

## **Market Drayton Community Partnership (MDCP)**

### **Notes of the meeting held on 26 June 2017 at 7.00 pm at Market Drayton Town Hall**

**Present:** Richard Priestley (Chairman), Alistair Duncan (Vice Chairman), Roy Claydon, Roy Senior, Jane Hughes, Steve Glover, Eric Davis, Nicola Fisher, Suzanne Edwards, Mark Whittle, Kate Woodward (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Davina Bridge (Treasurer) who was recovering from a stay in hospital; Roy Aldcroft, Hamish Armytage

#### **22.17. Notes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017**

The notes of the above meeting were approved as a correct record, subject to noting that Steve Glover's apology for absence had not been recorded.

#### **23.17 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **24.17 Financial report.**

In Davina's absence, it was **noted** that there had been no changes of significance so far this year although there will be some further activity later this year which Davina would report on in due course.

**25.17 Resilient Communities Steering Group.** Nicola reported that the Steering Group is due to meet for the second time on Thursday 29 June at the Phoenix Centre, including a report by Eric on the Festival of Wellbeing held in May at Festival Drayton. Hodnet may plan a future event based on the Market Drayton model.

It was **noted** that Steering Group members are encouraged to register on the Shropshire Council Choices website which holds information on adult social care, housing and health for individuals and professionals. It was anticipated that the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group would be represented on the Resilient Communities Steering Group.

#### **26.17 Talbot Inn.**

It was **noted** that

1. James Bowen had hoped to attend with a report on the current situation of the Talbot Inn site. In his absence, Roy Claydon reported on the recent Shropshire Council Planning meeting at which planning permission was granted for five houses to be erected on the land at the back of the pub.

2. the Asset of Community Value (AVC) status is still applicable to the Talbot Inn and that this would be a consideration in any discussions about the future of the pub and its car park which were now the outstanding issues. A definition of and further information about the term Asset of Community Value is attached as a footnote to these Notes.

It was **agreed** that Richard would talk to James about how the MDCP can continue to support the Talbot Inn Action Group and that the matter will be a continuing agenda item.

It was **noted** that the Inn had excellent credentials as a potential tourist attraction but that it presently lacked the necessary entrepreneurial / financial backing to turn it back into a profitable business.

#### **27.17. Group reports**

##### **27.17.1 Drayton Arts Festival (DAF)**

It was **agreed** that the 2017 Arts Festival had an innovative and varied programme, including a schools' calendar competition, and arts exhibition, a puppet craft workshop and

show, local author events, dance events for all ages and a concert by the Royal Signals Military Band.

It was **noted** that

1. The DAF working group had been successful in its fund raising applications and met its target , although one major funder, the Jean Jackson Trust, was due to disband later this year, having successfully fulfilled its obligations.
2. The DAF steering group will use the Royal Signals Military Band event as a showcase event to which the Festival's patrons will receive personal invitations.
3. The Steering Group would consider options for 2018 in the light of anticipated fund-raising challenges.
4. The Steering Group was congratulated on its excellent work.

#### **27.17.2. Tourism and Visitor Group/Canal improvements**

It was **noted** that;

1. Volunteer work continued on improvements to the tow path. Richard reported that he is working on an Awards for All bid for £10,000, to be submitted jointly by the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) and the MDCP.
2. Completion and installation of the two murals planned for Bridge 64 is expected this summer.

#### **27.17.3. Incredible Edible Market Drayton (IEMD)**

It was **noted** that IEMD was now in its fifth year of work, encouraging people of all ages to grow and share garden produce. All edible plants are given free of charge to groups which either consume them directly or sell them to raise funds (eg. North Salop Wheelers). There is a weekly gardening club at Longlands School and MD Infants School contributes to work on a raised bed at Corbet Court, together with residents who later enjoy the produce.

#### **28.17. Future priorities for the MDCP**

As described in a paper circulated prior to this meeting - **MDCP membership and working programme May 2017** - there are presently up to some 65 – 70 members within the various elements of the umbrella organisation of the MDCP, of whom some 39 - 45 are active members, who seek to pursue the aims and objectives of the MDCP in varying ways. Following detailed discussion, it was **agreed** that:

1. A further point 2.9 should be added to the above report to recognise the work done by Davina in supporting the MD Education Partnership
2. Members will seek to recruit new volunteers and that the Secretary will act as a contact point for referrals.
3. Potential new work streams requiring the support of the MDCP were welcomed by all members, and concepts / innovations such as the following would be pursued under this heading ;
  - The proposed canal marina – Alistair agreed to prepare papers for consideration at the next meeting
  - The challenges facing the Talbot Inn .
  - A Young Artists' Group. It was **noted** that there was some demand for a Young Artists' Group and that a venue could be found at the new Phoenix Centre. It was **agreed** that Nicola would advise Suzanne of possible sources of funding support.
  - A 'You Said / We did' summary of actions completed as a result of the Town Plan produced in 2011. It was **agreed** that Eric and Nicola would work on this.

It was **noted** that MDCP could benefit from ideas generated from the presence of a 'one stop shop' such as that proposed by the MD Senior Citizens' Enterprise.

It was **agreed** that an all-purpose Market Drayton website had been discussed many times and would be welcomed by all but that there were no plans for such a development at present.

### **29.17 News and Views**

It was **noted** that progress on the Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan was now the responsibility of Shropshire Council which was being submitted for external assessment prior to the formal assessment process, public consultation and referendum, and that residents should anticipate updates being available in the Drayton Messenger.

It was **agreed** that the next meeting would fall into three parts, firstly the AGM, secondly discussion and adoption of new work streams e. g. as in note **28.17** above and thirdly reports on progress of existing work streams.

### **30.17. Date and time of next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 9 October at 7.00pm at Market Drayton Town Hall.

**Footnote to item 26.17 above: Information on the term "Asset of Community Value" - ACV**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/6069/1987150.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6069/1987150.pdf)

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/doing-business-with-shropshire-council/community-right-to-bid/the-community-right-to-bid-process/>

In England, an **asset of community value (ACV)** is land or property of importance to a local community which is subject to additional protection from development<sup>[1]</sup> under the Localism Act 2011.<sup>[2]</sup> Voluntary and community organisations can nominate an asset to be included on their local authority's register of asset of community value.

Under the terms of the legislation, registration as an asset of community value covers four aspects:

- Removal of permitted development rights for change of use and demolition of public houses: owners seeking to change a pub's planning use class or to demolish it must allow its users (for example, a pub's regular drinkers) to comment;
- Material planning consideration: ACV status is a material consideration in a planning application and can be used by the Planning Inspectorate as a factor in refusing planning permission for change of use or demolition;
- Community right to bid: this allows an ACV to be purchased by a group representing its users or the local community;
- Compulsory purchase rights: an ACV-registered building can be compulsorily purchased by the local authority or council "if the asset is under threat of long-term loss to the community".

## **Restrictions**

The owner of an asset of community value must inform the local authority if they wish to sell the asset. If a group wants to buy the asset, they can trigger a moratorium for six months, to give them a chance to raise the money to purchase the asset. The owner does not have to sell to a community group. The asset of community value listing only improves the chances of community groups being able to purchase by providing more time to raise funds. It does not require the owner to sell at a discount.[4]

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