

Market Drayton Community Partnership (MDCP)

Notes of the meeting held at Market Drayton Town Hall on Monday 21 July 2014 at 7.00pm

21/14 Welcome and apologies

Present: Richard Priestley (Chairman), Steve Glover, Roger Hughes, Roy Senior, Alistair Duncan, John Edge (Treasurer), Charlotte Hollins, Mark Whittle, Lee Ridgway, Kate Woodward (Secretary)

22/14 Apologies for absence: Eric Davis, Nicola Fisher

23/14 Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 14 April 2014 were **approved** as a correct record.

24/14. Notes of the AGM / Open evening

The notes of the AGM held on 30 June 2014 were **approved** as a correct record.

25/14 Matters arising:

No matters were raised.

26/14 Terms of reference

It was **noted** that the amended terms of reference as at June 2014 had been **agreed** at the AGM of the MDCP held on 30 June 2014. Copies had been circulated to all MDCP members for information.

27/14 Election of Vice Chairman.

It was **noted** that no appointment to the post of Vice chairman had been made at the AGM. Roger Hughes proposed Alistair Duncan for this post which was unanimously supported..

28/14 Reports and Discussions

28/14/1 Priorities for Action

1. Community-led planning matters. It was **noted** that the Neighbourhood Plan route would potentially draw down more funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) than the Community Planning route

It was **noted** that Councillors were to debate Neighbourhood Plan issues at the next Local Joint Committee meeting.

It was **agreed** that if possible a representative from the MDCP should be invited to attend the forthcoming LJC meeting.

It was **agreed** that Neighbourhood Planning would feature on the agenda of the next meeting of the MDCP.

It was **agreed** that Alistair would convene a meeting to review the MD Place Plan of Shropshire Council.

2. Further Education (FE) It was **noted** that the Magistrates Court site on Cheshire Street remained under discussion as a possible location for FE provision. It was **noted** that a Neighbourhood Plan would be very helpful to this end.

3. Health Issues It was **noted** that the Town Plan had five Action Points concerning Health. It was **agreed** that Richard would contact the Chairman of the Patients' Group for information about the Group's Terms of Reference.

28/14/2 Drayton Arts Fest. (DAF)

Richard gave an update on the progress of the DAF and Kate described some additions and alterations to the Festival's Events schedule. It was **noted** that two thirds of the Festival events would be led and actioned by local people with the remaining number being sourced from the wider region.

28/14/3 Environment and Climate Change.

Charlotte reported on the Walkmill Meadow project. It was **noted** that the lease is due for a 25 year renewal and that there are negotiations with organisations keen to take on the administration of the site for this next period. It was **noted** that the Fordhall Community Trust on behalf of the MDCP had been awarded capital and revenue funding from a local trust to improve and develop the site in terms of wildlife and geology over a three year period which would formally be placed within the MDCP accounts and responsibilities.

28/14/4 Incredible Edible Market Drayton (IEMD)

It was **noted** that volunteers from IEMD have been working with Total People. Charlotte reported that IEMD would now be planning strategically for next year whilst maintaining the site at the Town Park.

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Market Drayton Tourism and Visitor group (MDTVG)

It was **noted** that

1. Chairman,- Lee Ridgway Vice Chairman – Julia Roberts and Secretary – Nicola Fisher had been elected to this newly formed Group which operated under the ‘umbrella’ of the MDCP. Two successful meetings had been held, a business plan agreed and action was under way.

2 the MDCP provided treasurer services to the MDTVG in the same way as they are supplied to IEMD , Drayton arts festival and the Environment and Climate Change Group.

3. the Tourism Group had **agreed** the following aims and objectives:

- To develop a website for the promotion of the town and its businesses attractions, accommodation and facilities to tourists ,visitors and local people.
- To work with the Canal and Waterways Trust (CWT) and other bodies to arrange a canal festival to coincide with the 40th anniversary of CWT
- To promote the town to visitors through the creation of Town Gateways.
- Supporting key events in the Town
- To support improvements to signage in the town.

Mark Whittle **agreed** to be a member of this group particularly in relation to work on the gate ways to the town

4. the MDCP supported the Business Plan **approved** by the MDTVG.

It was **noted** that MDTVG members were working with a web designer who had quoted a specification and price for the establishment and maintenance of a web site to promote the town as above: the cost quoted is £1,400. It was **agreed** that the MDCP would support and propose a joint venture of 50-50 funding for this new site with MD Town Council. The MDCP share (£700) could be met from Portas Pilot funds.

5. the MDTVG was open to all and the group was particularly keen to attract people with specific expertise.

6. the date of the next MDTVG meeting was 20 August 2014 at 5.00pm at the Town Hall.

7. some towns had produced twelve month guides to events which was something that could be considered at a future date

29/14 News and Views.

It was **noted** that

1. the Market Drayton Sainsbury's store might now feature in the company's strategy from 2016 subject to confirmation
2. there were currently proposals for two housing developments on areas scheduled for housing by SAMDEV .
3. there were various options for relocation of the Greenfields Sports Centre which might ultimately be surrounded by housing such that residents might consequently raise issues of light pollution, access and noise. It was **agreed** that Roger would raise this matter at a future meeting.
4. the issue of housing developments issue will form a future MDCP agenda item
5. there may be an opportunity for the MDCP to support whatever financial benefits might follow from housing developments through the CIL.

30/14 Any Other Business.

It was **noted** that repairs to Church Street were still awaiting attention: Roger would enquire where this job appeared in the schedule of works.

31/14 Date of Next Meeting.

It was **agreed** that the next MDCP meeting will take place on Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.00pm at Market Drayton Town Hall.