



M3 Community Partnership

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 18th January 2024 at 6.30pm

in The George

Present: Jackie Swabey (Chair), Lou Chant (MYC), Sarah Slade (Martock Christian Fellowship), Cllrs John Bailey and Emily Pearlstone (Somerset County Council), Paul Harding (Patient Participation Group) Caroline Bennett (Martock Parish Council), Fergus Dowding (Martock Community Group), Paul Jagelman and Kate Williams (Martock & South Petherton Surgeries), Andrew Clegg (Neighbourhood Plan); Paul Helyer (Martock Parish Council), Andrew Holden (Martock School)

Apologies: Rev. Paul Fillery (All Saints Church), Ivan Childs (PCC All Saints Church), Geoff Lucas (Treasurer)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received Paul Fillery and Geoff Lucas.

2. To agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th October 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 to recruit a governor from Martock School to join the steering group was completed, and the meeting welcomed Andrew Holden.

4. To receive reports (20 July – 18 October):

The following reports were given:

- Somerset Council Somerset County Council
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - JB stated that a budget consultation on Somerset Council's Financial Emergency is open to all and closes w/c 22 January.
 - Decisions on the proposed budget including cuts to non-statutory services is due to be taken on the 20th February.
- Martock Parish Council
 - CB gave a report of activities and support by the Parish Council's community services team including a well-attended Merry Martock.
 - A Somerset Job Fair is being held in the Parish Hall on 27th February
- All Saints Church
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
- Martock Christian Fellowship.
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- SS reported that the back room at The George is being renovated as a child friendly room with ball-pit.
- The George will be open on Good Friday with children's events
- A hustings is to be planned by the churches in Martock whenever the General Election occurs.
- **Martock School**
 - AH reported that an Ofsted inspection is expected this term.
 - AH was asked to investigate the possibility of the school hall being available for hire again.
 - AH was asked to provide a contact for the services team to contact about the school choir being involved in an inter-generational activity.

Action

- **Martock Youth PC.**
 - LC reported that there are 70 young people involved in the youth sessions.
 - An Easter egg hunt is being planned along with two trips in the next 3 months.
 - Plans for the refurbishment of the Youth Centre are proceeding with architectural plans being finalised and planning permission being applied for.
 - It was noted that the Parish Council have a task & finish group investigating options for future youth provision which is causing uncertainty for the plans.
- **Martock Community Group.**
 - The Santa's Grotto and Christmas Market in the precinct were successful and will be held again this year
 - MCG will be considering other events for the year at a meeting in January
 - Film Nights continue.
- **Martock GP Surgery (PPG/Symphony)**
 - A drop-in session for residents at Martock Surgery was held in November
 - A new clinical lead Dr Power has started. This brings the total to 7 GPs with only 6 vacant sessions being covered by locums.
 - Martock Surgery is to be the base for a new GP emergency assessment pilot with 5 months funding covering the Symphony area. It's aim is to reduce pressure on A & E and will offer heart tracing, pain medication etc as part of its triaged offer.
 - 90% of patients responding were offered face to face consultations.
 - Complaints have reduced with most being about lack of communication after referrals.
 - Up to 30 appointments per week are no-shows. When a patient does not arrive for an appointment, a nurse will call to offer a phone consultation instead.
 - Meeting thanked Symphony for the continuing improvements.

5. To report on the progress of planning a Local Community Survey and Plan for Martock

- PH and AG reported that a neighbourhood plan working group has been set up under the Planning Committee of the Parish Council. A website is to be set up by the Parish Council. A meeting in the parish hall is to be held on Tuesday 30th January for the task group and any volunteers who would like to be involved will be welcome.
- The current neighbourhood plan time period has been extended from 2 to 5 years so will be in place until 2026, when a new plan will need to be ready to be in place including a referendum about it. The new plan will need to be developed in harmony with the emerging Local Plan by Somerset Council.

- The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) have agreed to provide support for the next community survey, which will feed into the Martock Parish Council plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting is to be arranged with the CCS by JS. AC and PH to attend. **Action**
- JS to circulate the survey questions and CCS report on the responses from 2017 (enclosure). **Action**

6. Financial Position

- The bank balance of M3 stands at £4,387 an increase of over £500 over the quarter.

7. Any Other Business or new issues

- JS asked if Pinnacle contributions could be enlivened with sub-headings and bullet points, she also called for articles covering other local topics of interest.

8. To note the date of future meetings

The dates of the next meetings Thursday 18th April and Thursday 18th July were confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Approved (date): _____

Signed by the Chair: _____