

Marden Parish Council

Community Facilities Working Group (CFWG) Meeting
on Thursday 28 February 2019

Notes of the Meeting

Present: David Bennett (Chairman and PC), Chris Wathen (Parishioner), Jill Brooks (Marden Chapel), Robin Brook (MVT), Dave Lloyd (PCC), Paula Barrett (Pre-school) and Kate Ryan (PC).

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk.

- 1. Apologies** – Jenny Larkham (PC), Jess and Dave Tidball (Marden Church), Angela Sasso (Parishioner) and Steve Miles (MRGT).
- 2. Open Forum** – None.
- 3. Proposals for NHF to date** – Work done with Architype in 2016 resulted in hybrid option being recommended and agreed by parish council. New build community centre of 262m², 2 community rooms that can be opened up to make one the size of the hall, kitchen, storage, toilets, lobby – this is the base design that can be extended at later date. And keep current community centre and shared use of sports hall. Demountable building for pre-school sited on academy land also considered and consulted on in last couple of year.
Recent suggestion by MVT of new build sports hall on NHF land also considered.
- 4. Way forward for NHF land** – Agreed by all attending tonight that:
 - Do nothing option not an option, something must be done based on additional need from NHF and other new development
 - Hybrid option should be recommended to parish council for taking forward
 - Funding options currently – £300,000 Public Works Loan (allowance for repayment in precept already), £40k in parish council reserves by April 2020 and £50k+ from lottery and other smaller grants
 - Total all-in budget for project of £400k – base case budget only
 - Discussion needed with Herefordshire, MVT, Pre-school trustees, Academy and Ward Councillor about any possible clawback, to see if can increase budget for potential new build expansion.
- 5. Way forward for current facilities** –
Marden Church – preparing faculty to remove pews from chancel, once chancel roof repaired in autumn; small fund for heating, lighting and sound system improvements; small meeting room in bell tower as well as St Ethelbert's room.
Marden Chapel – redecoration, heating and wiring update all completed; heating either on or off, no thermostat.
MVT – new sliding acoustic wall at Easter; windows and door shortly; kitchen redo in summer; corridor redecoration and flooring October half-term.
MRGT – new MUGA (multi-use games area) to replace one existing tennis court, marked for tennis and football and with basketball hoops; minor improvements to second tennis court.
- 6. Work plan for work in 2019** –
Seek parish council approval for strategy and plan to move forward.
Once approved, agree work plan at next CF meeting – need indicative sketch plan and idea of what possible for £400k for next meeting.
Clerk: contact Architype to get views on whether can design to keep hybrid option footprint of 262m² with £400k all-in budget. Ask what parish can do to reduce cost and check if cost now to give a basic sketch and plan; chase Yvonne Coleman re meeting about if clawback can be done without impact on Academy and Pre-school.
Parish council strategy document – work towards new build, getting costing and funding options.
- 7. Next meeting** – Thursday 28 March at 19.30 – to be confirmed.

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