

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

### **Notes of the MDCP meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2015 at 7.00pm at Market Drayton Town Hall.**

#### **20.15 . Welcome and apologies**

**Present:** Richard Priestley (Chairman), Steve Glover, Davina Bridge, Roy Senior, Eric Davies, Roy Claydon, Alistair Duncan (Vice Chairman), Roger Hughes, Hamish Armytage, Lee Ridgway, Kate Woodward (Secretary) and John Cole

**Apologies:** Charlotte Hollins, Nicola Fisher, Roy Aldcoft

#### **21.15. Notes of the last meetings:**

- MDCP meeting held on 20 April 2015 - copy attached
- Open evening / AGM held on 30 June 2015 – copy attached

The notes of both the above meetings were **approved** as correct records..

#### **22.15. Matters arising.**

Several items arose and were discussed as per the following notes; no other issues were raised.

#### **23.15. Financial report to 31 August 2015** (copy attached).

Davina presented the report of the MDCP finances to 31 August 2015.

It was **noted** that there was a balance existing of £8,133 and that further income would be forthcoming from Shropshire Council in respect of the Drayton Arts Festival. Richard thanked Davina for preparing and presenting this report.

#### **24.15. Report from Market Drayton Senior Enterprise** (Paper attached).

Eric presented his paper on the Market Drayton Seniors' Enterprise.

It was **noted** that the MD Senior Citizens' Forum (SCF) was in the process of submitting an outline bid to the Landau Trust for support from Lottery funds in its endeavour to establish a one-stop-shop / out reach facility in a central location in the town. Members of the MDSCF had held discussions with Chrissie Jupp, the liaison officer at MD Health Centre and also organisations such as Samaritans, Relate, the Stroke group, CAB and Derwen Training College about a form of association in the future. Richard wished Eric and his colleagues luck with the endeavour and asked him to keep the Partnership posted on future developments.

#### **25.15. Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan**

It was **noted** that this Town Council led initiative was under way with support from the steering group including representatives of the MDCP. Progress was good and the following actions had been taken:

- The terms of reference had been defined.
- A survey company, Data Orchard, has been recruited to assist in preparing the Plan.

- A consultant, Peter Wilson, had been appointed to support the Steering group
- A draft plan of action and timetable for completion by December 2016 / January 2017 had been determined
- Arrangements were in place for a stall in Cheshire Street on Saturday 5 September, to be manned by councillors, and a bigger event at the Market / Festival Drayton on Wednesday 9 September which would canvass views on issues relating to the community, infrastructure, the local economy and the local environment.
- The current issue of The Messenger carried a survey form for local businesses and in November / December 2015 a householders' questionnaire would be published.

## **26.15. Reports :**

### **26.15.1 DraytonArtsFest 2015**

It was **noted** that the Drayton Arts Fest would be held from Friday 30 October to Sunday 1 November 2015. A provisional programme was now available and featured some 25 + events, many of which offered free admission. As well as a return of the most popular events of 2014, this year's festival featured a number of new performers and artists and the committee was particularly pleased to be working in association with "The Zone" to present family activities at Dalelands and Fairfields Estates, and with Shropshire Housing Association at Charter Court. Publicity would be stepped up in October.

### **26.15.2. Market Drayton Tourism and Visitors group (T&V) [copy attached]**

It was **noted** that a core group of members of the Tourism and Visitor group would develop a 12 - 18 month strategy focussing on the following areas which could be taken forward as projects with limited resources:

- town gateways
- the tourism and visitor website which had a very good rate of visits
- canal-side improvements
- further development of the website , the traffic of which was very good.
- the neighbourhood planning process would inform the future direction of the T&V group by way of some questions in the consultation process.
- local businesses and groups would be invited to consider taking a lead on particular projects, for example, engagement with Walkers are Welcome and the Cyclists' Touring Club organisations.. Any such project would need to be owned and managed by local businesses and/or groups with support from the T&V group.
- several National Cycle routes passed through the town.; see [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

It was **agreed** that the town's street markets were a huge success and that the T&V group would celebrate our popular local market whilst developing new ideas to enhance the community spirit of the town and its attractiveness to visitors.

### **27.15.3 Environment and Climate Change Group**

It was **noted** that

- the group continued to develop the project at Walkmill Meadows to secure its tenure with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and to make it more accessible to the wider community of Market Drayton as an enjoyable and natural resource.
- The Walkmill Meadow lease was due for renewal in 2016, therefore it was intended that the transition of ownership and management as a nature reserve followed from this.
- John Cole advised that MD Mencap was due to have a new building, which would replace the existing accommodation at Walkmill.

John Cole expressed an interest in knowing more about Shropshire Wildlife Trust's current plans to improve the Walkmill area. Richard suggested that John contact Charlotte Hollins directly and it was **agreed** that he would write to Charlotte on John's behalf to make the initial link.

### **27.15 .4 Incredible Edible Market Drayton (IEMD )**

It was **noted** that a planting event had been organised at Fairfields by IEMD; that attendance and participation had been very good and there was an enthusiastic press report. Children from Longlands school were joined by others from the estate to plant and weed vegetable beds under the supervision of IEMD member Suzanne Byrnes Antoney. Another community event had been held at Corbet Court for residents and other local people.

### **28.15 . News and views / any other business.**

It was **noted** that:

- the Neighbourhood Plan would be a useful vehicle by which local people could express their views on the economy, housing, community and the environment.
- Clod Hall to Little Heath Green was now part of the Newcastle Way - <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/eLand/RightsOfWay/PromotedRoutes/Newcastle-walks>
- Two new loop walks had been recently opened in Loggerheads: <http://www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.co.uk/Pages/45/Walks+in+Loggerheads+Parish>

### **29.15 Date and time of next MDCP meeting.**

It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the MDCP steering group would be held at MD Town Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 7 December 2015 .