

Marden Parish Council

Community Facilities Working Group (CFWG) Meeting
on Tuesday 29 September 2020 by Zoom

Notes of the Meeting

Present: David Bennett (Chairman and PC), Angela Sasso (Parishioner), Dave Tidball (Marden Church), Jess Tidball (Parishioner and delegated as on behalf of MVT) and Kate Ryan (PC). Robin Brook (MVT) after meeting finished.

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies** – Paula Barrett (Pre-school), Chris Wathen (Parishioner), Dave Lloyd (Marden Church), Robin Brook and Len Day (MVT), Steve Miles (MRGT).
2. **Update on current position – planning application and funding**
 - Application awaiting approval with conditions to allow work up to ground level before must agree drainage (to allow time for phosphate issue to be addressed), same position for housing development application
 - Waiting for legal to finalise S106 agreement for housing development
 - Hope to get land at earliest opportunity
 - Funding – need to get approval from community for next tranche of fees (approx. £80k) to get to tender and loan application stage and for taking out loan
 - Ballpark figure for extended footprint and eco features is £540k to include all fees (approx. £100k), design, tender and build
 - Fees - £20k to oversee build, £80k to get to tender and loan application, build cost £440k approx.
 - Could need to draw down on loan late 2021, if approval this year
3. **Responses from organisations to statement sent at request of MVT Chair for clarification on management of community facilities in future**

Draft paper considered at length. For project to proceed need PC and MVT working together to get community support. Agreed that need MVT Trustees on CFG with authority to discuss. Then items go to MVT and PC for sign-off.
4. **Suggested response**

Agreed to amend final paragraph to reflect PC and MVT taking project forward together and use only this paragraph.

Proposed Way forward for Marden Parish Council and Marden Village Trust:

 1. Continue with the work of the CFG (Parish Council Community Facilities Group which includes members from MVT so the Trust is always part of the discussions, along with members from Marden Recreation Ground Trust, the Church, the Pre-school, parishioners and until recently, Marden Chapel).
 2. Prepare a Community Consultation document to go to all properties, from the PC – to gain approval for the next tranche of spending and the Public Works Loan required to undertake the new build. This will need to be undertaken as soon as planning approval is given.
 3. CFG to work with architects to write tenders for the build and advise the PC.
 4. CFG to work up applications for a Public Works Loan and grants and advise the PC, so that these can be applied for once the land is formally given to the community.
 5. MVT, following discussion with the Charity Commission, to decide on its future course and actions regarding the new community centre. If MVT decides to change to a CIO, then it undertakes work to change its constitution to allow the move to a CIO, including gaining support of the community for such a change.
 6. PC formally offer a lease for new building to MVT, or its successor once building has commenced. If MVT or its successor take up the lease, time is available to allow the Trust to apply for grants to help run new building alongside current facilities for first few years.
5. **Community consultation of project now**

HALC advice –

 - Business case/details of project (extended footprint, eco features and why) to every house, to gain approval for PC to spend next tranche of funding to get project to tender and loan application stage and to take out PWL of £500k
 - Explain that approval for increase in precept to repay a £300k PWL given by community in 2016
 - Now need approval for increase in precept to repay increased loan of £500k in total (not 2 loans) due to increased size and eco features etc
 - Offer Zoom meeting to answer questions
 - State that nil return will be taken as support

Needs to be business case from PC and MVT
Business case document for agreement at November PC and MVT meeting

6. Next steps –

- Draft business case, PC with support of MVT – that one organisation runs current and new facility
- PC applies for loan and builds
- MVT takes steps it needs to move to CIO with community support and agreement.

7. Next meeting – When draft business case ready for discussion before November PC meeting.

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