

# Marden Parish Council

New Community Facilities Working Group (NCF) and Marden Village Trust (MVT)  
Joint Meeting with Lynda Wilcox  
on Thursday 13 July at 19.00 in Marden Church Room

## Notes of the Meeting

**In attendance:** Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk; Lynda Wilcox, CEO Herefordshire Association of Local Councils; and 1 member of public

1. **Apologies** – Dave Lloyd, Jess Tidball, Wendy Steadman, Veronica Wright, Len Day.
2. **Introductions and representations** – David Bennett (Parish Cllr, Chair of NCF, Treasurer MVT – Trusteeship takes precedence at this meeting); Angela Sasso (Parishioner NCF member); Robin Brook (Parish Cllr, PC NCF member, Chair MVT – Trusteeship takes precedence at this meeting); Sandra Gladwyn (Parish Cllr, PC NCF member); Paula Barrett (Parishioner NCF member, Manager of Pre-school, member MVT – Trusteeship takes precedence at this meeting); Dan Stretton (Member MVT, School Governor – Trusteeship takes precedence at this meeting); Chris Wathen (Parishioner NCF member, Lettings Secretary MVT – not a trustee); Jenny Larkham (Parish Cllr, PC NCF member).
3. **Public Forum** – None.
4. **Lynda's response to the brief** –
  - David set scene, NCF set up by PC when potential gifting of land from New House Farm offered; needs of parish being investigated by NCF; aim to set up new activities/groups but Community Centre (CC) use now such that difficulty finding slots for new things
  - As Custodian Trustee PC not involved in day-to-day management
  - PC needs minute that long-term aim to provide new facility when land available and funds arranged – minuted earlier when hybrid option agreed by PC – can be minuted again now
  - PC could purchase unit for use by Pre-school and keep ownership; stand-alone demountable unit, not fixed to school building; Pre-school rent unit direct from PC, not through MVT
  - MVT can apply to PC for grant to tide over until can replace revenue lost from Pre-school hire with new hirings
  - PC no role in situation with current CC, MVT stands alone, PC not liable for dealing with issues of access/safeguarding/availability etc of current CC, solely responsibility of MVT and Academy who need to work together
  - MVT cannot wind up charity and transfer leases to PC; if MVT wound up, building/lease would revert to Charity Commission
  - MVT may or may not be able to give funds to PC if terminate lease, no guarantee that could do so
  - If Academy closes and MVT terminates lease on CC, Herefordshire Council will own building and can do what want with it, including selling site
  - Lynda will not support PC application for Public Works Loan to extend current CC or address safeguarding issues
  - PC can claim VAT back on all direct purchases made with funds directly given to PC (loan or donations) but not for funds raised and banked by MVT and then donated to PC
  - PC needs minute that all fundraising at events run by NCF Fundraising Group will be for new build; donors will be noted where identifiable, non-identifiable funds raised eg. by raffle will be noted as general donation from specific event.
  - PC already raised precept to service £300k PWL, so if only around £110k loan required for unit for Pre-school, keep precept at current level and build reserves as deposit towards new build when can finally do it.
5. **NCF Group next steps** –
  - Long-term vision is new building for CC
  - PC needs to talk to Pre-school re a new unit
  - PC and MVT need to continue to meet regularly
  - MVT needs to consider impact and look at what needs if Pre-school moves to PC unit
  - Agreed Alison will contact Prices to see if any possibility of land for Pre-school unit directly by hedge of Academy
  - Agreed Paula will speak to Maggi

**6. Next meeting – Thursday 24 August 2017 at 7.30 pm in Community Centre**

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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