

## Marden Parish Council

New Community Facilities Working Group (NCFWG) Meeting  
for the New Community Centre  
on Monday 17 November at 19.00 in the Community Centre

### **Notes of the Meeting**

**Present:** David Bennett (Chairman), Sandra Gladwyn, Dave Lloyd, Geoff Nash, Arthur Fraser and Chris Wathen.

**In attendance:** Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk and Cllr Jenny Larkham; and 1 member of public

1. **Apologies** – Jess Tidball, Paula Barratt, Robin Brook, Angela Sasso and Stefka Glavcheva.
2. **Open Forum** –  
Question asked about what happens if interest rates go up – loan rate will be fixed for length of loan; hoping that will get lottery grant so loan will be smaller; want to integrate community and provide better life for older people and youth who need activities and venue to meet; will be contacting people who have offered support through previous consultations.  
Issue of changes to presentation given to parish council – David explained that issue of Pre-school expanding followed discussions with Paula and Maggi re new government requirements from September 2017. Agreed to let group members know by email if things changed on a presentation another time.
3. **Requirements for new lottery application – what the refusal letter said**  
Refusal letter discussed. Main points: not enough evidence of need – partly addressed by doing questionnaire earlier in year but need extra data on needs of specific groups, young people and elderly/vulnerable parishioners; need to show community driven not committee led – commitment from community in fund raising, setting up new activities/groups etc.
4. **Consultation with youth and older people – dates and facilitators** –  
Youth consultation agreed for Saturday 21 January at 3.00 pm; Jenny work with Paula and Jess to run focus group to get information. Alison copy flyer to go out via Pre-school, academy, brownies, guides and any other youth groups, plus contacts with families within parish.  
Older parishioners consultation agreed for Tuesday 14 February at 2.00 pm; Sandra run focus group with help from others within the group. Alison copy flyer to go out via groups and contact with parishioners.
5. **Work of NCFWG and new MVT committee** –  
Agreed that not an integration of the 2 groups but vital that work together to deal with issue of Pre-school expansion and to take project forward. Work together to share ideas both ways, to make sure NCF progress the project in line with how new MVT committee see future for community facilities.
6. **Fund raising – donations raised so far, date for specific meeting, facilitator**  
Donations from MACS Bags gratefully received and thanks to the group noted. Fundraising meeting agreed for Wednesday 18 January at 7.00 pm; Angela work with Chris and Sandra, Alison invite everyone who previously put name down to help with fundraising.
7. **Next steps** -  
David and Alison start drafting new lottery bid once data available from meetings and ready for next meeting.
8. **News and Views copy for December/January copy date (20.11.16)** –  
Draft copy discussed and amended. Alison to submit.
9. **Next meeting** – Thursday 23 February 2017 at 7.30 pm in Community Centre.