

Market Drayton Community Partnership (MDCP)

Notes of the meeting held at Market Drayton Town Hall on Monday 9 April 2108.

Present: Richard Priestley (Chairman), Alistair Duncan (Vice Chairman), Roy Claydon, Eric Davis, Jane Hughes, Hamish Armytage, Nicola Fisher, Kate Woodward (Secretary)

Apologies: Davina Bridge (Treasurer), Suzanne Edwards, Steve Glover, Roger Hughes

7.18. Welcome.

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was **noted** that Roy Senior had decided to stand down from the MDCP.. This was accepted with thanks from Richard for Roy's commitment to the MDCP for a number of years.

8.18.. Notes of the MDCP meeting on 15 January 2018.

The notes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.

9.18. Matters arising.

- **4.18.1** It was **noted** that Roy had established a working group for the Market Drayton canal towpath and that the MDCP had been awarded an adoption certificate and registration form by the Canal and Rivers Trust. It was **noted** that the ongoing partnership with the CRT was proving to be very welcome to the volunteers who are working to improve the canal.

10.18. Financial report.

10.18.1 In Davina's absence, Richard presented the financial report. The opening and closing bank balances were **noted**, along with the balances by group and the Treasurers report..

The report and the income and expenditure figures for 2018 were **agreed**.

Jane queried the position with regard to the carrying over of £1000 relating to the Arts Festival spending for 2018; it was **agreed** that Jane will speak directly to Davina to resolve the matter and report at the next meeting.

10.18.2. It was **agreed** that:

- Davina should be thanked for her work in preparing the accounts and resulting report.
- the MDCP endorsed the Treasurer's report and that it was very helpful in clarifying the financial position at the start of the new financial year.
- all new projects or development of existing projects undertaken by the MDCP must have funding and support identified before they could proceed. It was **noted** that in previous years, the MDCP had been the recipient of monies from, amongst others, national government via Portas funding, and, more locally from Shropshire Housing, Market Drayton Town Council, Shropshire Council, the Jean Jackson Trust and other agencies, all of whom had been most generous.
- future sources of funding might include the Heritage Lottery Fund or Awards for All.

10.18.3. It was **agreed** that, for the next meeting, each member would speak briefly about ideas / contacts etc for potential sources of funding which they had identified for possible support for projects. If funding agencies were identified which might help fund a project not yet considered but still suitable for MDCP attention, then such details should be included in the ideas presented.

10.18.4. It was **noted** that a member of the DAF steering group had access to Grant Finder and has extensive experience in grant applications; it was **agreed** that Jane would invite this lady to our next meeting so that she might share her expertise and knowledge with us.

11.18. Work streams and developments.

11.18.1. Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan/ Canal Marina.

It was **noted** that a meeting would be held on 12 April 2018 by the Town Council steering group to approve the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and a further meeting would also take place with the parishes of Morton Say, Norton-in-Hales and Adderley after which Market Drayton Town

Council would meet to agree to formally submit the Plan to Shropshire Council for formal consultation and subject to progress, adoption by year end 2018 .

11.18.2 Children's Art Group. It was **noted** that two supervisory posts for the art project had been advertised but no applicants had been forthcoming. Jane and Suzanne have arranged to meet a member of staff from Shropshire Council who may advise on other ways of promoting the vacancies. Richard suggested that Jane should contact Suzanne Byrnes Antoney who might be able to offer support / information and advice Nicola suggested an activity for club members which could tie in with the Zone.

11.18.3. Incredible Edible Market Drayton

This item was deferred until the next MDCP meeting.

11.18.4. Drayton Arts Festival.

It was **noted** that:

- the dates for this year's festival would be Friday 26 October to Sunday 28 October.
- the programme was arranged and artists are booked.
- some funding was in place and that further fund raising was planned, which the steering group anticipates would amount to a budget of some £6600 and costs of some £ 4000 +
- A Summer Fair was planned for Saturday 23 June
- A dance festival was planned by Chrissie Wylie's dance group
- Stoke Male Voice Choir concert would be held at Festival Drayton
- A Craft Fair was in hand
- Further income was anticipated through small entry charges to some of the Festival events.
- Some events will be street-based and free of charge.

