



Making the Most of Martock Community Partnership (M3CP)

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 14th April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Market House, Church Street, Martock, Somerset.

There were present:

Christopher Price	Chairman
John Bailey	Somerset County Councillor
Keith Beattie	M3 Ltd
Angela Brett	Martock Christian Fellowship
Charlotte Jones	South Somerset District Council
Rob Mitchell	Chairman, Long Load Parish Council
Patrick Palmer	Martock Parish Council
Elizabeth Powell	Martock Primary School Governor
Roger Powell	Chairman, Martock Parish Council
Jennifer Symonds	All Saints' Parish Church
Shirley Wilson-Chalon	Martock Christian Fellowship

In attendance:

Liz Burke	Save The George Campaign
Sam Burke	Save The George Campaign
Louise Clarke	Save The George Campaign

I.M. Andrews Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed all present and those representing the Save the George Campaign.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Carolyn Born, Claire Cruwys, The Revd. David Gent, Adam Spike and Tom Walsh.

At this point of the meeting the Chairman expressed his thanks to Ann Campbell for all her hard work whilst a District Councillor representing Martock.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2011 were approved as being a correct record after the following amendment had been made:

Minute 5 M3CP Accounts: Line one delete second sentence and insert “The Chairman requested that the Committee agree the payment of £72.00 to Stable Print for advertising posters. This was agreed.”

3. Confirmation of actions from previous Minutes

Action 141010/1: Constitution: The Chairman reported he had sent out copies of the revised constitution to all members. He proposed some amendments to the constitution which are incorporated in the attached copy of the revised constitution and the Terms of Reference. Members agreed the various amendments. Both documents are attached to these Minutes. After discussion Roger Powell proposed and Elizabeth Powell seconded the proposition that all future meetings of the Steering Group should be open to the public. This was unanimously agreed by members.

Action 200111/1: 2011 Local Community Plan: The action was ongoing. The item would be discussed under agenda item 7.

Action 200111/1: Chairman (ongoing)

Action 200111/2: Street Party: The item would be discussed under agenda item 8.

Action 200111/3: Publicity & Web site: The item would be discussed under agenda item 11.

Action 200111/4: The action had been completed.

4. Reports from Core Partners

1. Somerset County Council. The report from John Bailey had been circulated to all members.
2. South Somerset District Council. The report had been circulated to all members and the Chairman thanked the District Council for their grant of £550.00 toward the cost of printing the Plan.
3. Martock Parish Council. The report had been circulated to all members and Roger Powell reported the Parish Council had agreed to act as arbitrators with the MCF and the Save the George campaign.
4. Martock Parochial Church Council: The report had been circulated to all members.
5. Martock Christian Fellowship: The report had been circulated to all members.
6. Governors of Martock Primary School: The report had been circulated to all members.
7. Martock Business Association: Roger Powell reported that he and John Bailey would meet to try to revive the Association.
8. Martock Youth Parish Council: There was no report.

At this point in the meeting the Chairman invited a spokesperson from the Save the George Campaign to address the meeting.

The spokesperson, Liz Burke, suggested that in future the group which had been formed to save the George Inn might reform itself under a different name and act as a go-between the Steering Group and the people of Martock in considering other projects and concerns. The Chairman suggested the co-option of one member from the Group when its new name was known.

Roger Powell proposed and Rob Mitchell seconded the proposition that one member from the group should be co-opted onto the Steering Committee. This was unanimously agreed by members.

The Chairman invited Angela Brett to set out briefly MFC's position regarding the George.

Angela Brett explained that the purchase of the George was completed and a detailed structural survey and environmental health inspection had been completed and reports received; a plan of works was under discussion with the Conservation Officer and other professional bodies. There were plans for positive engagement with various community groups.

The Chairman thanked both parties for their statements and invited them to continue a dialogue over issues concerning the future of the George, which Roger Powell would be happy to mediate.

5. M3CP accounts

Keith Beattie reported that as at 11th March 2011 there was a credit balance of £4672.00.

6. M3CP local community survey

Charlotte Jones reported on the contents of the results of the Survey and tabled her report on the Survey results and the process of producing a Plan. She further offered to assist with the production of a new Martock Plan.

7. 2011 local community plan

The Chairman thanked Charlotte Jones for all her work and her offer of assistance with the production of a new Plan. He reminded members that it had been agreed to report back to the public with a draft Plan by June 2011. After discussion, members agreed a draft plan could not be produced by June 2011 and that a small group of members should produce a draft for consideration at the next meeting of the Steering Group on 21st July 2011 with a view to producing a draft plan for public consultation in the autumn. The Chairman agreed to set up a small working group and to arrange for the distribution of a draft plan to all members.

Action 140411/1: Chairman

8. Street party

Roger Powell reported that the Street Party would be held on 17th September 2011 with the same organising Committee as in 2010 with the addition of Angela Brett. The theme would be Martock Bean Feast involving local crafts at harvest time.

9. HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Roger Powell reported that the celebrations would take place in Martock on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 2nd June 2012. He further reported that the event might be combined with the church summer fête and invited Jennifer Symonds to look into this from the Church's perspective.

Action 140411/2: Jennifer Symonds

10. Royal British Legion 90th anniversary

The Chairman reported that the Martock branch of the RBL would be organising an event to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the RBL on 11th June 2011. The event was likely to take place at the Bell Inn at Ash.

11. Publicity and web site

Roger Powell reported on the current state of the web site and the work undertaken to set up a new web site which at present is only a bare structure. He suggested that a small group of people should meet to progress the matter. The Chairman suggested that he and Roger Powell should meet to decide how to progress the matter.

Action 140411/3: Chairman & Roger Powell

12. Dates of future meetings

It was agreed to meet again on Thursday 21st July and Thursday 20th October 2011.

13. Any other business

1. The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from Mrs. R. Beattie requesting funding to establish a Martock Community Choir. After discussion, members agreed the Steering Group could not assist with funding. Patrick Palmer suggested Mrs. Beattie should apply to SSDC Area North for financial assistance.

2. Keith Beattie proposed that Mrs. Ann Campbell should be co-opted onto the Steering Group following her departure from the District Council. This was unanimously agreed by members.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.23pm.