

Agenda item 4

Assistant Clerk (Community) – 31/7/23

Community - General

- Monkton Matters – keeping MM up to date with new news and events as and when required. Sharing articles on facebook pages
- Updated Community Matters article and shared on Monkton Matters, facebook and noticeboards
- Run Community Café once a week, repair café once monthly and the Stay and Play twice weekly
- Responded to enquiries/requests via facebook and by email to those in the community.
- Regular trips to Bookers to restock for the community café/stay and play and for events.
- Liaised with litter picking volunteers regarding bin lids for the open bins in the parish and these have been completed.
- Liaised with litter picking volunteers to discuss more signs around the parish.
- Met with lead of the Community Service Team to organise their visit to help with the community garden and litter picking in the Parish.
- Village news Article completed and shared.
- Liaised and met with Mike Batsch on a few occasions to complete funding for Armed Forces Covenant Grant for the Country Park. This has been submitted and will hear from them in October this year.

Community Fridge

- Coordinating and managing volunteers, cleaning rotas and pick ups.
- Keeping in touch with volunteers to keep them updated and involved.
- Responding to complaints and concerns about community fridge users.
- Respond to Neighbourly App for more connections to Lidl as well as Aldi.
- Working with Fareshare to pick up collections in larger stores in Taunton.
- Liaising with Fareshare about issues we are having with collections.
- Employed further Community Fridge Volunteers for collections
- Applied for Funding to expand the fridge with Somerset Community Foundation – unfortunately no funding granted to us.
- Awaiting news from Lidl Community Fund and with Sainsbury Community Foundation on funding to expand the Fridge.
- Celebrated 1 year anniversary of the Fridge with Coop Group and volunteers.
- Liaising with 2 new Community Fridge Groups in Taunton to share experience and support to set up.

Community Cafe

- Running a weekly Community Café at the BACH over the school pick up period. Opportunity to meeting with the public to share concerns and to socialise.
- Meeting place for potential and existing volunteers to support, recruit and get feedback about the volunteering.
- Promote community events here.
- Tony Wearmouth PCSO to drop in and run any events here and Village Agent (New village agent appointed, waiting to hear who) attending regularly to meet clients and run drop ins monthly.
- Run 'Repair Café' on third Wednesday of each month.
- From August support the Impeccable Care volunteers to run a 'Bereavement Group' on the first Wednesday of the month to run alongside the Community Café.
- Open the Community Café an additional day for the Y6 leavers and their families for their final school day.

- Discussion with Repair Café Volunteer about making poppies for November and discussed starting a new Knit/Crochet Group on a Wednesday once or twice a month to make poppies to decorate the community over remembrance in November.

Community Garden

- Community Garden group meet regularly at the BACH
- Cllr Paul Elliston works with this group regularly who have grown a number of different veg which have supplied the Community Fridge.
- Applied for funding from the SALC Health and Wellbeing Grant for benches, tools and for A boards to link wellbeing into the work at the garden and to enable more of the community to get involved.
- Zoom meeting with Ann Diment from SALC to discuss the funding, we then arranged for her to come and visit the garden and fridge.

Community Events

- Preparation and attended the Community Quiz
- Liaising with Bethan Turner for promotion of Events
- Liaising with stall holders, food providers, volunteers and attendees for the Dog Show
- Met with Audio and Visuals to have run through of how to use the PA system
- Contacted Brandon Tool Hire to make link for toilet and event hire.

Other Volunteering

- Touching base with Companion Volunteer, who is now meeting regularly with a number of clients via the village agent in the community.
- Took a call from a local resident who asked if we could take a neighbour to hospital appointments following on from the Community Transport/Companion Volunteer links.
- Met the Companion Volunteer at 90 year olds home and organised for our volunteer to support for medical appointments.
- Continue to update spreadsheet with new volunteers
- Promoting Companion Scheme – responding to interest from potential new companion volunteers.
- A few new litter picking volunteers have come forward and equipment has been provided to them and they have been added to the WhatsApp group.

Meetings

- Meeting with Coop Pioneer
- Zoom meeting with Ann Diment SALC
- Met with local resident and companion volunteer to organise transport for medical appointments
- Meeting with Jacqui Young, Village Agent
- Attended PC meetings
- Attended 2 agenda run through meeting
- Attended BACH Committee Meeting