

## 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** – Jess Tidball.

2. **Update on discussion at the Parish Council** –

David reported what happened at last PC meeting – discussion and recommendation from NCFWG for independent advice was considered, voted on and agreed. Suggestion made that evening for Alison to contact Herefordshire Council off the record. After discussion with David, Alison spoke to Tony Featherstone, Head of Asset Management, who will try and give off record advice, though he said if there is a conflict of interest then he will not be able to say much/anything. Alison will follow up end of next week to see what he has found out.

Also local parishioner phoned and emailed Alison – offered to look at leases, rather than group going to a solicitor that will cost money. Alison to email and ask what her terms are and that we will wait to see what we get back from HC before talking to her again.

Situation with regard to New House Farm application discussed. It appears that best the parish will be given is a piece of land, though offer of building as well as land seemed to have been made at previous meeting. Only land is in draft Heads of Terms document with planning application. Response from PC to application has asked for S106 money to be put towards a building rather than sports facilities, but no idea what amount might be if agreed. Agreed that this group needs to continue looking at what facility is wanted and how to pay for it. Options are possible and PC still trying to get best deal out of S106.

3. **Results of questionnaire for community groups** –

Spreadsheet of results considered. Mostly backs up previous questionnaire about need for separate community room so can be used during the day and not shared with pre-school. Other points – storage wanted, café and internet access seem to be popular as extra points in any new build. Some points made about cleanliness etc that need to be passed on to Village Trust Facilities Committee. Alison to add details from church and badminton club to spreadsheet and then circulate to WG and Mike Williams for the Village Trust Facilities Committee.

Alison to contact Claire Parker from Kirkwells and ask if she has any suggestions for parishes that have halls/community centres, that are of similar rurality and population, that the group can contact about their facilities.

4. **Next steps** –

Wait for feedback off the record from HC and see what happens with the 2 big planning applications.

5. **Open forum** –

No comments.

6. **Next meeting** – Wednesday 8 July at 7.30 pm.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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