

## Market Drayton Community Partnership (MDCP)

Notes of the meeting held at Market Drayton Town Hall on Monday 14 April 2014 at 7.00pm

### 11/14. Welcome and apologies

Present: Richard Priestley (Chairman), Steve Glover (Vice Chairman), Alistair Duncan, Roy Senior, Roger Hughes, Deborah Sambrook – part of the meeting , Nicola Fisher, Charlotte Hollins, Mark Whittle, Kate Woodward (Secretary )

**12/14 Apologies for absence:** David Minnery, Roy Aldcroft, Ray Claydon, John Edge (Treasurer), Eric Davis, Hamish Armytage.

**13/14** Deborah was welcomed to the meeting. It was **noted** that Beryl had stood down from the Partnership ; Richard had sent a message of thanks to Beryl for her very valuable work. It was **noted** that Hamish Armytage of the Drayton Messenger had joined the Partnership.

### 14/14. Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 10 February 2014 were **approved** as a correct record.

**15/14. Matters arising:** It was **noted** that action on the road repairs on Church Street was expected soon.

### 16 /14 Discussion items

#### 16/14/1 Priorities for action by the MDCP 2014/15

It was **noted** that Mark Whittle had held successful discussions with Steve Nuttall of Joules Brewery regarding the installation of a 'Welcome to Market Drayton' sign, featuring the Joules logo, on the grassed area into town from the Newcastle approach of the A53. The Partnership **expressed** thanks to Steve Nuttall and to Mark for his work on this. It was **agreed** that as part of the design process Mark would provide, for the Partnership's next meeting, draft designs for the sign, possibly incorporating an image special to Market Drayton such as the Buttercross.

#### 16/14/2 SAMDEV

It was **noted** that the draft of the Market Daryton Samdev was currently under consultation: responses were requested by 28/04/14. It featured areas of employment, present and future, housing and a 'soundness' test. It was **noted** that Alistair has asked for clarification on the web presentation. It was **agreed** that Alistair would also enquire as to whether our previous comments have been incorporated in the current edition and would draft a formal response. The Partnership **confirmed** it's thanks to Alistair for taking a lead on this matter.

### 17/14 Reports on projects

#### 17.14/ 1 Drayton Arts Fest – updated business plan

Richard reported on the updated Business Plan for Drayton Arts Fest. It was **noted** that the Arts Fest was on course and powering along. It was **noted** that Shropshire Council was the most recent body to grant funds: £600 has been granted from the Shropshire Council community arts service.; Drayton Arts Fest was advised that it was to be congratulated on securing this amount which, although less than

was bid for, was a good achievement for a new festival competing against several large, well established and well regarded events. The funding source was heavily over-subscribed.

Other sources of funding were as follows:

- MD Community Partnership: Portas pilot funds: £3,000
- Market Drayton Town Council: £2,000
- MD Local Joint Committee: £1134

which together with Shropshire Council's £600 gave a total so far of **£ 6734**.

It was **noted** that the Festival comprised some 25-30 events with leaders identified. Richard expressed his gratitude to the Drayton Messenger and Radio Shropshire and the Market Drayton Advertiser for publicity; all these agreed to regularly drip-feed further news items as required. It was intended that a website would be launched in May. Fliers will be published for distribution in June and a brochure will be published nearer the date of the Festival itself.

It was **noted** that members of the Arts Fest group were currently pursuing other further sources of sponsorship from the private sector.

#### **17/14/ 2 Environment and Climate Change Group**

Charlotte reported on the work of the Environment and Climate Change group: work at Walkmill Meadow was ongoing and the Group has a meeting arranged for Wednesday 23 April with Severn Trent to discuss the future of the area.

#### **17/14/3 Incredible Edible Market Drayton (IEMD)**

Charlotte reported on the work of IEMD; the group is grateful to A.R. Richards for donating soil improver for developing the plot in the Town Park. There was much enthusiasm for the project and new people of all ages were joining in. Charlotte **noted** the new trees which had been planted in the Town Park by the local Rotary branch.

#### **17/14/4 Market Drayton Tourism Strategy**

It was **noted** that;

1. Richard and Roy Aldcroft would be meeting to discuss ways in which the strategy could be taken forward; it was **agreed** that the next MDCP Agenda would include a report.
2. Brown sign provision in the town should be reviewed.
3. A Victorian street market was held successfully on Saturday 12 April and that the Chamber of Trade planned to hold a further themed market in July and a Fair at Christmastime.
4. The Local Joint Committees no longer had funds to distribute and that their method of operation was being reviewed.

#### **18/14 Arrangements for the AGM / Open Evening**

The previously circulated draft agenda was discussed and **agreed** for the AGM. It was also **agreed** that some changes should be made to the terms of reference drawn up at the time of the Group's inception in 2012 for consideration accordingly: these included the following:

- MDCP meetings were held bi-monthly
- A bank account is held and administered by the Treasurer on behalf of the Group
- The Secretary will keep a note of all meetings
- The methods of working by the MDCP

Members were asked to consider the redrafted terms of reference which had been circulated prior to this meeting and also supplied as an attachment to these Notes.



- Support for the redrafted Terms of Reference would be sought at the AGM/Open Evening.

#### **19/14 News and Views**

It was **noted** that:

1. Fordhall Farm was holding it's AGM and a barn dance and hog roast on 26 April; to be followed by a Spring Fair and Market.
2. Telford College of Arts and Technology (TCAT) was in discussion with officers of Shropshire Council over the provision of Further Education facilities in Market Drayton which was warmly welcomed..
3. Shropshire Association of Local Councils – SALC - was offering support for the establishment of websites for parish councils.

**20/14** It was **agreed** that;

1. The AGM/Open Evening would be held on Monday 30 June at 7.00pm and that Richard would check the availability of the Beacon Centre as a venue; this has now been **confirmed** .
2. The next meeting of the MDCP would be held on Monday 21 July at MD Town Hall at 7.00pm.