

Modbury Parish Council Community Engagement Working Group

5th August 2024 at 3pm. Parish Office

Present: Cllrs Barbara Price (BP) (Chair), Tony Price (TP), Ann Turner (AT) and Sarah Wyatt (SW)

There were no apologies for absence

The notes from the last meeting (25th May) were approved

Matters arising:

Defibrillator for Brownston: AT to contact Helen Nathanson.

QR Code for website access: Clerk obtained, TP to make signage better – to be placed on Council notice boards, in Messenger and on social media.

Telephone Box – art installation preferred - AT has emailed art college but no response yet due to college holidays.

Council Vacancies – No response to advertising

All councillors need to complete biogs and pictures for website

Possible spot in MM for 'meet the councillor'? – SW to speak to John Bower

AT suggests that we get people onto working groups as an intro to council work

SW suggested volunteer award scheme – council volunteer thank-you party (national volunteer week June). Possibility to involve the Town Improvement Charity taking this forward so that all volunteer groups in Modbury involved.

Community Engagement Policy: examples circulated previously, to be addressed next meeting

Youth Engagement:

BP has attended a youth engagement seminar with DALC and is booked in to attend further event. General feedback is that young people say come and talk to us don't expect us to come to you and talk in a language they understand – ask them don't tell them. Also use mediums that young people use. Questionnaires are not the best format to use. Don't raise expectations which cannot be met. Important that engagement is carried out by people who know what they are doing.

Important not to rush and ensure its done properly. Potential for bids for funds to undertake proper consultation.

South Hams Community Action will be undertaking research on Community Transport needs this year funded by SHDC.

SW mentioned 'common place' who have done work in Totnes and Kingsbridge and will send link - BP will talk to them (Laura Eames?).

South Hams Arts Festival

BP went to meeting. Briefing re meeting was circulated. SHDC Councillor will be asking to attend future Council meeting to discuss cost to each Council. Agreed SW and AT would float idea with MODWAG to see if they might be interested in holding event during festival

Marvellous Modbury Makeover:

Issues with water butts being addressed – we have them but they need to be installed.

Cath Gillen will be back from broken leg in a week or so and meeting will then be arranged for full MMM meeting to discuss future plans.

Could we have picture panels showing what the buildings/roads looked like in the past. Idea needs to be fully costed out.

Current bunting is not fit for purpose. We need more. Possible Customised bunting – SW to investigate costs. Once costed we can then seek funding

Date for next meeting: 7th October 2024 3.30pm