

## **Notes of the Market Drayton Community Partnership Annual General Meeting and Open Evening held at 7.30 pm on 30 June 2015 at Market Drayton Town Hall**

**Present** : Angela Joslin, Connie Hollins, Charlotte Hollins, Steve Glover, Roy Senior, Eric Davies, Suzanne Byrnes-Antoney, Hamish Armytage, Alistair Duncan, Lee Ridgway, Richard Priestley, Kate Woodward

**Apologies:** Davina Bridge, Roy Claydon.

**1. Welcome and introductions.** Richard thanked everyone for attending the meeting, extended a welcome to all and confirmed that the meeting had received wide local publicity

### **2. Annual General Meeting.**

#### **2.1 Nominations for officers to the MDCP.**

Steve Glover took the chair for this item.

The following nominations were **received**:

Richard Priestley - Chairman, nominated by Alistair Duncan and seconded by Roy Senior.

Alistair Duncan - Vice Chairman, nominated by Richard Priestley and seconded by Hamish Armytage.

Davina Bridge - Treasurer, nominated by Richard Priestley and seconded by Hamish Armytage.

Kate Woodward - Secretary, nominated by Richard Priestley and seconded by Charlotte Hollins.

No other nominations were received and it was **agreed** that the above were confirmed as appointed for one year from 1 July 2015.

#### **2.2 Notes of the Annual General Meeting -June 2014.**

The notes were **agreed** as a correct record.

#### **2.3 Accounts for the period 1 February 2014 to 31 March 2015.**

It was **noted** that:

- The accounts for the period 1 February 2014 to 31 March 2015 had been circulated and agreed at a previous MDCP meeting
- The financial year for the MDCP was now 1 April to 31 March
- A new accounting system had been introduced early in 2015 and implemented by MDCP supporter Keith Roberts.
- A new Treasurer, Davina Bridge, was appointed during the year and the new software enabled her to readily track expenditure etc. for the Partnership and its sub-groups.
- The MDCP was in a relatively healthy financial position.

It was **agreed** that thanks should be confirmed to the Town Council, the Jean Jackson Trust and Shropshire Housing Association for their financial support for the MDCP and the DAF.

#### **2.4 Recruitment of new members.**

It was **noted** that:

Four new members have been welcomed to the Partnership during the year, these being Davina Bridge, Laura Newsome and Ron and Pauline Machin.

Personal contact was the best means of recruiting new members.

In addition to a core group of some 15 members who attend quarterly meetings, there are a substantial number of people who work in the Partnership's sub-groups.

#### **2.5 MDCP development and review: key actions.**

The presentation by Richard Priestley on the actions of the MDCP in 2014 and the plans for action in 2015 was available from the Secretary on request.

It was **noted** that funding for skills training was available from the European Union and, by matched funding, the Big Lottery Fund.

It was **agreed** that Eric Davies would make a presentation about the recently formed Market Drayton Seniors' Enterprise at the next MDCP quarterly meeting.

#### **2.6 Any other business.**

It was **agreed** that the next quarterly meeting would be deferred until early September 2015.

**3. Presentations.** The following presentations were made on various aspects of the work of the Partnership and its groups. Copies of the presentations where available ,can be obtained from the Secretary at [admin@mdcp.co.uk](mailto:admin@mdcp.co.uk)

- 3.1. Incredible Edible Market Drayton** – Suzanne Byrnes-Antoney
- 3.2. Market Drayton Community Arts Festival 2014** - Kate Woodward
- 3.3. MD Tourism / Visitor strategy** – Lee Ridgway
- 3.4. Environment and Climate Change group** – Charlotte Hollins
- 3.5 Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan** – Richard Priestley

Richard thanked all the presenters for their excellent presentations and their very good work in developing initiatives to enhance the town.

#### **4. General discussion - questions and answers**

- Alternative ways of attracting national retailers to the town whilst maintaining the character of the town.
- Use of the Poundstretcher store on Frogmore Road which was to close soon.
- The type of development that might attract shoppers and visitors to the town