



M3 Community Partnership

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

in The George

Present: Jackie Swabey (Chair), Lou Chant (MYC), Sarah Slade (Martock Christian Fellowship), Fergus Dowding (Martock Community Group), Paul Harding (Patient Participation Group), Lisa Whittle (Martock Parish Council), Paul Jagelman (Martock & South Petherton Surgeries), Andrew Clegg.

Apologies: Cllrs John Bailey and Emily Pearlstone (Somerset County Council), Rev. Paul Fillery (All Saints Church), Ivan Childs (PCC) (All Saints Church), Geoff Lucas (Treasurer).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Geoff Lucas and Cllrs Bailey and Pearlstone, Louise Clarke.

2. To agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th April 2022

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

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

- Action regarding planning for an independent survey of residents. A meeting with the Parish Council Chair is still to be arranged. **Action JS**
- Action regarding contacting school governors to request a representative to M3 meetings ongoing. **Action PF / SS**

4. To receive reports (20 April – 19 July):

The following reports were given:

- Somerset Council Somerset County Council
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
- Martock Parish Council
 - Lisa Whittle reported that volunteers are being sought for the Job Club
 - Citizen's Advice are available at the Job Club sessions on Tuesdays and are well used.
 - Funded places are still available for the Happy Holiday Scheme from 24 July – 12 August for 9-12 year olds at Martock Rec. A code can be obtained from the Operations Manager on operations@martock-pc.gov.uk
 - The new Parish Council website has been launched and it has a section to promote community activities.
 - The service coordinators have trained to be part of the Orange Button scheme to show suicide understanding.

- All Saints Church
 - No report was received.
- Martock Christian Fellowship.
 - Sunbeams have stopped for the Summer
 - Transforming Lives foodbank has started a pantry selection process which is proving helpful to people. SS subsequently circulated the following list of needs for donations:

○ Coffee	○ Hot	○ Cleaning
○ Tea bags	chocolate	products
○ Tinned	○ Tomato	○ Toiletries
meat	Ketchup	○ Cereal
○ Tinned hot	○ Brown	○ Cooking Oil
dogs	sauce	○ Tuna
○ Fray	○ Washing	○ Sweetcorn
Bentos pies	powder	○ Toilet rolls
○ Peanut	○ Tins of	○ Long life
butter	food	milk
 - Details about the foodbank to be added to the surgery newsletter and posters in the surgeries
- Martock Youth PC.
 - Youth sessions are continuing throughout the Summer
 - The 12th August Fete will be supported by the Youth Parish Council and youth workers
 - The fete being organised by the Parish Council will run from 1pm – 4pm and will also include a walking carnival
 - Summer holiday arts and crafts sessions will be open to all 8-16 year olds Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 7th August.
- Martock Community Group.
 - Film Nights will occur the last Saturday in September - November
- Martock GP Surgery (PPG/Symphony)
 - PJ reported that he had been Operations Manager for the practice for 2 weeks.
 - 150 visitors attended the open afternoon at South Petherton Surgery
 - A similar event is being planned about Martock Surgery for October/November and a venue is being investigated.
 - The survey about the practice received 160 returns
 - The surgeries will be fully resourced on the medical side from September. There are 2 administration vacancies. PJ to send details to LW to be promoted through the job club.
 - The problem of the South Petherton car park being full due to non-related people using the carpark was discussed. Alternative ways to solve the problem are being investigated.
 - A facebook page has been launched and bios of the GPs are being prepared.

5. Election of Officers

- Chair: Jackie Swabey was proposed by Lou Chant and seconded by Paul Harding. Voted unanimously.
- Treasurer: Geoff Lucas was nominated by Sarah Slade and seconded by Fergus Dowding. Thanks were given by the meeting to him for his continued work.

6. Financial Position

- The bank balance stands at £3,139.00 which reflects the successful increase in advertising in the Pinnacle in the last year. Thanks were given by the meeting to Graham White for his efforts in attracting new advertisers.

7. To review the constitution of M3 Community Partnership

- The constitution was reviewed and the following changes were agreed to be made:
 - The articles to be renumbered to delete the vacant numbers
 - Somerset County Council and Somerset District to be replaced by 'Somerset Council' to reflect the unified council.
 - It was noted that agendas and minutes should be published on Martock.org.uk website. This to be rectified by next meeting.

8. To discuss progress on transport between Martock and South Petherton Surgery

- PH reported that SW Community Transport had been to discuss possible increase in the volunteer driving between Martock and South Petherton. There are currently 2 volunteer drivers, however what is needed is a coordinator.
- PH and PJ to discuss the possibility of inviting parish council chairs of Martock, South Petherton and Kingsbury to meet to discuss the transport issue. **Action Paul Harding**
- It was agreed that a way to measure demand is needed. A question in a new community survey would be one way. Another could possibly be a survey using the patient channel. Further discussion to be held at the next meeting.

9. Any Other Business

- Andrew Clegg reported that 2 months ago the Neighbourhood Plan became out of time and therefore became only advisory on developers rather than mandatory. A new Local Plan is being prepared by the new unified Somerset Council, and therefore a Neighbourhood Plan committee needs to be formed in the near future to review the Neighbourhood Plan at the same time. A representative from M3 was suggested for the committee. Fergus Dowding will be attending.
- Cllr John Bailey has asked if M3 Community Partnership wish to be represented on the new Levels and Moors Local Community Network (LCN) which covers the area including Martock, Langport, Somerton and Westonzoyland. After discussion it was agreed as the LCN does not cover South Petherton and so would not be able to help resolve the current transport issue, that M3CP would decline joining for the time being.

10. To note the date of future meetings

The dates of the next meetings Thursday 26th October, Thursday 25th January were noted.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

Approved (date): _____

Signed by the Chair: _____