

**Outside Bodies – 04<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Tim Manton**

**Grove School Community Steering group**

Continues to meet regularly, the main areas of discussions being reinforcing the groups actions to cement a positive outlook of the Grove School within the Market Drayton Community.

The Grove School is resolute in achieving these goals and as examples of this is the return of the Grove Fireworks night and taking part in upcoming Christmas celebrations to name but two.

The Head teacher has an incredibly proactive outlook, is achieving great work at the school and is very much looking to make the Grove School centrally focused within our community.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

**Market Drayton Community Covenant otherwise known as the Community Power Act**

Met 12<sup>th</sup> November (yesterday)

In essence the concept is to give communities more control over their spaces, services and spending decisions which shape their places and futures, through a Community Power Act.

The last meeting focussed on the launch project being the creation of a Community and Family Hub in Market Drayton, the decision being this is to be based at the Festival Drayton Centre subject to an acceptance of the Covenants proposal to them.

Next meeting TBC

**Active Market Drayton**

The group which is focussing on the redevelopment of the Greenfields sport site including facilities at the Grove School continues to make slow but progressive progress.

Whilst funding continues to be one of the biggest hurdles together with the business model, conversations and positive steps continue to take place around CIL provision and conversations with funding from sporting bodies.

The reality is the project will be at a significant cost at a time when Shropshire Council finds itself in significant financial difficulty, however, when successful, will see sports provision in Market Drayton become some of the best in North Shropshire

Next meeting 5th January

**Walkmill Meadows Group**

Has not met.

**Drayton in Relief in Need Board**

Has not met