unified into Somerset Council on 1 April
 - Martock Library has been refurbished and reopened. The new furniture is on wheels to create more flexibility. The old furniture has been donated to Martock School. Funds are being sought to refurbish the small back garden space. The Parish Council continues to contribute £5,000 towards the library operation.
- Martock Parish Council
 - Naomi Gas reported on the activities of the community support team:
 - Citizen's Advice are again available at the Job Club sessions on Tuesdays
 - Health walks are continuing and referrals are being made by the Health Coach.

- The Seniors group on Thursdays are going well with a good group of volunteers
 - A lead volunteers is being sought to help with the Wednesday Club allotment who has horticultural knowledge.
- All Saints Church
 - The replacement of the 30 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.
 - Solar panels are being investigated for the South roof
 - 25 people attended the open bell ringing sessions and several have been recruited to join the team. Planning to ring for the coronation on Saturday 6th May
 - A service will be held on Sunday 7th May followed by a lunch
- Martock Christian Fellowship.
Written report was submitted (attachment)
 - Transforming Lives foodbank demand has been increasing to 20 food parcels fortnightly. Many Easter treat donations were received with the help of the Youth Parish Council. 13 bags of these were given to elderly people in addition to families.
 - The George Café is extending their hours on Thursdays and Friday to 4:30pm and now opening 9am-1pm on Wednesdays. Tea and biscuit for £1 is also offered.
- Martock School
 - Paul Fillery has resigned as a Governor due to other new commitments.
 - Other governors to be approached to attend M3CP meetings. **Action PF**
- Martock Youth PC.
 - A make a crown competition is being run with Patrick Palmer and Philip Jackson judging.
 - The Monday 8th May event at the recreation ground for the Coronation is being supported and the young people are running the tombola.
- Martock Community Group.
 - Film Nights continue with The Menu showing on the 29th April
 - A car boot-sale is planned at Yandles on Sunday 30th April 10am-1pm
- Martock GP Surgery (PPG/Symphony)
 - The surgeries have been extremely busy, however the situation has been improving and target times were almost attained recently. This has been due to the added resource from Symphony and successful nurse recruitment.
 - Appointments can again be made online between 7-11am or by phone after 11am.
 - An article for the Pinnacle is to be submitted for the June issue.
 - The Patients Participation Group is meeting every other month.

5. Transport between Martock and South Petherton Surgeries

- JB has met with Cllr Adam Dance (Somerset Councillor for South Petherton) and agreed to work together towards rebuilding the transport network and are aiming to meet with Symphony.
- It was noted that there is a demand response transport, but volunteer drivers are lacking.
- Appointments with a GP can be made at Martock Surgery on a Wednesday and people with no transport to South Petherton are prioritised. An advanced paramedic and nurse are also on site in Martock.

6. Report on environmental issues

- Andrew Clegg reported that although no longer a member of Martock Parish Council that he remains on the Environmental Group.
- The AGM of Ash & Martock Nature Group was held on 17th April with a good turnout mainly from older people. Ideas to recruit younger volunteers are needed to develop activities,
- One aim is to look at an area of the churchyard similar to Kingsbury where a community space with pollinator plants and a sitting space has been developed. AC to ask Mike Sparrow to liaise with Paul Fillery and to involve the Parish Council.
- Tours of the Cartgate nature area are available on Tuesday evening after 4pm
- Water quality survey continues. Sewage storm overflows are occurring into the main Hurst Brook while other flood water is auto diverted to Mill Brook. 2 discharges a week on average. However only the time recorded rather than the amount and the information is published months behind.
- Phosphate levels remain a concern, though Wessex Water are due to install phosphate removal next year at 5 sewage farms.

7. Financial Position

Subsequently reported that the bank account stands at £2,880.00 with £280 is still due from adverts in April's Pinnacle

8. Any Other Business

There was none

9. To note the date of future meetings

The dates of the next meetings Thursday 20 July, Thursday 26th October were noted.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

Approved (date): _____

Signed by the Chair: _____