

Market Drayton Community Partnership (MDCP)

Notes of the MDCP meeting held at Market Drayton Town Hall on Monday 7 December 2015 at 7.00pm .

30.15. Welcome and apologies

Present: Richard Priestley (Chairman), Roy Senior, Eric Davis, Roger Hughes, Nicola Fisher Hamish Armytage, Roger Hughes , Kate Woodward (Secretary)

Apologies: Ron and Pauline Machin, Charlotte Hollins, ,Lee Ridgway, Roy Aldcroft, Alistair Duncan (Vice Chairman) Davina Bridge, (Treasurer), David Minnery ,Steve Glover

31.15. Notes of the last meeting:

The notes of the MDCP meeting held on 2 September 2015 were **approved** as a correct record.

32.15. Matters arising.

Eric referred to **note 24.15** and **confirmed** that Market Drayton Seniors Enterprise – MDSE – was independent from Market Drayton Senior Citizens Forum – MDSCF. It was **noted** that ongoing discussions with the Landau Trust were at a preliminary stage and that therefore no formal application to this body had yet been made.

27.15.3 It was **noted** that Charlotte had yet to meet with John Cole re a possible Walkmill type project but that she hoped to do this in the near future

33.15. Financial report to 30 November 2015 copy attached **DB**.

Richard presented Davina's financial report of the MDCP finances to 30 November 2015.

It was **noted** that:

- the total income of the MDCP to November 2015 was £10347.20.
- expenditure totalled £5723.08
- there was a healthy financial position with a balance of £4624.12 with one cheque awaiting clearance
- support from MDTC for the DAF 2015 of £2000 had been accounted for in the accounts to 31 March 2015. .

34.15. Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan RH/ RP /HA

It was **noted** that the MD Neighbourhood Plan was continuing to make good progress with support from the steering group including representatives of the MDCP. The following actions had been taken:

- Detailed drafts had resulted in the production of the first Neighbourhood Plan Survey of both residents and businesses

- Some 15000 copies of the Survey had been distributed in November 2015 via the Drayton Messenger
- The return date for completed forms ,comments etc was 9 January 2016 , following which a detailed analysis and report would be produced by Data Orchard within some 6 weeks
- A review of the timeline and action plan would be produced in January 2016

35.15 Reports

35.15.1 Drayton Arts Festival KW / RP

It was **noted** that a report on the outcome of the Drayton Arts Fest had been circulated for reference.

Key features included:

- DAF 2015 had been held over the weekend 30 October to Sunday 1 November
- It was estimated that there had been some 30 + different events
- More than 2300 people of all ages had attended and /or participated in total
- A significant marketing and publicity campaign had been undertaken which had contributed considerably to the Festival's success
- A huge amount of time and effort had been given by the many volunteers which was quantifiable in respect of grant applications.
- Significant financial support had been received from public and private sources and the DAF team was very grateful to all its sponsors and supporters
- The analysis of Income and Expenditure for the DAF which had been circulated to members had shown a small profit of £604.78, including ticket sales for consideration for use in relation to a DAF 2016.
- A meeting had taken place on 2 December 2015 to review the DAF and had resulted in strong support for the development of a further DAF in 2016.

35.15.2. Market Drayton Tourism and Visitors group -T and V group RP/HA

It was **noted** that :

- Two meetings with The Canal and River Trust which had expressed considerable interest in working with the MDCP T and V Group to develop a series of relatively small scale environmental improvements and benefits to the Market Drayton canal area from Bridge 65 to Tyrley Locks, to support tourism in this area .
- A report of proposals would be compiled following a further meeting in January 2016.
- Discussions were planned for 14 December 2015 to consider artistic developments either in relation to the Canal area or Gateways to the town
- A series of developments would be undertaken shortly to the websites of
 - **MDCP** ;which had received 3614 visitors
 - **DAF**; which had received 24171 visitors
 - **Discover Market Drayton** ;which had received 75080 visitors

35.15.3 Environment and Climate Change Group - CH

It was **noted** that members of the group met in August and September and that they continued to liaise with Shropshire wildlife trust regarding a new lease for the Walkmill Meadows site in 2016.

35.15 .4 Incredible Edible Market Drayton (IEMD) -CH

It was **noted** that

- Volunteers were the lynchpin of the work of the IEMD and further volunteers would be always welcome
- Work would recommence for the busy Spring and early summer planting period
- The produce from Corbet Court and Longlands school had been harvested and enjoyed
- Further collaboration with community groups were planned for new locations

36.15. News and views / any other business.

It was **noted** that:

- The next meeting of the Local Joint Committee would be held at Festival Drayton at 700pm on 9 December 2015 at which one of the topics would be the “Big Conversation” recently launched by Shropshire Council to encourage residents to contribute to the discussion on impending cuts to budgets and services.
- Richard had been invited under the auspices of the DAF to participate in discussions with Shropshire Council with regard to the future budget for the Arts from 2016 onwards, the outcome of which was expected to be confirmed in February 2016.
- Discussions took place on the number of members attending meetings in December. It was **agreed** to prepare a paper on MDCP membership and the calendar of meeting arrangements for consideration at the next meeting.

37.15. Date and time of next MDCP meeting.

It was provisionally **agreed** that the next meeting of the MDCP would be held at MD Town Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 7 March 2016.