

Market Drayton Community Partnership meeting

Notes of Annual General and Business Meeting 2017 held at 7.00pm on 9 October 2017 at Market Drayton Town Hall

Present: Richard Priestley (Chairman), Alistair Duncan (Vice Chairman), Roy Claydon, Eric Davies, Steve Glover, Hamish Armytage, Nicola Fisher, Jane Hughes, Suzanne Edwards, James Bowen, Gareth Bowen, Kate Woodward (Secretary).
Apologies: Davina Bridge (Treasurer)

31.17. Welcome and Introductions

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Steve Glover to chair the first part of the meeting concerned with the election of officers. Richard thanked all officers for their work to date.

32.17 Annual general meeting -Nominations and election of officers for the MDCP working group.

Chairman. Richard was nominated by Alistair and seconded by Roy C. to continue as Chairman, and was elected, there were no dissenting votes. Richard accepted the post but it was **noted** that he intended to stand down sometime after this next period.

Vice Chairman. Richard nominated Alistair and Hamish seconded this and was elected. there were no dissenting votes Alistair accepted the post.

Secretary. Kate was nominated by Richard and seconded by Eric and was elected, there being no dissenting votes. Kate accepted the post.

Treasurer. Davina was proposed by Richard and seconded by Alistair having indicated her willingness to stand, and was elected ,there being no dissenting votes.

33.17. Notes of AGM held on 27 June 2016

The notes of the AGM 2016 were received; there were no matters arising.

34.17. Accounts for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2017.

It was **noted** that

1. The accounts were in a healthy state and that this looked optimistic for the year ahead; there were no matters raised.
2. There would, in the near future, be two sets of outgoings: invoices for the Drayton Arts Fest (DAF) and concerning the work to the canal towpath.
3. There were sufficient monies available to cover any immediate payments required for the DAF.

It was **agreed** that **Jane** would contact Shropshire Council's Arts department, which had allocated funding for the DAF, with a reminder that 90% of the payment should be made before the commencement of the Festival on 27 October.

35.17. . Business meeting

36.17. Notes of the meeting on 26 June 2017.

The notes were **agreed** for accuracy.

Eric confirmed that the Hodnet Festival of Health and Wellbeing (**minute 25.17**) will take place on 24 October.

37.17. Proposed new work streams and developments

37.17.1. Talbot Inn

It was **noted** that

1. The land behind the Talbot Inn was presently up for sale with outline planning permission for housing. Another parcel of land, the Talbot Inn itself, was presently the property of a developer.
2. The Asset of Community Value (AVC) status which was awarded to the site is of very limited benefit in any appeal to maintain the Talbot building as a public house.
3. The Talbot Inn support group was in abeyance until the public house itself came up for disposal.

It was **agreed** that **James and Gareth Bowen** would supply the Drayton Crier with a resume of the current situation.

It was **noted** that there are other community issues, past and present, with which some comparisons could be drawn, eg. the Inn at Grinshill, the Railway Inn at Yorton and, some time ago, the share issue at Fordhall Farm.

It was **agreed** that each case was different and substantial funding and great personal dedication would be crucial to the success of such projects.

It was **noted** that the Talbot Inn is the only AVC to be registered in this area.

37.17.2. Proposed MD Canal Marina

It was **noted** that

1. Plans for the marina are an integral part of the Town Council's proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
2. The marina's primary growth area is the block of land on the A53 between the Gingerbread Man and Tunstall Hall and that the development would include some housing, retail facilities etc. and that expressions of interest would follow after the plan had been published and accepted.

It was **agreed** that

1. The MDCP should maintain pressure on the Town Council over the Plan's continued progress and to this end.
2. That Alistair would write to the Town Council on behalf of the MDCP to ask for an update on progress with the Plan.

37.17.3. Children's Art Group (CAG)

It was **noted** that

1. The CAG had been successful in winning funding support of £3,000 from the Local Joint Committee to offer art classes for young people at the Phoenix Centre.
2. Suzanne Edwards was the CAG project leader on behalf of the MDCP with the active support of Councillor Mark Whittle.

