

## Marden Parish Council

New Community Facilities Working Group (NCFWG) Meeting  
for the New Community Centre  
on Thursday 7 July at 19.00 in the Community Centre

### **Notes of the Meeting**

**Present:** David Bennett (Chairman), Sandra Gladwyn, Dave Lloyd, Geoff Nash, Arthur Fraser, Paula Barratt, Robin Brook, Chris Wathen and Jess Tidball.

**In attendance:** Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk and Paul Neep from Architype

1. **Apologies** – Angela Sasso and Stefka Glavcheva.
2. **Open Forum** – None.
3. **Results so far and preliminary analysis of event and questionnaire** –  
Agreed end date of Friday 15 July for forms to be inputted and analysed. Alison will collect final forms on Saturday. Alison print extra forms for Robin and Geoff and deliver tomorrow.  
177 returns so far, 30.4% response rate. Preliminary analysis and results in report were considered – support for new community centre, seen as important; 22% of returns never use current centre; 35% of returns live in wider parish.
4. **Results of Architype display and consultation**  
Paul brought preliminary results, good feedback and data on various options. Further work needed now to refine options but need data from questionnaire to base work on.
5. **Next steps** –  
Agreed to take pause in project over holiday period – allow time for analysis and review of results; develop short list of realistic options (new build/phased new build/redevelop current); present costed options with identified funding strategy and impact on precept to PC at additional meeting late September, open meeting with parishioners and PC guiding future direction of group and PC agree budget to develop option(s) selected.  
Discussion about staying in current facility – safeguarding issue to be discussed with Head of Academy and possible option for redevelopment. Need to ensure if an option that it fits with parish needs.  
Winner of prize draw identified. Alison to take voucher and bottle to house.
6. **Report to PC** –  
Agreed report would give headline from preliminary results and analysis, discuss pause in project and extra meeting to have consultation with PC.
7. **News and Views copy for September** –  
Copy date early, 14 August – David and Robin.
8. **Next meetings** – Thursday 18 August at 7.00 pm in Community Centre.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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