

260602 – Item 5 – Parish Hall and MDT Representative Report

Parish Hall meeting held on Wednesday 6.5.26

The alterations are nearly completed; the Opening of the new kitchen was a great success.

Bookings are increased and finances are healthy with no fundraising events planned at present.

A new projector screen will be installed shortly.

The AGM will take place on 29.7.26 at 7pm

MDT meeting held on Thursday 14.5.26

There is a sense of change and restructuring with Koy Thompson as new chair.

The other current trustees are John Willis (due to retire in September), Holly Stapley, Beatrice Kilroy-Nolan and Richard Foxwell (Wellmoor). Further trustees especially someone for the arts are still being sought.

A more profitable use of the building is being investigated, which might include the letting of the large attic room which at the moment is available for hire on an hourly basis.

It was interesting to learn a little about the funding stream of MDT especially of Wellmoor: everything depends on grants and projects are tailored around available grants. Presently the emphasis is on youth and neurodiversity. The Hobby group run in the Community Shed is an example. MDT would like to hear of needs to be met in the community and suggestions for projects, also research that might be usefully undertaken.

However they are only able to respond to requests that fit into their current funding framework while other ideas might be taken up in future grant applications.

In terms of co-operation with the Parish Council I hope to be able inform and alert the councillors at an early stage of new funding themes becoming available through MDT in order that we can be more proactive in suggesting suitable projects and making use of resources and altogether work more closely together.

The date for the MDT AGM is Thursday 8.October.

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