



Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting

7pm Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Hub Room

Agenda

1. Present -, Lorna Wathen, Mike Blake, David Bennett, Kate Ryan
2. Apologies – Lesley Hayward, Maggie Hopkins
3. **Hub Update**
 - a) Feedback from/to Volunteers
Please could everyone empty the kitchen flip top bin each Friday – you can put it in the waste bin by the phone box if you'd rather not take it home.
 - b) Volunteer rota for September - all covered apart from 25th Lorna and David can possibly do if not, volunteers on previous week let attendees know that we will close for that day
 - c) Discussion for any items to purchase from donations - cake forks, - Kate will buy/donate
 - d) Future plans for Hub – discussion all would like to continue long term, feedback from attendees is very positive. Pretty static attendance, not many new faces. Agreed that recruitment drive needs to be low key and staggered as we are limited by space. aspiration to open for a third weekly session when volunteer numbers allows. Likely to need current hub room for at least another 12m – 18m. Would like to renew lease when current up for renewal, MVT will need to use the hub space when community centre at academy needs to close.
 - e) Heartstart training – They have still not confirmed the session booked for 21st Sept. Will book another date for Oct/Nov.
 - f) Winter Warmer – Popular with attendees, acknowledge it is significant workload for the soup makers. Restart December 4th until Feb 28th
 - g) Proposal to produce a service user questionnaire to check we are offering what attendees want. Discussion to adapt first draft questionnaire to include much wider audience. This will inform how we develop in the longer term. Questionnaire to be sent to all households in the parish. Kate to circulate first draft to volunteers for comment/suggestions. Aim to keep to 2 A4 sides approx. 10 questions. Kate will collate responses and bring to next working group meeting.
 - h) Age UK - digital inclusion. Art Shrimpton called in to offer his services for a workshop session. Feedback was very positive. Kate to book him to come back in future. Better for second half of



session when everyone is settled. Kate/Lorna to book him to come.

- i) Christmas special on 7th December for hub attendees – discussion re volunteer thank you evening. Possibly have at a venue, possibly have less formal serve yourself buffet proposed date 14th December (Kate to check with Chris Wathen)
- j) Christmas closed dates – Last session before Christmas on 20th – re-open on Friday 3rd

4. Repair Café Update

- a) Feedback from volunteers – All going well, everyone really enjoys the sessions. New cafe volunteer, allows Lorna and Kate to concentrate more on organisation, throughput and record keeping. 20 repair slots seems to be about right
- b) Workshop/Shed/tool library – Keen to progress, Kate to find prices for shelving for storage container to take to PC meeting for proposal to purchase. Then need to catalogue stock
- c) Repair tools – items needed to purchase? Electrical screwdrivers, Eddison and bayonet lightbulbs, spanner set, socket set, kate ask PC clerk to purchase from RC donations. Bike repair stand Kate to price up – for next WG meeting.
- d) Events pro licence for online booking to pay from RC donations

5. Community Garden

- a) Offer of Greenhouse – Decided not to accept the kind offer from the people at the Aird. Kate will let them know
- b) Feedback from meeting with local businesses – very positive meeting. One organisation will almost certainly help with a number of projects - they will come back to us with a definite plan shortly.
- c) Garden Benches – Proposal to ask PC to fund 4 x 3 seater Winawood benches in duck egg green c £350 each
- d) Date for next volunteer day - weekend of 5th/6th October. Kate to make advert posters, Kate will post up with agendas , Ask Angela and Chris to post on community FB groups, Kate to post on PC FB group.

6. Website - Webpage now live – Kate/David will load info (History, Design Evolution only for now, more information once tender selection has happened

7. Welcome to Marden – Parish Guide (Printed and digital) Need to have ready for when new house farm development is occupied - keep with the A5 format, good quality professionally printed, glossy with photos.



Kate, David, Lesley, Lorna to meet to discuss and formulate plan/process etc.

8. Date & time of next meeting - 5th November 2024 7pm