

Marden Parish Council

New Community Facilities Working Group (NCFWG) Meeting on
Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 19.30 in the Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

Present: David Bennett (Chairman), Robin Brook, Arthur Fraser, Sandra Gladwyn, Chris Wathen and Dave Lloyd.

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies** – Paula Barrett. Mike Williams has left the group due to other commitments. Unsure about Jess Tidball and Allison Hutchinson – Alison to contact by phone and check situation, also try new email address for Jess.
2. **Update on discussion at the Parish Council** –
David explained that funding of £2,500 has been agreed. £500 aimed for legal opinion on exit from leases, £2,000 for salary, expense, room hire, print costs etc.
Noted that PC had asked the WG to look at other places within the parish that could be used.
Discussion about going to Herefordshire Council about leases and getting advice from solicitor who drew up leases. Main 2 issues are what is the actual release date and who pays any money if it is paid.
Agreed that Alison will get a 3rd quote from another specialist local authority independent solicitor, in time for next PC meeting. Group agreed that need independent legal advice and not go to Herefordshire Council until got advice. Will ask PC for resolution to use Clerk's devolved powers to raise a cheque and commission solicitor asap after PC meeting.
3. **Finalise questionnaire for community groups and agree distribution** –
Draft questionnaire considered and altered. Agreed Alison will now amend and send.
Send to all groups on village website, plus music group, Pilates leader and Keep Fit leader (all from N&V). Also the church.
4. **Next steps** –
Aim to get legal opinion by end of May. Questionnaires back by end of May.
Start of agenda for next meeting – group reaffirming whether need new facilities, so have group agreement.
5. **Open forum** –
No comments.
6. **Next meeting** – Wednesday 3 June at 7.30 pm. Cancel 13 and 27 May as need to have questionnaires and legal view back.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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