

Modbury Parish Council Community Engagement Working Group

7th October 2024

NOTES

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

Apologies for Absence - None

To approve the minutes from the last meeting - approved

Matters arising:

Defibrillator for Brownston – awaiting response from Helen Nathanson

QR Code for website access – where is it? Put on boards and Messenger - **TP to action**

Telephone Box – AT has had a positive response from Plymouth College of Art, further developments awaited.

Council Vacancies – no further applications but we do need more help. AT suggested that long-term commitment is tricky so can we get people to volunteer for particular projects? The Working Group system helps. BP suggested that the Council meeting in November reviews the Strategy Plan and identifies areas where further working parties might be useful. **TP & AT to supply biogs for the website by Friday!**

Awards scheme for volunteers – one for the New Year.

Youth Engagement – BP not been able to progress as yet. SW has contacted Laura Eames, SHDC community project, who will come and talk to us about work done in Ivybridge and surrounding areas – it was suggested that other Modbury interested parties are part of this. **SW to send Laura's contact details to BP.**

Community Engagement Policy

The example from Meare was adjudged to be the best example; accordingly, **BP will adjust for Modbury** and put to the November Council meeting for approval.

Website update

The Parish Clerk would like clarity as to who does what particularly as new staff member may be in post by December. SW has done new pages, news etc. The Parish Clerk should put every-day and statutory material up, technical stuff (eg new pages) and news go to SW. **SW will talk to the website developer about the page structure, specifically re the Planning page, and maybe a picture slide show on the front page.**

Marvellous Modbury project

Due to admin error the last meeting was less well attended than hoped. However 10 traders were there and all were very positive. Key points:

John Ashton mural idea approved at least in principle. Funding to be raised. Potential date for work to begin April 2025

Bollard covers – work needed on DCC etc permissions, design, consultation etc **SW to contact Highways re potential permissions required.** If this is forthcoming agreed that more information about this would be made available to all Modbury residents to ascertain support

AT is enquiring about official permission for the painting of lampposts.

AT to set up a working group to discuss Heritage signage for the Town

AT i/c planting – has **meeting with Colin Whybrow** in hand

Water butts are being placed

SW will investigate extra funding possibilities:

£1,500 from Rufus Gilbert has already been applied for Heritage Boards;

Modbury Town Improvement Charity revived;

Chamber of Commerce holds MMM money (c.£4,500);

To investigate ‘easy fundraising’;

explore government prosperity fund;

investigate material grant – chris.shears@swdevon.gov.uk

Any other business

MPC Dementia Friendly Working Group will be set up by BP.

Octopus Energy are having a consultation about local wind turbine installation: **AT to attend**

Dates for future meetings – tba.