

# Marden Parish Council

New Community Facilities Working Group (NCFWG) Meeting for the New Community Centre  
on Thursday 2 March at 19.30 in the Community Centre

## Notes of the Meeting

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Jenny Larkham; and 1 member of the public.

**1. Apologies** – Jess Tidball, Robin Brook and Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk

**2. Open Forum** –

An alternative building proposal was put forward with the intent of significantly reducing the overall project costs.

Agreed that Mike Wingfield should be invited to the next meeting where building type and construction are discussed, preferably when Architype are available.

**3. Feedback from Fundraising Meeting and future actions** –

The notes of the last sub group meeting were noted and the key points discussed. As land has not been gifted yet it was recognised that fundraising in the near term would be difficult. It was agreed that the fundraising sub group should develop a calendar of events for the year and present their proposal at the next full meeting of the NCFWG. It was noted that all donations made by individuals should be held in the Parish Council bank account and a register of amounts and individuals held so that donations could be returned if the project did not go ahead. Non-specific fundraising events should be described as “Fundraising for the New Community Facilities Project” and be hosted by the Marden Village Trust.

Agreed that David would seek to gain Marden Village Trust approval to host fundraising events and hold monies collected in the Trust bank account. All fundraising activities would be coordinated and managed by the NCFWG

It was further agreed that the possibility of setting up a separate charity should be looked at prior to the next meeting.

**4. Feedback From Youth Consultation questionnaire and future actions** –

The results of the questionnaire were noted. Thanks were given to Paula and Jess for the work in obtaining so many responses. While there were many activities suggested, a number could be actioned now. The top activity requested of a youth club will be progressed as a priority. It was noted that there are activities that will start in the near future – Youth Football Coaching, Children's Fitness Classes and hopefully Youth Tennis Coaching. It was felt it was important to build on these activities with the following actions:

- David to inform the Marden Village Trust of the desire to initiate a Youth Club in the near future.
- Jenny to work with Alison to contact all those who expressed interest in helping and supporting youth activities.
- A sub group meeting will then be arranged with the aim of enlisting volunteer help to organise and run specific clubs.

**5. Feedback from Older Parishioners Meeting and future actions** –

The report was noted. Some very good ideas identified that need to be evaluated and progressed both now as part of the current community centre and later as part of the new facilities. Sandra indicated that she would be unable to continue to lead this sub group but would continue to help and support whoever takes on the role. Action agreed as following:

- David to find a new lead for (Note: post meeting Robin Brook offered to take on this role supported by Sandra).

**6. The Great Get Together 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June** –

It was noted that this proposed activity coincides with the Church Summer fete and may be an ideal time to incorporate something specific to meet the requirements of The Great Get Together. Action agreed as following:

- Angela will include this in the next Fundraising sub group meeting.

**7. Next steps –**

- David, Paula and Chris to take specific items to the next MVT Trustee meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- Sub Groups to further develop plans to implement activities in current facilities.
- David & Alison to develop a plan to access other major funders e.g. Tarmac.
- David & Alison to review the impact of the Lottery funding changes and propose a revised strategy.
- Noted that Geoff Nash has left the NCF group.

**8. News and Views copy for April copy date (20.03.17) –**

David to prepare.

**9. Next meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30 pm in Community Centre**

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