



Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting Summary Notes

7pm 12th September 2023

Hub Room

Agenda

1. Present - Kate, Lorna, David
2. Apologies - Jan Cross, Paula Barratt
3. **Hub Update**
 - Feedback from Volunteers -
 - ?start a Book club, this was also proposed in the early days of the Hub. Kate to speak to Gwyneth to see if she would like to lead on this? ,
 - discussion regarding number of volunteers and best way to seek volunteers to offer to cover sessions to get early engagement and fair coverage. Lorna to write post on the whatsapp group
 - visitors to hub is great but pretty static, we would like to increase our reach, those of us who deliver N&V's are aware of parishioners who we feel would really benefit from attending. Suggest an invitation slip to be inserted into N&V's - Kate to speak to Hilary so that deliverers can be asked
 - confirmation from HC that we can spend the remainder of the Hub start up grant that was earmarked for the community guide on the items we wish to purchase (ramp, microwave, etc)
 - Finances – pretty much still within budget, discussion to purchase microwave oven approx. £80.00 will ask PC for approval pre purchase. might also need to purchase, bowls, plates, spoons etc - (see below)
 - Volunteer thank you event – proposed date Saturday 25th November at 6pm in the community lounge. Suggestion to ask if Lesley would like to lead on the organisation/planning of the event
 - Proposal for soup lunches over winter - we would very much like to do this on an additional session over lunchtime, but are conscious that we are working the current volunteers pretty hard. If it is not felt that we can/should add in a third session per week, there was a suggestion to alter the timing of one or both of the days to 1-3pm from 2-4pm? Seek views of visitors that this would be a welcomed idea



4. Repair Café Update

- Update - September session was again very successful. Very high repair rate. Bookings mainly coming in the week preceding the event. Earlier booking in would help with jobs that require parts to be ordered in. Kate to ask for earlier booking in N&V's article and add to website. Quite a few requests are coming by email which Kate has been adding to the website.
- Workshop/shed – very much needed to run the repair café over the winter, (tool sharpening and 'dirty jobs' outside the hub has been working well) and to house the tools/equipment we have been donated. We will very soon be in a position to start the tool loan service previously discussed
- Proposal for tool/equipment loan service – plan to purchase large toolshed/workshop 20'x12' approx doubled ended, one end for tool library and one end as workshop. David to speak to Jason to make early enquiries

5. Community Garden Update

- Feedback from open day – Lots of great ideas and offers of donations of help to build, plants, trees, equipment and maintenance. One particular design stood out, meeting the brief perfectly, it was also easily adaptable to incorporate additional stand-alone ideas and suggestions made by other parishioners. We plan to put this design forward for approval to the PC and remainder of the Garden working group and start work in October - aim to complete by May 2024
- Start date – October 2023 – plan to discuss one final time at the next hub working group meeting. Garden to be discussed as first item so anyone interested in that item does not need to attend the whole meeting. Kate/ David to discuss with interested parties who are also in the gardening group as there is a meeting date clash.
- Fencing – 3 rail post and rails with rounded posts – selected as most attractive and also cheapest. This was approved at a previous PC meeting we will arrange to discuss once more prior to purchase
- Greenhouse – We have been offered a used greenhouse for the garden, we will explore the feasibility and cost effectiveness of moving from current site (likely to need some repairs and pane replacement)
- Paths - need to be wheelchair/rollator friendly – David looking at compacted, permeable resin paths – costing for next meeting

6. Date & time of next meeting 03/11/23 at 7pm