



Marden Links Parish Hub Working Group Meeting

7pm 13th June 2023

Hub Room

Summary Notes of Meeting

1. Present - David and Gwyneth Godding, Lorna Wathen, Mike Blake, David Bennett, Kate Ryan
2. Apologies - Lesley Hayward
3. **Hub Update** (7 sessions (2 cancelled) 42 attendees)
4. Feedback from Volunteers –
 - all seems to be going well, discussion re activities and all agreed most attendees seem happy to just chat and have a drink.
 - Discussion re recent closure whilst we had a number of volunteers with Covid. All agreed that closing for the week was the right decision as a 'break' for the spread of infection.
 - Discussion re “do we still need 2 x volunteers for each session”? - agreed that yes, we should still ensure 2 volunteers each time, safeguards both attendees and volunteers
 - Request to purchase garden parasols and water jugs & more glasses
 - Discussion re obtaining lockable cabinet so that the ipads and laptops can be secured in main room and therefore accessible to all volunteers not just PC (those with keys to the office) We have a cabinet but no key – we will try to source replacement lock
 - Printer kindly donated by the Goddings to enable printed info to be given to visitors
5. Grants –
 - repair café grant money in progress (see below)
 - HCF grant declined a second time – discussion with trustees and reason for refusal ascertained – encouraged to reapply
 - Original seed funding – still awaiting permission from HC to change items purchased
 - Proposal discussed to apply for large Capital funding grant to add to pot for NCF
 - We were successful in our application for a second donated laptop from HCF
6. Kitchen – Electrician is about to start work to provide sockets and water heater to new kitchen area. We will try to ensure that work does not affect Hub or repair café sessions
7. Finances – we remain within agreed budget – electricity use has reduced considerably with the warmer weather. Plan to purchase small items for use in the café from donation money



8. Wi-fi – contract for our own internet has commenced the incoming calls are all directed to the clerk but we are able to use the phone for outgoing emergency calls
9. Food Hygiene certificates Kate completed level 2, and allergy awareness, Lesley completed level 1 Gwyneth will undertake the level one course allergy alert notice displayed on notice board

10. Repair café Update

- Grant spend to date - major items purchased 4 x workbenches, tool sharpener/grinder, PAT tester. Smaller items list discussed clerk will purchase by the end of next week. 2nd competent person PAT course to be done by David G in August
- Feedback from 1st session. – excellent session 21 booked items 18 repaired – online booking is now live on the Marden links website <https://www.marden-links.org/repair-cafe/>
- Next date – 01/07/23
- Advertising – part of the grant was for advertising- we have paid for an ad in Marden N&V's which will be in the next edition Hopefully in SSN, Bodenham and Moreton too – awaiting confirmation parish
- Web page/booking page – is now live and seems to be working well – booking will also be allowed by email request and by paper form which David and/or Kate can add to online booking - this allows records to be kept and audited
- Banner/Aprons - Discussed the purchase of name badges/aprons/tabards for volunteers and an advertising flag for outside request to PC
- 2 new repairers have come forward one local – one from wellington. Kate to send all repairers the sign up forms
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11. Community Garden update

- Brash clearance – David B and Ian Thornewell have had a couple of exploratory sessions with a rotavator and more areas of deeper asphalt was found. They will keep on top of weeds with a strimmer and plans will continue that incorporate raised bed planting schemes rather than in the ground.
- Fencing – has been priced, 2 types of post and rail, and picket fencing decision will be made shortly
- Discussion re a template for development of a community garden from RHS useful template – would form a good basis for use.



- BBLP have been approached for assistance with hard landscaping and funding for planting.
- Open day/evening – later this summer

12. Proposal to purchase

- bench & planter by bus stop – agreed that this was a great idea and as parish enhancement was discussed and agreed in principle with identified budget - we would ask PC to fund from this budget
- parasol for shade when using outside seating

13. Marden Links will run an information stand at the Parish Fete to showcase and answer parishioner questions on the work being done at the HUB, repair café and Community Garden

14. Date & time of next meeting 04/07/23 at 7pm