

Market Drayton Community Partnership (MDCP)

Notes of the meeting held at Market Drayton Town Hall on Monday 10 February 2014 at 7.00pm

1/14. Welcome and apologies

Present: Richard Priestley (Chairman), Beryl Feeley, John Edge (Treasurer), Eric Davis, Alistair Duncan, Hamish Armytage, Ray Claydon, Roy Aldcroft, Roy Senior, Roger Hughes, David Minnery, Nicola Fisher, Charlotte Hollins, Mark Whittle, Kate Woodward (Secretary)

2/14 Apologies for absence: Ann Sutcliffe, Helen Vaughan

3/14. Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013 were **approved** as a correct record.

4/14. Matters arising:

It was **agreed** that the MDCP supported the idea of a further delivery of Town Trail leaflets and that Beryl would investigate costs. It was **noted** that Charlotte had experience of companies which dealt in such distribution which she will share with Beryl.

5/14 Discussion items

5/14/1 Priorities for action by the MDCP 2014/15

The following were considered;

1. Visitor/tourism issues: report was deferred for agenda item below
2. Develop canal basin: was awaiting response from Marina Basin Ltd.
3. MD Community Arts Festival: report was deferred for agenda item below.
4. MD News – it was **noted** that details of events were sought for inclusion in The Drayton Messenger – contact point editor@draytonworks.co.uk
5. The Town centre – it was **noted** that MD Councillors were considering the arrangements for parking etc the High Street and on Cheshire Street
It was **noted** that plans for dedicated 'parent and child' parking spaces had not been agreed .
It was **noted** that design matters within the town were to be an agenda item at the forthcoming Community and Governance meeting of Market Drayton Town Council.
6. Enterprise and Education. It was **noted** that the number of empty shops in the town was reducing.
It was **noted** that plans are ongoing to provide a further education facility in the town.
7. Health Issues. It was **noted** that the Care Quality Commission had awarded MD Health Centre a five-star rating and the concept of Care compassion was being followed up

It was **agreed** that this subject and the paper would form a standing item on the agenda to monitor progress etc

5/14/2 MD Community Arts Festival – draft business plan

Richard spoke on a range of the key points within the Draft Business Plan which was **noted** and he confirmed that a series of successful meetings had occurred and the concept was now firmly in the planning stages, with a view to being held in the autumn – NB it has subsequently been confirmed that it will be held over the period 30 October - 2 November 2014

Charlotte offered to review future applications for funding support.

Nicola made reference to the possibility of funding support being derived from "Awards for All", etc.

It was **agreed** that the MDCP would continue to support the principle of a Community Arts Festival in Market Drayton and to underwrite the costs of the Festival up to £3,000 from the Portas pilot monies.

It was **agreed** that the Business plan would be updated regularly for the MDCP

It was **noted** that the Shropshire Council Arts Officer had supplied both a Toolkit and Events Planning guidance.

5/14/3 Discussion Paper: MDCP Gateways Project

The paper was **noted**. It was **agreed** that the canal might form a further gateway to the town.

It was **noted** that a considerable financial investment would be required to fund this project, but that some elements might be sourced locally

Mark agreed to **lead** on MDCP's involvement in this project, the success of which would require partnership working from the agencies identified.

6/14 Reports.

6/14/1 Environment and Climate Change Group (ECCG) Charlotte spoke about the Group's recent work at Walkmill Meadows – coppice work was being undertaken and any spare pieces of wood were left for domestic use by local people. It was **noted** that the Severn Trent leasing of Walkmill Meadow to Shropshire Council was due to end in 2016 and it was hoped that Shropshire Wildlife Trust might be interested in becoming responsible for this project and developing it accordingly. Alistair **agreed** to support the ECCG in their work in this area within the concept of surveying / planning expertise.

6/14/2 Incredible Edible Market Drayton (IEMD)

It was **noted** that a newsletter update was in preparation

The Mayor of MD had opened the IEMD display at Raven House.

Events were planned for the Spring season for planting and tidying up sessions and it was planned to expand the scheme into the local business community.

6/14/3 MD Tourism Strategy.

It was **noted** that the meeting on 23/01/2014 was attended by a number of people, including Julia Roberts from the Dorothy Clive Garden. A wide range of views was expressed and there would be a further meeting on Thursday 13 March at MD Town Hall 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

It was **noted** that the Market Towns Group intended to discuss calendars and events planning.

6/14/4 Visitor Itineraries.

It was **noted** that Beryl and Kate had devised MD Visitor Itineraries at the suggestion of Alison Patrick of Shropshire Tourism.

It was **agreed** that:

1. When published on the Shropshire Tourism website, the sum of £50 would be allocated from MDCP funds for photocopies to be placed in visitor locations such as the MD Customer First Centre etc.
2. Sponsorship would be sought to help with future funding.
3. The Visitor Itineraries and the Gateways Project, the Walkmill Meadow Project and the Arts Festival would all complement the Visitor and Tourism Action Plan and should be identified at the next meeting as above note 6/14/3 to demonstrate action being taken locally
4. Roy Claydon offered to support these initiatives by drawing on his own experience with the Loggerheads Information Point.

7/14 Annual General Meeting

It was **agreed** that a date and programme for the Annual General Meeting would be set for early June – Richard would prepare proposals for the next meeting.

8/14. Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) meeting and news: It was **noted** that Richard would represent the MDCP at a meeting at Whitchurch on 25/02/2014. All other members were welcome to attend.

9/14. News and Views.

1. The next LJC meeting would be at Moreton Say Village Hall on Wednesday 19 February at 7.00pm.
2. It was **noted** that the road surface on Church Street urgently needed attention: Nicola would look into this matter.
3. The Community Newspaper in Loggerheads was hand-delivered, which might be of interest when there were events / actions in Market Drayton which needed promotion.
4. The Tern Valley Business Park had been sold to a developer and the conditions to build were time-limited.
5. Eric had been involved with People 2 People, a not-for-profit independent social work practice working with Shropshire Council adult social care team.
6. It was **noted** that the date of the 2014 Damson Fair would be Saturday 27 September 2014 and it would include other attractions such as a Victorian Street Fair and a Victorian evening at the Royal British Legion club.

10/14 Date and time of next meeting

It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the MDCP would be held on Monday 14 April at 7.00pm at MD Town Hall.