



Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting

7pm 11th April 2023 , Hub Room

Summary Notes and Action List

1. Present
Lorna Wathen, Kate Ryan, David Bennett, Chris Morgan, Mike Blake
2. Apologies – none received
3. Feedback from volunteers – none received
4. Repair Café – we have been successful in our grant application to start a Repair café in Marden. We have £1,937.00 (for folding workbenches, PAT testing equipment and training for 2 persons, a benchtop tool sharpening/grinder, tools, advertising, insurance and membership of the Repair Café organisation). We plan to have our first session on 3rd June 2023 10am - 2pm in the hub.
 - We need volunteers for Front of house, café, repairers, and floor walkers (questions, safety etc).
 - Three types of PAT training, 2 day course with exam City and Guilds qualification, mid-level full day course, and 1-2 hour online course (Dinedor RC have done this level). Decision for one person to do the full day and act as support for others who do the online short course most effective and best use of grant money
5. The 'Big Help Out' May 8th 2023 <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>
(What is The Big Help Out?
 - *A celebration of volunteering in the coronation year*
 - *A national campaign highlighting the importance and benefits of volunteering*
 - *An opportunity to drive potential new volunteers to you and to promote your volunteering offer to them).*We plan to open the hub between 2-4pm and produce visual displays showcasing the volunteering opportunities available within the parish to encourage sign-up from new volunteers. *(EG hub, repair café, community garden, litter pick, footpath maintenance, parish enhancement, prescription/shopping delivery, Parish council)*
6. Finances – hub running within agreed budget, cakes made and donated FOC, tea, coffee, milk biscuits purchased from donations. 8 sessions since last meeting 47 visitors.
 - Agreement from HC to spend remainder of seed funding grant on purchases for hub not community Guide *(Microwave oven, door access ramps, coat rack, seat pads, jigsaw mat)*
 - Re-submission of warm space grant application to Herefordshire Community Fund for contribution to 12m electricity and refreshment costs
7. Kitchen design/installation – design of kitchen in corner of hub room approved at meeting. Landlord – has agreed to cover the costs of



electrical/water adaptations required. Will allow us to offer hot soup lunches/snacks. And allow hub to have own water supply instead of shared with next door business.

8. Community Garden Plans - brambles nearly cleared – much less tarmac than first feared. Initial, outline suggestions from Marden gardeners received. Great suggestions in line with our thoughts. Need to engage with parishioners and ideally to involve as much local participation as possible. Next step is to hire mini digger/rotavator to dig out the bramble roots and further establish substrate. Need to fence the area and approach the garden to the left to request they repair/replace their fence.
9. Phone Box – request from Sally FPO to tidy up the surrounding area and replace broken glass pane, ? needs repainting.
10. Muddy area outside front door – needs jet washing and hole patching
11. Wi-Fi - still no decision from gigaclear wrt an installation date – decision to abandon them and go with BT – (as we are signing lease for 2 years - bt min contract 2 years)
12. Date & time of next meeting

Tuesday 9th May 7pm - all welcome to attend.

Action	Person/s responsible
N&V's articles big help out, repair café, hub	Kate
Pat test training	Kate to speak to new clerk to book place for mike
Mini digger	Kate speak to Jim Rushworth and to clerk to arrange hire
Phonebox/ car park clean	Kate & David – enquire cost of small amount scalplings/patch repair
Fence to left of Garden area	Lorna to speak to householder
Donations of plants	Chris to speak to contact re possibility of donated plants