It was **agreed** to thank Suzanne and the group for their initiative and the Local Joint Committee for its financial support.

38.17.1. Existing work streams

38.17.1. IEMD.

It was **noted** that the work of the Incredible Edible Market Drayton – IEMD - Group continued, albeit on a small scale, and that activity would slow down until 2018 and the next growing season.

38.17.2. Drayton Arts Fest, 27 – 29 October 2018.

It was **noted** that :

1. Work for the 2017 Arts Festival was on course and that, this year, a quick reference handbag/wallet sized version of the programme is available in addition to the full booklet. A key event is the Tin Forest Puppet Show and Workshop offered by Puppetcraft of Totnes. Further information can be seen on the www.puppetcraft.co.uk website and the DAF website www.draytonartsfest.org.
2. There was one cancellation; that of Crissy Wylie's dance academy event, due to Crissy's dancers competition success requiring them to honour other commitments. However, Crissy offered to stage another event some time in the future, in Market Drayton, as a benefit for Drayton Arts Fest. Richard thanked Suzanne and the DAF team and wished them success for the festival.
3. The Calendar Competition had enjoyed success again this year. The 2018 Calendar was now available for sale at a price of £5.00. There was generous support from local businesses and townspeople, and Suzanne expressed the view that the project was unique in its scope.

38.17.3. Canal Towpath.

It was **noted** that :

1. Bridge 64. The two murals made by local schools and residents, in a project which is led by Suzanne Byrnes Antoney, are due to be installed in early November 2017 on a date to be confirmed.
2. Richard continued to work with the Canal and River Trust (CRT) on an Awards for All bid for £10,000, now submitted on 11 November 2017, which if successful, would fund four interpretation boards, three to be in Market Drayton and one at Tyrley Locks and associated further improvements
3. Arts and Heritage Trail. This project was presently at the discussion and planning stage and would be taken further forward in the light of progress with 1 and 2 above
4. The CRT was in discussion with Stoke Heath prison with a view to a working party being formed to clear the canal towpath. It was **agreed** that, in addition to this, **Richard** would raise the possibility of a litter pick to be arranged for the area between Bridge 64 and Tyrley. **Roy C.** offered to contact colleagues who may be willing to participate and Richard remarked that a list of volunteers would substantiate his proposal to the CRT.

38.17.4. Resilient Communities.

It was **noted** that ;

1. This initiative was led by the Community Enablement team at Shropshire Council to build positive communities by encouraging families and individuals to be independent, active and social within their local community while remaining healthy and safe for as long as possible. Many community-based professionals and voluntary organisations are working together to improve the use of our local health services.
2. The forthcoming Hodnet Festival of Health and Wellbeing, which was the first to take place in a Shropshire village rather than a town, will be opened by the High Sheriff of Shropshire and that plans for a local Resilient Communities hub are progressing well.

39.17. Any other business/news and views.

.It was **noted** that

1. There were no street signs to the Phoenix Centre; It was **agreed** that **Suzanne** would contact David Gradwell at Shropshire Council on this matter.

2. The white lines at the junction of Frogmore Road with Cheshire Street, by Prospect Road, were almost worn away and were consequently hazardous.

It was **agreed** that **Kate** would write to Victoria Doran at Shropshire Council, who oversees this matter, and that **Roy C.** would also contact Victoria on behalf of the Road Safety group, of which he is a member.

3. John Wilkinson, of the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP), has arranged a clean-up of Walkmill Meadow. **Eric** invited any MDCP members who were concerned about other neglected footpaths to contact him and he will pass this information on to the PPP.

4. Suzanne would contact Loggerheads Parish Council and Radio Shropshire to promote the DAF Tin Forest Puppet Show and Workshop. **Eric agreed** to put Suzanne in touch with the Men's Shed group with a view to the manufacture of some screens.

40.17 Date and time of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the MDCP would take place on Monday 15 January 2018 at Market Drayton Town Hall at 7.00 p.m.