

Members are requested to NOTE this report and CONSIDER the recommendation

Summary

The second Meet the Councillor session was run on Sunday 20th November at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall. Local organisations attended the session, along with a number of parish councillors. Free tea, coffee and cake was provided, along with a display showing items that had been achieved over the past year, and a second display asking for input on ideas for the next year.

Only approximately 10 members of the public attended, compared to over 40 last year, which was disappointing however the feedback from the visitors and the organisations that attended was very positive. It's not clear why the turn-out was relatively poor, but it may be due to the fact that last year's event was better advertised, with a leaflet drop to all houses, or simply that there were some issues relating to the Council in the public domain last year, and these have all been addressed.

Organisations that attended

- Purton and Lydiard Millicent Scout Group
- RWB Community Gardens
- The Cast of Stage Struck
- North Wilts Wood Turning Club
- Lydiard Millicent Footpath Volunteer Group

Lydiard Millicent Junior Football Club and Lydiard Millicent Cricket Club were unable to attend.

Feedback on potential initiatives

As the turn-out was so low, we cannot attach any real significance to the feedback, however it is worth noting, particularly where ideas were suggested by the public. People were given stars to use as votes with the following results:

Land next to the Parish Hall

Option	Votes
Footpath inside the wall to avoid the chicane	1
Pocket park	1
Additional car parking	1
All of the above	3
Something else:	
Allotments	1
A wildlife pond	1

Land at the Mews

Option	Votes
A bench	4
A community garden	0
A wildlife area	2
All of the above	0
Something else:	
a play area	1

Improvements at Jubilee Club House

Option	Votes
A conservatory	4
Extend the car park	0
Something else: Council provided goal posts so local children can have a kick-about	2

Free-format opportunity for residents to flag ideas

Option	Votes
A safe footpath from Greenhill to Lydiard Millicent and Lydiard Park	6
Traffic calming from Lydiard Millicent centre to Greenhill crossroads	2

Recommendations

If the Council decides to run a similar session next year, consideration should be given to earlier and wider advertising of the event, including details of any organisations that may be attending.

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