



Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting  
7pm 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Hub Room

**Summary Notes**

1. Present - Lesley, David, Lorna, Kate
2. Apologies - Paula
3. **Hub Update**
  - a. Feedback from Volunteers – Gwyneth says David is recovering, hopes he will be home soon. We all wish him well and hope he has a speedy uneventful recovery
  - b. Grants
    - repair café grant second part payment due soon, slight over spend overall as purchased a higher spec PAT test machine.
    - Still awaiting decision re the initial seed funding re-allocation money ask Lorna Williamson again if she would chase delegated payments for us (Kate).
    - Re-apply for the HCF grant declined by trustees as PC have healthy bank balance. We need to make clear that any surplus is ringfenced for the new community centre and not available to spend. (Kate)
    - HC capital funding grant for new builds available. To attend a briefing meeting and complete 'expression of interest' form for grant of £150,000
  - c. Kitchen - work started on adaption needed to relocate kitchen into hub room. Electrics completed, plumbing and carpentry next. Need to move base units to hub in readiness for fit
  - d. Finances - budget for next year being prepared. currently within budget set by PC.
  - e. PAT testing training – Mike completed training, Further full day place booked for David G, Suggest 1-2 more persons take training but just the short online version cost Circa £15.00. Peter Woodward offered to do
  - f. Notice board – discussion re utilise one of the parish notice boards yet to be fitted at the hub. ? on the wall to the right of the front door or adjacent to the information box. Speak to Locality steward re siting by info box (David)
  - g. Fridge – door seal ineffective causing lots of ice build up inside, it's such an old fridge, door seals are no longer available. Look out for free/reasonably priced replacement fridge. (Kate)



- h. Phone box – The new Parish Information Hub Box is looking great, the final green coat to be applied soon. The area around has been tidied up and the broken slab removed. Discussion re options to change the text on the glass inserts around the top of the box (4 sides 'Telephone' - one of the glass inserts is missing). ABC printers have quoted for dibond overlays with Marden links livery as per the Hub signage 4 x panels £76.80 (Inc vat). To contact ABC to ask if we could have just 2 x panels as they are the most visible for 50% of price and invoice to PC so we could claim VAT back we will go ahead and order. (Kate) 2 x adverse comments about the colour change, ? both unaware that the phone box is decommissioned and has been repurposed as an information hub. We felt it needed to clearly demonstrate that it is no longer a phone box and a change of colour was the most visual method. Thank you to John a professional painter & decorator, for volunteering his time and purchasing the paint. He has done a fantastic, quality job.

#### **4. Repair Café Update**

- a. Grant spend to date - on track awaiting the 2<sup>nd</sup> part payment see 3b above
- b. Feedback from July session. – good session we welcomed 2 x new volunteers both Wellington residents 1 x sewing and 1 x general handyman type repairs. Keen to be involved on a regular basis. Both are very welcome
- c. Next date – 05/08/23
- d. Advertising – Advert in Marden N&V's every month for rest of year (paid for out of Grant money) Bodenham newsletter advert for remainder of year Free as it's a community project. Advert in Sutton St. Nicholas Newsletter arranged and paid for ,for remainder of the year, However, did not appear some parishioners copies – contact editor to check what problem was (Kate) Contact Wellington and Moreton newsletter editors for advert for next and subsequent editions (Kate)
- e. Banner/Aprons/Badges – Banner delivered and is great – utilised with good effect - but a more prominent placement would be better. Check with Mini Market that they don't mind us placing by bust stop. (Lorna)

#### **5. Community Garden update**



- a. Brash Clearance – David and Ian Thornewell will keep on top of the strimming. Need to clear the big pile of bramble spoils in the corner, ? book a skip to take away the dumped rubbish. Meeting planned with Locality steward, it is hoped that there will be an offer of help from BBLP possibly for labour/equipment and donation of plants/trees
  - b. Fencing – round post and rails chosen for the fencing – await discussion with locality steward prior to purchase
  - c. Open day/evening – booked for September 9<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm
  - d. Outside tap – discussion re outside tap needed for garden, especially if predominantly raised bed. Landlord agreed will fit at the same time as kitchen plumbing - Hub/PC will need to purchase Tap
6. Fete – Information stall open for Hub, Repair Café, Community Garden 1 – 4pm, Volunteers to meet at 10.45am to set up. Photo boards, volunteer sign up sheets, info boards, repair café banner
7. 4 x garden parasols purchased for £15.00 each from donations - require bases – plan to use existing stored post-crete set into buckets. Rather than buy bases
8. **Date & time of next meeting 01/08/23 at 7pm**