

MARKET DRAYTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

1. At the MDCP meeting on 7 December 2015, discussion arose with regard to membership, attendance at meetings and participation; this paper describes the position and offers proposals for consideration.

2. The MDCP is presently composed of ;

2.1 **The MDCP group**– www.mdcpc.co.uk - which meets quarterly and has a total of 25 recipients of agendas, papers etc of whom some 12- 15 are active members and some 10 other people receive the papers for information. Participation in meetings has been as follows :

- 10 February 2014 – 15 attendances and 2 apologies
- 14 April 2014 -10 attendances and 6 apologies
- 30 June 2014 – AGM – 15 attendances and 1 apology
- 21 July 2014 – 10 attendances and 2 apologies
- December 2014 – meeting postponed
- 26 January 2015 – 13 attendances and 2 apologies
- 20 April 2015 - 9 attendances and 5 apologies
- 30 June 2015 AGM – 12 attendances and 2 apologies
- 2 September 2015 – 12 attendances and 3 apologies
- 7 December 2015 – 7 attendances and 10 apologies

Thus there has been an average attendance of some 10 members per meeting over the two years.

2.2 **The Drayton Arts Festival group – DAF** – www.draytonartsfest.org which has met some 8 times per year to organise the DAF 2014 and DAF 2015 and which consists of some 30 members of whom some 12 – 15 are regular participants.

2.3 **The Environment and Climate Change group** which meets up to 4 /6 times a year and has some 6 members all of whom are active members .It focuses on developments in the locality where real positive action can be taken on these areas to make a positive difference to the local environment

2.4 **The MD Incredible Edible group** which meets as required and has some 12 active members concerned with implementing small scale local action to further the aims of the Incredible Edible movement in MD and encourage local people to participate in growing food for healthy eating.

2.5 **The Tourism and Visitor group** – www.discovermarketdrayton.co.uk - which is open to any member of the MDCP or other person to join to further these aims locally..Presently it is composed of a small number of active MDCP members who meet on specific tourism related issues as required.

2.6 Other special interest groups could be established as appropriate ideas and support emerge.

3. Thus and avoiding double counting ,there are presently some 70 members within the various elements of the umbrella organisation of the MDCP, of whom some 39 - 45 are active members, who seek to pursue the aims and objectives of the MDCP in varying ways.

4. It would be very appropriate in 2016 to recruit and encourage more members to the MDCP and its groups to ensure that they are vibrant and stimulated, allowing for new options for special interest groups to emerge. It is **proposed** that :

4.1. Such efforts should focus on consolidating existing action in 2016 by securing:

- A further 2 / 3 active members for the MDCP group
- More members for the Tourism and Visitors group

4.2. Members should consider how this might realistically be achieved; from recent experience it may be that this could best be done by personal contact.

5. It is **proposed** that the frequency of formal MDCP meetings should be maintained on a quarterly basis for 2016 onwards with meetings being arranged as follows:

- Late February / early March
- Late June – to include the AGM
- Mid September
- Late November, noting that a December meeting has proved less useful.

6. Members are **asked** to consider the issues and proposals identified above and agree a course of action.

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