It was **agreed** that the DAF steering group were to be commended for their work.

11.18.5. MD Tourism and Visitors' Group:

It was **noted** that Roy had met with representatives of the CRT in February after which a working parties was formed. There was a core of six volunteers, with others as required and Roy wished to pay particular tribute to Terry O'Brien, past chairman of the Shropshire Union Canal Society, for his expertise and assistance. Three days of work -16, 23 March and 6 April- by the volunteers had been very productive and the area around the canal basin had been tidied up. Work had included:

- Benches between bridges 61 and 64 have being restored and weatherproofed
- The woodwork around the sanitary station had been treated
- Litter picking

It was **noted** that ;

- The CRT supplied all the necessary tools and wood preservatives, etc for this work and has asked that the volunteer workers should check on the area in the autumn to ensure that everything was in order for the winter, undertaking remedial work as necessary. It was **agreed** that this partnership with the CRT was a great development.
- The canal was featured as the starting point for the recent Peaky Pentathlon fund raising event shown by BBC Midlands Today and that the Market Drayton Town Crier had announced the start of the challenge.
- Two further canalside murals should be installed shortly to complement the two already in situ.
- The CRT was in the process of submitting an application on a joint CRT/ MDCP basis for £10,000 to the Heritage Lottery Fund to fund the next stages of development

11.18.6. Market Drayton Learning Partnership (MDLP)

It was **noted** that the most recent meeting of the MDLP was on 13 March. Davina attended and advised that points were as follows:

- The MDLP was planning some World War I commemorative work
- The Grove School had asked for details of the CRT /MDCP work and the Drayton Arts festival steering group.
- The School would be interested to know if MD had a Community Directory.

- Student ambassadors at The Grove wished to hear from anyone in the town who was involved in community projects.

It was agreed that Kate would provide Davina with names, contacts and the details of the website for the Shropshire Council Community Directory.

It was **agreed** that, as students and teachers of The Grove were interested to hear about plans and projects in the community, Davina would extend an invitation to a representative who would be welcome to attend MDCP meetings, should they wish to do so.

11.18.7. Resilient Communities

It was **noted** that:

- the group would next meet on 10 April to update on work including social prescribing, whereby health and welfare practitioners might advise patients to take part in some local activities to benefit both them selves and the community .
- Hodnet ran a small-scale Festival of Health, inspired by events at Festival Drayton.
- Funding of £2,000 had been granted by Shropshire Council to develop a Community Directory to facilitate Social Prescribing which it was hoped would be managed by the MD Good Neighbours scheme and will be paid into the MDCP account as the governance body concerned. It was **agreed** that a separate group heading within the accounts should be created for the MDCP to administer this.

12.18. Future policy/actions MDCP

It was **agreed** that this item should be deferred until the next meeting to be discussed in conjunction with **minutes 10.18.2 and 10.18.3** above.

13.18. Any other business/news

It was **noted** that visits to the MDCP websites as at 9 April 2018 were :

- Tourism and Visitor website **www.discovermarketdrayton.co.uk** - 554,388 visits
- Drayton Arts Festival **www.draytonartsfest.org** - 27,600 visits
- Market Drayton Community Partnership **www.mdcp.co.uk** - 30,991 visits

It was **agreed** that :

- the DAF steering group would review and consider updating the DAF website as discussed.
- the three websites would be considered for greater linkage

Eric gave an update on the Festival of Health and Wellbeing due to take place at Festival Drayton on 11 April 2018. This Festival, organised by Market Drayton Community Enterprise in association with North Salop Wheelers, has proved so successful since its inception that this year there will be two events, the second being planned for 10 October, with an event in July focussing on the dangers of cyber crime.

It was **agreed** that Eric and his colleagues should be congratulated on their endeavours.

14.18.Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the MDCP will be Monday 16 July 2018 at 7.00 pm.