



## Making the Most of Martock Community Partnership (M3CP)

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Market House, Church Street, Martock, Somerset.

There were present:

Christopher Price

Chairman

Carolyn Born

Martock Christian Fellowship

Gill Cobden

Ash Parish Council

Claire Cruwys

Martock Youth Parish Council

Carol Mason

Kingsbury Episcopi Parish Council

Rob Mitchell

Chairman, Long Load Parish Council

Teresa Oulds

South Somerset District Council

Patrick Palmer

Martock Parish Council

Elizabeth Powell

Governor, Martock Primary School

Roger Powell

Chairman, Martock Parish Council

Tom Walsh

Martock Businesses

John Marshall

Treasurer M3 Ltd

In attendance:

I.M. Andrews

Parish Clerk/Committee Secretary

Louise Treacher

Martock Parish Council Fund Raising Officer

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Mrs Carol Mason from Kingsbury Episcopi Parish Council, Mrs Gill Cobden from Ash Parish Council, Mr Tom Walsh representing Martock Businesses and Mrs Louise Treacher the MPC Fund Raising Officer.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from John Bailey, Matt Day, Rosemary Gay (Chairman, Ash Parish Council), Adam Spike and Jennifer Symonds.

### 2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved as being a correct record.

### 3. Actions Arising from the Minutes

Action 130510/1: Public meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010: The Clerk confirmed he had booked Martock School for the public meeting.

Action 130510/2: Survey & PR: The Chairman reported the action had been completed.

#### **4. Representative of Older People**

The Chairman proposed that Mrs. Elizabeth Turner or her representative be invited to join the Steering Group as a representative of older people in Martock. Members unanimously agreed the proposition and the Chairman undertook to inform Mrs. Turner.

*Action 290710/1: Chairman*

#### **5. Reports from Core Partners**

- a. Somerset County Council: In the absence of a report, Roger Powell reported that the Market Towns Investment Group would be meeting in November to consider the effect of the Government's Spending Review on work in Somerset.
- b. South Somerset District Council: A report was tabled which had been distributed to all members. The report is attached.
- c. Martock Parish Council: A report was tabled which had been distributed to all members. The report is attached.
- d. All Saints' Parochial Church Council: There was no report.
- e. Martock Christian Fellowship: A report was tabled which had been distributed to all members. The report is attached.
- f. Governors of Martock School: A report was tabled which had been distributed to all members. The report is attached.
- g. Martock Business Association: A report was tabled which had been distributed to all members. The report is attached. Roger Powell, in conjunction with Tom Walsh reported on the meeting of the Business Community held on 16th June 2010 at which those attending considered ways to reverse the process of declining businesses in Martock. It had been agreed that as the majority of businesses did not wish to form a business association a dialogue would continue with local businesses. After further discussion, Roger Powell reported that with Tom Walsh he intended to hold a meeting with representatives from Punch Taverns to assist with the reopening of the George Inn.

*Action 290710/2: Roger Powell*

There followed a general discussion on Martock shops and in particular the future of the former Spa Shop in North Street. Patrick Palmer agreed to find out who had applied for an off licence for the premises.

*Action 290710/3: Patrick Palmer*

- h. Martock Youth Parish Council: Claire Cruwys gave a verbal report on the work of the Youth Parish Council and of the Youth Centre. She reported on the appointment of a Saturday Youth Worker and that most of the children who use the Youth Centre are from years 5 and 6. Claire Cruwys further reported that she spends most of her time working with 14 to 17 years old age group.

#### **5. Local Community Plan Report and Survey Document**

The Chairman tabled a third draft of the document and suggested that following the public meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 the final copy would be agreed by the Steering Group. This was agreed by members.

The Chairman reported the receipt of £1000.00 grant from the Somerset Community Foundation toward the printing cost of the survey document and a grant of £250.00 from Martock Parish Council.

The Chairman explained that the questions would be set out to enable people to write their own views. Following the public meeting, the Steering Group would consider any amendments arising from that meeting at the next meeting of the Steering Group on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

The Chairman requested that any comments/amendments to the draft should be sent to him or to the Parish Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010.

*Action 290710/4: All members*

## **6. Public Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

The Chairman reported there would be an Annual General Meeting of M3CP at the beginning of the public meeting at 7.00pm. After some discussion it was agreed that the AGM would not take place on 16<sup>th</sup> September but at the October meeting of the M3CP Steering Group meeting.

After a short preliminary briefing, which would commence at 7.00pm, the public meeting would then take the form of a workshop until 9.00pm. It was agreed that there should be a series of stands for the following subject matters:

Older people	Mrs Elizabeth Turner or her representative
Youth	Claire Cruwys
Environmental matters	Elizabeth Powell & SSDC
Businesses in Martock	Roger Powell & Tom Walsh
Housing	Ann Campbell
Traffic/highways	Patrick Palmer
The survey	Rob Mitchell & Carolyn Born
Other Matters	Louise Treacher and Carol Mason

The Chairman agreed to speak to the editor of the Leveller regarding the notice to be published concerning the public meeting.

*Action 290710/5: Chairman*

## **7. Victorian Street Party**

The Chairman suggested that holding a future Victorian Street party should be left until the next meeting of the Steering Group at which celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 could also be discussed.

## **8. MC3P Accounts**

John Marshall reported the accounts had been audited and should be considered by the Steering Group at its next meeting.

## **9. Any Other Business**

There was none.

## **10. Dates of Future Meetings**

It was agreed to meet again on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30pm and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.06pm.