

M3 Community Partnership

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 28th January 2010 at 7.30pm in the Market House, Church Street, Martock, Somerset.

There were present

John Bailey	County Councillor
Keith Beattie	M3 Ltd
Carolyn Born	MCF
Matt Day	Somerset Market Towns Forum
Teresa Oulds	SSDC
Patrick Palmer	Martock Parish Council
Elizabeth Powell	Martock Primary School
Roger Powell	Martock Parish Council
Deirdre Pyne	Victorian street party organiser
Adam Spike	MCF
Martin Turner	Parochial Church Council

In attendance

I.M. Andrews	Parish Clerk
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1. Introduction

It was agreed that Roger Powell should act as Chairman of the meeting. Each member introduced themselves.

The Chairman specifically welcomed the two representatives from Martock Christian Fellowship and proposed that the Martock Christian Fellowship should join the partnership as core members. This was unanimously agreed by members.

Members considered what the group should do to work more effectively and the Chairman outlined how the group started.

2. Constitution & Terms of Reference

The Chairman reminded members of the evolution of M3 Ltd, a not for profit community development company, which formed the hub of the partnership. He further stressed that the group was established for the delivery of the projects outlined in the Local Community Plan and as such it:

- Owns the Vision for Martock
- Maintains a strong partnership of its members
- Is the delivery co-ordinator of the Local Community Plan
- Is responsible for wide communication
- Considers common issues and crisis management.

Members considered the functions of M3.

3. Local Community Plan 2007 project database/2010 update of Local Community Plan

The Chairman reported on the project database. There followed a discussion over a new Plan and/or updating the 2007 Plan, a supporting full household survey and the questions now to be asked in view of a turnover of the population. After further discussion on a new Plan, the Chairman proposed there should be a brain storming session to consider the processes to be completed in order to produce a new Plan and the resources required. The Chairman proposed such a session should be held on a Saturday before Easter.

It was agreed to invite representatives from the villages of Kingsbury and Ash to participate.

Action 100128/1: Roger Powell and Ian Andrews

4. Martock Business Association

The Chairman suggested that, in the absence of a Business Association, two representatives from the larger companies in Martock should be invited to join the Group. Members agreed that the Chairman should invite two businessmen to join the group. John Bailey agreed to canvass businesses in Western Road to ascertain whether a representative could be found from the businesses on the industrial estate.

Action 100128/2: Roger Powell and John Bailey

5. Victorian Evening – Monday 3rd May 2010

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Deirdre Pyne who explained the purpose of the proposed Victorian Evening which would be a street party. It would be held in Church Street partly to celebrate the installation of the new traditional lamp posts and various organisations would be invited to participate. Members agreed that it would be good for Martock for the event to proceed. All members were asked to consider how their organisations might participate in the event and let Deirdre Pyne or Roger Powell know.

Action 100128/3: All members

6. Any other business

The Chairman reminded members that the constitution required the group to appoint an independent Chairman and reported that Christopher Price had expressed an interest. Members were asked to consider further nominations and let the Parish Clerk have any by 5th February 2010.

7. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to meet again on Thursday 13th May 2010 and every three months thereafter.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Proposed dates of further meetings:

Thursday 15th July 2010 (to avoid summer break)

Thursday 14th October 2010

Thursday 20th January 2011

Local Community Plan workshop:

Saturday 17th April 2010