



GROWS report 24th January 2024

The group is getting bigger with more attendees than before also helped by the fact that the meeting was set for 7pm a much more desirable time for attendees.

Set up and structure of GrOws under the working Group term.

The first topic of discussion was the set up of the group under the term "Working Group". The group is gaining interest with projects on the horizon such as regular repair cafes in the village and therefore a deeper understanding of the set up of the group is needed with discussions of the option to become independent.

Since the group is currently a Working Group of the PC the chair suggested she investigate further the pros, cons and requirements of this.

As such the chair intends to propose to the group at the next meeting on 19/02 that they stay as a Working Group since it has the added benefits of for example: they can apply for funding in the name of the PC, the PC can give them an annual budget, they can use the PC's bank account and they are also linked into a local democratic body.

Terms of Reference for the Working Party are attached as appendix to this report and the chair would like the PC to approve these terms of reference before they are presented at the next meeting.

One final matter concerning the chair is that there should be at least one member of the PC on the working group, as currently there is only one councillor on the group the Chair is recruiting for further councillors to join the group.

Newsletter

The GrOws article in the village newsletter will be reduced to a circulation of once a month instead of bi-weekly, this is mainly due to the fact that the articles are mainly being written by the same 3 people, more volunteers were called for and came forward. Funding for future Newsletter articles can come out of the GrOws budget.

Air Ambulance Bin

The Parish Hall Committee had not yet met so no response was expected, the PC continue to chase.

Repair Café Update

The inaugural café is due to operate on the 16th of March the banner has gone out to be printed.





Setup will start at 12.30 there will be a need for cake donations, if you can bake please bake us a cake. There will be 2 PAT testers and they will be trained between now and then.

There will also be an opportunity for recycling of batteries and other items yet to be determined at the Repair Café.

A singular repair café volunteer meeting will be held on the 7th of February.

The future dates for repair cafes have been booked for 18th May, 20th July and the 19th Oct.

Budget Update

The PC applied for a grant for the Repair Café, Infra Red Camera and Apple Press, and have allocated a budget of £1000 for the group funds for financial year 2024 to 2025.

OMCA Grant

A grant of £250 was applied for to OMCA to help with the immediate start up costs for the Repair Café. This has been granted and bank details for the PC given to OMCA treasurer.

Other items

Local green initiatives were discussed including sourcing British flowers, cat food and dog food.

Date of next meeting

Set for 7pm on Monday 19th of Feb in the Church.