

Outside Bodies Report – Councillor Tim Manton

Grove School Community Steering group

Met 13th July, present were the Headmaster, Deputy Head, members of various Market Drayton groups and the Police.

The group had a wide-ranging discussion about individual interests and priorities, which were collated to then inform the updating of the strategic plan, so that it is focused on a three-year development.

A number of discussions took place on the Grove Scholls activities and potential activities within the community such as, Grove car boot, schools calendar project, Grove attendance at the patient group, yoga in school, Grove Summer Fayre, Transition work at Longlands, Grove COP summit and the 'carousel of adults' held at the Festival Drayton Centre. Items that will be arising will be their bonfire night on 5th November.

Next meeting TBC

Market Drayton Community Covenant otherwise known as the Community Power Act

Met 12th August, 2nd September

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 Community Power Act is a vision for genuine partnership-working between councils and communities – and for the devolution of power both to local government and local people

The Market Drayton and Rural Parishes Community and Family Hub continues to take place at the Festival Drayton Centre and is be a welcoming, friendly and supportive place/spaces where our community can share their problems and know that someone will do their best to help.

The Hub will be accessible and wide reaching in its delivery approach. Whilst the hub will have priority areas, it will be a caring space offering guidance and support at whatever stage people are within their life-journey.

The hub will build a happier, healthier and more connected community.

The Community Covenant now moves on to 'pastures new' and is currently in discussion with Shropshire Council on the following;

The Place Universal Offer (PUO) which is a Sport England-funded programme being delivered across Shropshire through Energize STW and local partners. It's all about making physical activity a bigger part of health, prevention and community wellbeing, while helping to reduce inequalities across the county.

Youth Transformation Programme Shropshire Council was selected in 2025 as one of 12 national pilot Pathfinder areas for the Government's Local Youth Transformation Fund (LYTF). The

Youth Transformation programme in Shropshire is testing new approaches to supporting children and young people through stronger community engagement, co-production and early help.

Next meetings 23rd September, 14th October, 4th November

Active Market Drayton

Met on 20th July,

The group which is focussing on the redevelopment of the Greenfields sport site including facilities at the Grove School is making solid progress.

Funding has now been secured for a 2G pitch at the Grove School which will see a community sports facility at this site, particularly for sports such as hockey & netball etc, which currently have to go elsewhere to train/play.

This is phase 1 of the Greenfields redevelopment.

The group continues to have a positive meetings with representatives of the clubs at Greenfields which will invariably see a re-focussing of the project.

Next meeting 22nd September