



## **Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting**

7pm Tuesday 7th May 2024

Hub Room

### **Summary Notes**

1. Present - Kate Ryan, David Bennett, Lesley Hayward, Lorna Wathen, Mike Blake
2. Apologies – none received
3. **Hub Update**
  - a. Feedback from Volunteers – all going well, welcomed a new volunteer who has joined. Discussion re refurbishment and upgrade to the old kitchen area with remaining cupboards - ask Mrs Skyrme if we/she could remove the old ramps. Provide a list of the volunteers and their contact numbers available in hub. Discussion re forward planning, how we want to develop/evolve the hub, need to formalise, and articulate for discussion with MVT for incorporation into lease if/when move to new parish hall. Repair/replace the faulty door lock on toilet (next repair café)
  - b. Finances –the group considered taking over payment of utilities from donations received. This will be put as a proposal to the next ordinary Parish Council meeting.
  - c. Volunteer rota for May/June – slots to cover – All May dates covered, June to be put out on Whatsapp
  - d. Sewing workshops – still going on an Ad Hoc basis, Lesley planning to pause and re-offer later in the year
  - e. Review of updated procedures for opening and closing – working well, no further issues reported
  - f. Discussion for any items to purchase from donations – nothing needed at present.
4. **Repair Café Update**
  - a. Feedback from volunteers – the PAT testing pre repair is still not working very well. Reiterate that as previously discussed the PAT team are to concentrate on testing of items and pass on to repairers for diagnosis, examination, repair. Reminder that ideally items should be repaired at the hub during RC sessions and not taken home by repairers. Kate to discuss with Insurers re if work at home would be covered by RC policy, feedback response to next meeting.
  - b. July date (same as summer feté) – decision to continue with both as planned, not all RC volunteers are involved with Fete, we will



monitor bookings and cap the numbers if felt necessary.  
Important to cement the fixed and recurring date of RC

- c. Workshop/Shed/tool library – plans continue, decision with final costs to be discussed at next PC meeting.
- d. Review of updated booking in processes – much smoother process, does ideally need 2 people at front of house.
- e. Repair tools – items needed to purchase – nothing needed at present

#### **5. Community Garden Update**

- a. Fence progress - boundary ownership now established and able to proceed, fence to neighbour completed (no cost to PC or HUB), pedestrian and vehicular access gates between corner of building and existing still to complete.
- b. Workshop/shed - final approval from PC to be sought at next meeting
- c. The 'big help out' 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June. Building of raised beds, moving soil weeding, planting. Etc - Main dates for weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> but volunteers still welcomed to attend on week days 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>(or any other times)
- d. August open garden – still planning to make community garden available to visit, will be a 'work in progress'.

#### **6. Date & time of next meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (focus on garden and BHO)**