



M3 Community Partnership

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

in The George

Present: Jackie Swabey (Chair), Lou Chant (MYC), Sarah Slade (Martock Christian Fellowship), Cllrs John Bailey (Somerset County Council), Paul Harding (Patient Participation Group), Ash Warne and Lisa Whittle (Martock Parish Council), Fergus Dowding (Martock Community Group), Paul Jagelman and Julia Zaple (Martock & South Petherton Surgeries)

Apologies: Geoff Lucas (Treasurer) Paul Fillery (All Saints), Cllr Emily Pearlstone (SC) Andrew Holden (Martock School)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received.

2. To agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th January 2024

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.

- Actions by Andrew Holden were updated: The possible hire of the school hall by community groups is to be discussed by the next Business/Finance Subcommittee meeting on the 3rd June. Andrew will raise the possibility of the school choir being involved in an intergeneration activity with the school administrator before the next meeting.

4. To receive reports (19 January – 17th April):

The following reports were given:

- Somerset Council Somerset County Council
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure) plus a report of the 1st year of the unitary council.
 - JB asked all to promote the sending of postal votes for election by royal mail rather than delivery to council offices.
 - A meeting was held on 18 April with the library and the Parish Council.
- Martock Parish Council
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - The Café at the recreation ground pavilion is currently being fitted out and is due to open in the Summer.
 - The Parish Council is to issue a tender shortly for a longer term youth provision contract for an appointment by September

- The job seekers fair held in February was very successful with 22 providers and 128 visitors to it.
- The job club continues on Tuesdays with Citizens Advice attending also.
- Befrienders are being sought and a suggestion was made for an article in the Pinnacle about befriending.
- All Saints Church
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - PF asked that the meeting note that the art exhibition at All Saints Church from 20th-27th April on the theme of 'Everything that has breath'
 - The meeting sent their best wishes Paul and Tracey.
- Martock Christian Fellowship.
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - A Girls Brigade is commencing on the same night as the Boys Brigade
 - Childrens clothing and equipment is being added to the foodbank with drop-offs to The George when the café is open Wednesday – Saturdays
 - A minibus is available for hire from the MCF. Hirers will need to supply a driver and fuel plus a donation for its use.
- Martock School
 - AH sent update included that the school had had the Ofsted Inspection over a two day period on the 13th and 14th March. The results are not out yet and are expected by the end of April.
- Martock Youth PC.
 - Plans for the refurbishment of the Youth Centre are proceeding with architectural plans being finalised and planning permission being applied for.
 - Meeting thanked Lou Chant for her 12 years of service as a youth worker in Martock and wished her well for the future.
- Martock Community Group.
 - Written report was submitted (enclosure)
 - A car boot sale is planned at Yandles by the Group on 19th May.
 - The Group helped the Gardening Society with the upkeep of the border in the precinct.
 - There are no plans for a fete this year.
- Martock GP Surgery (PPG/Symphony)
 - The General Practice Urgent Assessment Service (GPUAS) pilot has commenced but is funded to run for only 3 months by the ICB. Once data is collected from the pilot the Somerset NHS Foundation Trust will be approached to try to secure further funding.
 - The new Anima system starts on 24 April and 20% of patients are already signed up, with 200 registering at the successful event held in the library. Further face to face sign up sessions are planned. The new system which is used by over 400 GP practices across the country will give the opportunity to improve the process of triage and appointment making.
 - A dashboard of appointments is being developed which can be shared in future
 - A short bulletin is being produced which Julia will share on social media.

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

- The Parish Council delegated the managing of the community survey and plan to M3 Community Partnership in March

- JW reported that a steering group has now been set up and has met to plan the survey which will be held in September.
- Communications about the survey will commence in June

6. Financial Position

- The bank balance of M3 stands at £4,847.
- The loans by member organisations to M3 in 2022 will be repaid over the next quarter.

7. Any Other Business or new issues

- There was none

8. To note the date of future meetings

The dates of the next meetings are Thursday 18th July and Thursday 17th October

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

Approved (date): _____

Signed by the Chair: _____