

OCTOBER UPDATE

Can you believe we are already in October! Last time we gave an update was at the end of July when we released a number of roles we felt were needed for a good foundation of oversight and expertise for the MAC.

DIRECTORS

We are delighted to announce that we have been able fulfil all the director roles by adding Louise Miller, Lucy Wright and Mark Sweeney to the board, who are taking on the roles of HR Director, Community Director and Commercial Director respectively. All three bring a wealth of experience in their area of responsibility, live locally and are passionate about the sustainability of the MAC for the community.

The directors now accountable to the local community and parish for the MAC are Andy Mitchell (Finance), Charlie Clayton (General, Operations, IT), Louise Miller (HR), Lucy Wright (Community), Mark Sweeney (Commercial), Miles Avery (Advisor), Pete Shiers (Land and Buildings) and Wal Eyres (H&S / Compliance). All the directors are volunteers, have no financial interest in the MAC and have other roles they fulfil elsewhere.

The directors can be contacted using their first name as listed above
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Gary Peters will be stepping down from the directors and has served tirelessly through very challenging times giving input, support and practical assistance whilst being on the board. We want to thank him for all he has done for the MAC over the years.

STAFF

The staff team have worked hard over the summer to maximise the revenue from holiday makers, adapt to new systems and processes, give feedback on the direction of the MAC and generally be a welcoming presence for the community as they continue to use the centre. It is important that we invest in local jobs and employment opportunities as part of serving the area. We are fortunate to have a great team of individuals representing the MAC.

We also want to extend our thanks to Nigel Hocking who has decided to hang up his MAC boots. Nigel has served the MAC for so many years, is a key part of the community and will have welcomed countless people through the doors. We wish Nigel well in all the future holds for him.

THE CENTRE

We have seen a number of new gym members, an increase in activity and room hire, new users bringing different services and we have been especially pleased to be able to host the Mevagissey FC team at the MAC as they begin their new season and to welcome the new Youth Football teams.

The bowls club enjoyed great weather for their matches over the summer season which brought footfall into the centre. We are grateful for their partnership and support for the MAC.

The new digital locks we previously discussed have now been installed in the centre, and the upstairs lock is now active, allowing us to test the various systems in preparation to open the centre for longer hours, and offer 'out of hours' for the gym and some hire activities. Although we had hoped to launch this fully by the end of September, we have to get the protocols and safety

right before allowing access without staffing. We are optimistic that this can be done this month and we will announce this in due course.

The online booking system is allowing people easier access to the centre increasing the footfall. The website and Facebook pages are giving daily insight into the activities, news and updates from the centre, and the new signage is capturing passing trade and interest.

The café and coffee lounge continues to be a popular place to enjoy time with friends, especially in the sun garden – and increasingly business users are finding the café to be a pleasant space when working remotely.

Although there has been some positive progress the centre still has its challenges, especially as the building and equipment ages.

We currently have a bill of £4000 to overhaul the emergency lighting, we need £1500 to upgrade the alarm system, £500 to raise the oil tank outside to stop motors burning out and resolve the unpredictable oil levels, £500 to replace the lighting at the front so that the carpark isn't pitch black and other smaller jobs that need looking at.

The gym is a very popular aspect of the centre and we are currently pursuing funding avenues to invest in it, but even to repair what we have in there going to cost £1500.

There will be sponsorship opportunities to invest in the MAC, alongside trying to increase revenue and attract grants. But if you would like to donate to the MAC in order to meet some of these shortfalls we would appreciate it.

WHATS NEXT

Now that we have delivered the first initial 3 month transition and investment plan, we have been looking ahead at the next 6 and 12 month periods and are currently formalising the longer term strategy.

We certainly aim in the near future to deliver extended hours, some Sunday opening, more variety of activities and increased community engagement. Medium term we are looking at grant funding towards significantly improving the gym, relaying the outdoor court surface with the addition of lighting to increase availability for more sports and to invest in our events and functions packages to better serve the local community and parishes.

This will take investment and time from a number of people, not just the directors and staff teams, and we'll continue to advise you of ways that more people can be involved in this.

In the meantime we would love to welcome back anyone who hasn't been in the centre for a while, welcome people who have never been in there and encourage regular users to spread the word for the local community to visit the MAC for themselves.