

Marden Parish Council

New Community Facilities Working Group (NCFWG) Meeting
for the New Community Centre
on Thursday 25 January at 19.30 in Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

Present: David Bennett (Chairman), Paula Barrett, Robin Brook, Chris Wathen, Angela Sasso and Dave Lloyd.

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk.

- 1. Apologies** – Sandra Gladwyn, Jenny Larkham and Jess Tidball.
- 2. Open Forum** – Donation of £78 from MACS noted. Alison to send letter to Sue Price.
- 3. Report/feedback from Marden Village Trust on results of its questionnaire** – 11% return analysed. Full analysis will go on parish website. 64% of respondents concerned about idea of giving Pre-school notice to leave – recognised as important asset for sustainable community and risk that short-fall from Pre-school stopping renting from MVT could not be made up, even with new activities. Therefore, Trustees agreed:
 - To continue, on a rolling basis, to offer the Community Centre for rent to the Pre-school.
 - That, notwithstanding some of the comments submitted, the Preschool is not a private company. It is a registered charity and only the employees are paid. By September, when the current rental agreement with the Pre-school trustees ends, the Village Trust will have endeavoured to re-negotiate with the Pre-school Trustees the best possible rates for a new agreement.
 - A high quality Pre-school, which we are fortunate to have, must have the children's work displayed and a comprehensive range of play equipment and learning aids available. It is unfortunate that when the facility was built, insufficient storage space allowed for. It is not possible for the Pre-school staff to clear the walls of the artwork and posters and put all the necessary equipment away each night and get it out again each morning.
 - The Village Trust and the Pre-school Trustees will continue to seek ways of minimising the impact of the Preschool on other users of the facility.
 - The Village Trust believes that there should be a greater sharing and working together of all key players to resolve quickly now the issues relating to ensuring Marden has community facilities to meet both existing and future needs.
 - The Village Trust therefore suggests that the Parish Council; (which should be taking the initiative on improving the life and wellbeing of its parishioners) leads a time limited group consisting of all organisations and people, including the Church, the Village Trust, the village pubs, the Chapel, the Preschool Trustees and the Academy and those with a philanthropic intention, across the Parish that can contribute to such a solution.
- 4. Discussion on way forward and recommendation to PC** – Agreed need to use reconfigured Community Facilities Group as multi-group vehicle to take forward ideas, plans and work, involving all assets in parish that want to be involved, facilitated by PC. Aim for 12-15 members from PC, PCC, MVT, parishioners and other assets/organisations. Suggested Group make-up as follows:
 - PC x3 – David Bennett, Paula Barrett, Jenny Larkham – Sandra Gladwyn when able to attend
 - PCC x3 – Dave Lloyd, Dave Evans, Dave Tidball
 - MVT x3 – Robin Brook, Len Day, Chris Wathen
 - Parishioners x3 – Angela Sasso, +2
 - MRGT – Alison ask if Rob or Steve able to join Group – can then have discussion with current Group member
 - Marden Chapel – Alison ask – can then have discussion with current Group memberAs Amberley Arms and The Volunteer both commercial enterprises not community assets and as both have planning applications in process or about to be, not suitable to have discussions with them at present.

PCC already getting quotes for flooring, removing pews, lighting, heating, hearing loops.
Suggestion – new Communications Board by door of academy.

5. **Review of Terms of Reference for Group and recommendation to PC** – TOR reviewed and amended. Alison to draft and send for Group to check. David to put proposal for adoption to PC meeting 12 February.
6. **Next steps** – Start process by: Alison contacting MRGT, ask them to speak to Daves; Alison contact Marden Chapel, ask to speak to David if wish to be part of group.
Time constrained 1st phase with aim of completion by end of July 2018 – once assets to be considered agreed with relevant group, analysing potential facilities, looking at activities and developing a draft plan. This would then be reviewed along with proposals for the next phase with each of the major groups prior to proceeding.
7. **News and Views copy for March (copy date 20.2.18)** – Alison and David draft based on informal discussions with interested parties. Youth Club dates.
8. **Next meeting** – Thursday 22 February at 7.30 pm in Community Centre.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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