

## Market Drayton Community Partnership (MDCP)

Notes of the meeting held on Monday 16 January 2017, 7.00 pm at Market Drayton Town Hall

### 01.17 Welcome and apologies

**Present:** Richard Priestley (Chairman), Alistair Duncan (Vice Chairman), Roger Hughes, Steve Glover, Hamish Armytage, Eric Davis, Nicola Fisher, Darren Green

**Apologies:** Davina Bridge, Suzanne Edwards, Charlotte Hollins, Roy Senior, David Minnery, Roy Claydon, Kate Woodward, Lee Ridgeway, Roy Aldcroft.

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 02.17. Notes of the Business Meeting held on 17 October 2016.

The notes of the last meeting were **agreed**.

### 03.17. Matters arising.

The chairman **reported** on behalf of Roy Claydon that the Talbot Inn had been listed as an Asset of Community Value. A discussion followed concerning the details of a planning application relating to the site. Roger Hughes and Nicola Fisher **agreed** to clarify the position with regard to the status of the planning application.

Roy Claydon had contacted the CRT concerning the poor condition of the towpath at Betton Wood en route to Adderley; CRT responded by saying they will carry out an appraisal when they are able and will keep Roy informed.

Alistair Duncan commented on the media profile of Incredible Edible with reference to an item featured on Radio 4 recently.

### 04.17. Treasurer's report.

Richard presented the accounts to 31 December 2016 on behalf of Davina Bridge, which it was **agreed** showed a healthy balance remaining after major outgoings, in particular for the DAF 2016 and the Canal and Arts Trail heritage projects.

### 05.17. Town Council Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **noted** that;

- a series of meetings had taken place in the period October 2016 to January 2017.
- a meeting between representatives of the town and the three parish councils was due to take place on 17 January 2017 to try to resolve objections by adjacent parishes to some detailed elements relating to the designated area of the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan. Roger Hughes **noted** that timely and due process had been followed in the course of MD Town Council's application and that documentary evidence had been assembled that demonstrated this.

### 06.17 Young People's Partnership.

Roger Hughes **reported** that he and Nicola Fisher had liaised with Amy Roberts at the Grove School and that students at the Grove were keen to proceed with developing the concept of the Young Ambassadors' scheme. It was **noted** that students commitments influenced the scope for arranging meetings; it was **agreed** that this item would be reported further in the light of anticipated discussions

### 07.17. Group reports.

#### 07.17.1 Drayton Arts Fest 2016

Richard **reported** that

- Attendance / participation at the 2016 Arts Fest was in the order of some 2500 people and that the event had been a great success.
- He had decided to step down as the lead co-ordinator of the DAF, although he would continue to help organise some of the events. Richard advised that the role of lead co-

ordinator required the support of a small group who could manage all aspects of the DAF in accordance with the responsibilities and requirements of the MDCP as the “responsible organisation “.

- It had been **proposed** that Suzanne Edwards might agree to lead in this role for 2017 and further discussions to this end were anticipated. It was further **noted** that in relation to the Arts Festival in 2017 that an alternative model to that employed between 2014 and 2016 might be considered

#### **07.17.2 Market Drayton Tourism and Visitor group.**

Richard **reported** that the canal project is poised to go forward with phase 1 consisting of two Welcome / Goodbye display boards to Market Drayton at bridge number 64 funded by Shropshire Housing Group. However internal processes within the CRT were delaying authorisation and implementation.

A joint application (MDCP and CRT) to Awards for All for funding to provide interpretive display boards was due to be developed as phase 2 .

Plans for the proposed Arts Trail as phase 3 were ongoing and the project continued as a priority on the agenda of the MDCP and the CRT.

#### **07.17.3 Environment and Climate Change group.**

Richard **reported** on behalf of Charlotte Hollins that the group formed for the purpose of the upkeep of Walkmill Meadows had lost momentum due to the lack of progress with changes in management arrangements for this area. Charlotte would not be able to attend further meetings of the MDCP owing to personal and business commitments. Roger **reported** that Shropshire Council had advised that its lease with Severn Trent ran until 2019.

It was **agreed** that it was no longer in the interests of the MDCP for the upkeep of Walkmill Meadows to remain on the agenda at present and at least until the lease with Severn Trent and subsequent arrangements from 2019 onwards were determined. It was **agreed** to remove the item relating to the Environment and Climate Change Group from the agenda for the time being..

#### **07.17.4 Incredible Edible Market Drayton (IEMD).**

Hamish **reported** on behalf of Suzanne Byrnes Antoney (IEMD) that negotiations were under way with Longlands school for another collaborative gardening club project in 2017 and that she was also in touch with Longslow Road Infants School with a similar project in mind. He **reported** that the group was presently in a state of low activity due to the time of year / winter! but that Suzanne had attended a meeting with Market Drayton Learning Partnership recently with a view to future and more Incredible Edible activity in partnership with schools in the neighbourhood..

#### **08.17 News and Views.**

- Richard suggested that it would be appropriate if members could collectively consider and review priorities and functions for the agenda and actions of the Community Partnership. It was **agreed** that this would be an item for the agenda at the next meeting.

#### **09.17. Date and time of next meeting.**

**Two possible dates were suggested: either Monday 24th April 2017 or Monday 8th May at 7.00 pm at Market Drayton Town Hall. Kate would be asked to ascertain which date might be most suitable.**