



Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting

7pm Tuesday 5th November 2024

Hub Room

Summary Notes

1. Present Mike Blake, Lesley Hayward, Lorna Wathen, David Bennett, Kate Ryan
2. Apologies – none received
3. **Hub Update**
 - a. Feedback from Volunteers – No specific comments from volunteers. Concern discussed re numbers of volunteers low for December for unavoidable reasons and need to scale back plans for cakes, soups, events to mitigate
 - b. Finances – healthy donations and cash balances – winter warmer soup makers will be reimbursed for cost of soup, bread and butter £10 per week – to be reviewed and adjusted if not sufficient
 - c. Volunteer rota for Dec – Winter warmer each weds, 1 soup flavour and 1 cake choice
 - d. Discussion for any items to purchase from donations - Double hotplate to warm soup. Approx. £30 raise with PC at next meeting for approval. Raffle books
 - e. Heartstart 16th 10-12 at the academy main hall 10 places booked so far
 - f. Christmas theme day – Friday 6th December ask PC to approve £30 to be taken from Marden Links donations
4. **Repair Café Update**
 - a. Feedback from volunteers – all content, successful repair days, generating good levels of donations, feedback from customers very positive, enjoyed by all.
 - b. Workshop/Shed/tool library – shelving brackets arrived, shelf planks needed
 - c. Repair tools – items needed to purchase? Variable voltage adapters/mains lead to test items £17.50
 - d. Volunteer availability for Dec full team of volunteers and PAT testers available, (Margaret and Peter need to leave at 12)
5. **Community Garden**



- a. Lines for marking paths – Local business will undertake the hard landscaping for paths, Greenhouse base, wildlife pond, barbecue. Date to be confirmed but within the next couple of weeks. Hedging plants offered by BBLP and accepted
- b. Security Cameras for rear to purchase – proposal to buy 2 x security cameras from Hub donations (battery/solar/store to SD card/cloud) Landlord will joint fund 50% approx. £100
- c. Water feature – Local business approached to fund,
- d. Pond – local business will dig out, liner and other sundries to be purchased plants ready to go in
- e. Rubbish bin proposed for garden, HC asked if an additional bin can be added.

6. Website -

- a. Q&A page - questions asked by parishioners to Councillors have been collated and will be posted on the Marden Links website any new questions posed can be added in future.
- b. New page to be added to Parish Hall tab detailing the timeline of developments as they happen, (once tender process is completed)
- c.

7. Welcome to Marden – Parish Guide (Printed and digital) work started to update the current contacts on the Marden Links pages. This will replace the previous printed community Guide, Noted that clubs and society contacts are extensively listed in both N&V and on the community website in detail and printed copies go out of date very quickly, website can be updated much more easily The new Parish guide will be an introduction to the parish to newcomers, and showcase services and contacts but not clubs and societies. Lesley, David and Kate to work together to develop

8. Date & time of next meeting 7th January 2025 7pm