



Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting
7pm Tuesday 7th January 2025

Summary Notes

1. Present:- David Bennett, Mike Blake Lesley Hayward, Kate Ryan, Lorna Wathen,
2. Apologies Jan Cross, Maggie Hopkins
3. **Hub Update**
 - a. Feedback from Volunteers - everyone happy, no issues. We've missed Lesley and pleased she will be back in Feb. We could benefit from a couple more volunteers – add call for volunteers to N&V's Feb edition
 - b. Finances – donations remain healthy, we have items we might like to purchase from donations, list below
 - c. Volunteer rota for Feb – all sessions covered
 - d. Discussion for any items to purchase from donations portable Infra red heaters x 2, security cameras for rear of building
 - e. Longer term plans for Hub in new parish hall (vision, hours, plans etc. The aim for the hub in the new building is hoped to have increased opening hours with the lobby café area open for parishioners to drop in for company, support, IT access advice ie talk community. Possibility of 3rd party use, social prescribing, outreach from local healthcare providers. Potentially Including some evenings. This is currently ideas/aspiration stage and developments would need discussion with and agreement of the newly formed MPT.
4. **Repair Café Update**
 - a. Feedback from volunteers – all happy, we are now part of a countywide Repair café group and are exploring to possibility of shared services ie insurance cover, cross cover with volunteers with specialist skills , advertising etc.
 - b. Workshop/Shed/tool library – need shelving in container for tool store/library
 - c. Repair tools – shelves (scaffolding planks) metal sharpening files, ironing board, iron, anglepoise lamp,
5. **Community Garden**



The hard landscaping done for us by S&A estates team has made a terrific difference and our thanks to them for their help.

- a. Dates for next working group? Our next volunteer weekend is planned for 15th & 16th of Feb 10-3pm advert has gone out on social media and in N&V's
- b. Security Cameras for rear to purchase – eufy security camera with local storage of images , no subscription proposed - joint funded by Streets hairdresser – thanks to Sarah.
- c. Water feature/barbecue/greenhouse/pond – request to PC at the next meeting to purchase from the allocated budget
- d. Fencing and gates - measured up and a list to PC for next meeting to buy from allocated budget

6. Website -

- a. All amendments to website now live – we can add information and updates as they happen. Once the contracts are signed with an approved developer we will be able to upload lots of info.

7. Welcome to Marden – Parish Guide (Printed and digital)

- a) Updates in progress to groups listed on website
- b) Meeting with those interested to progress the welcome to Marden guide yet to be fixed (Kate, Lesley, David)

8. Date & time of next meeting 11th March 2025 7pm at the Hub