

MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

**Monday 1st September 2014
At Arbour Drive Community Centre**

Present:	Tony Simmonds(Chair)	TS	
	Anne Barrass		Aba
	Kev Fordham		KF
	Tim Leach		TL
	Nathan Lewis		NL
	Cath McCartan		CM
	Pam Mitchell		PM
	Diane Oxley		DO
	Tony Simmonds		TS
	Marie Simmonds		MS
	Julie Barnett		JB
	Shaz Biggin		SB
	Denise Lelliott		DL
	Steve Ruffle		SR
	Sue Foster		SF
	Sarah Salway		SS
	Katie Powell		KP
	Cynthia Parr		CP
	Apologies: Neil Adshead		NA
	Alan Bucknall		AB
	Alister Shaw		AS
	Andrea Pears		AP
	Rachel Cole		RC

8.1 Introductions

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone gave a brief introduction to themselves.

8.2 Minutes from 7th July 2014

SB clarified the Easy Peasy grant was not successful. The minutes were agreed.

8.3 Matters Arising

Rotherham Open Arts did some art work at the Gala around decorating a totem pole.

8.4 Thurcroft Big Local Plan

Local Trust has approved the Thurcroft Big Local Plan. Grant funding of £51,587.55 has been approved from 27th August 2014 to August 2015. The Local Trust wishes to see additional paper work developed on the process and criteria for awarding small grants and ways of measurement of success we will use locally. It was agreed to allocate the £2000 (additional to the £1 million) to RotherFed to deliver this work to complete the plan.

SR distributed a budget profile for the first year. It was agreed SR would liaise with SB about allocating the youth project resource. KF will develop some procedures for use of the first marquee before we purchased a second. Equipment costs could be for where required, not necessarily the shop. It was agreed the shop required broadband.

8.5 Pavilion Project

TS welcomed Ian Lally, the Regional Manager from CISWO. Ian gave a brief history of the organisation, the creation of CISWO in 1995 and the move to open facilities to the public in 2006. Thurcroft Institute and Recreation Ground is open to all the community. The charitable committee has 6 trustees with 3 vacancies. They serve for four years, 2 nominations are from CISWO, 2 from the NUM, 2 elected at each AGM and 2 can be co-opted. Any surplus made by the trading company will go to the charity. CISWO is keen to see recreational facilities developed at the pavilion and the cricket field and is the owner of the land and would see youth provision as falling within the objects of the charity. Ian agreed to produce a written note of his presentation.

SF said that with such potential for substantial investment, the partnership needs to look at the long term returns. She could signpost to support from advisors who can help people look at the options. It was also suggested that some visits to other recreational projects at miners miners welfares would be beneficial.

Ian was thanked for his contribution to the meeting.

8.6 Activity Update Gala

The Gala was a great success with a fantastic turnout and £1093 income taken on the day. DO has produced some financial records for the day. Because Rotherham United Community Sports Trust let us down on the day they are going to provide a signed football. Strong People's Gym was a fantastic replacement and really appreciated. CM suggested some improvements for next year which were agreed. To ensure pedestrian safety we will have a one way system for cars and require they are parked in the car park during the opening times of the Gala.

WW1 Event

£188 was made on the raffle, £94 to Royal British Legion and £94 to Help for Heroes.

Play Scheme

CM said the scheme was a great success. She thanked DE for providing the tennis posts. The two lads doing football were a great asset. The staff complement was not as high as predicted, on one week only one person was helping – in total, we only spent £422 on wages. It was agreed we purchase some large dominoes and a giant Connect 4 with some of the underspend. SR thanked CM and other volunteers for their great work in making the playscheme a great success.

Youth work

SB reported good progress. Fire officers will be speaking with younger ones and sexual health workers with older ones. The young people are beginning to make the building their own. Cllr Reynolds was thanked for his £500 contribution to the youth club. .

Gardening Project

JB suggested running a gardening project at Rotherwood near the end of September. Members were keen to provide support suggesting a Friday and Saturday would be ideal.

Shop

It was agreed to get a second desk to Phil can do his computer work in the shop. A request will be made to the landlord to put a boiler in. DL said she probably could cover the shop some time in the week rather than weekends.

Litter Pick

It was suggested Big Local hold a litter pick on Saturday 27th September 2014.

8.7 UnLtd Support

SF explained that Thurcroft was now one of two intensive areas she would be providing support in. She can provide help with both awards and with advice and support on ways forward. She hoped to be able to use the shop as a local base. SF explained the Star People awards and

the idea of the Try It, Do It and Build It awards. SF thought there are a number of exciting opportunities in the plan for investment including the pit top and pavilion project. In making decision SF could connect Thurcroft Big Local residents with independent advice and support by experts from other organisations.

8.8 Small Grants

SR proposed setting up a small group to look at the process and criteria for awarding small grants. KF, DL and ABa volunteered to be on this subgroup which would bring some proposals to the October 2014 meeting.

2.7 Any Other Business

None.

2.8 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 September 2014 at 6.30pm at Arbour Drive Community Centre. This meeting would be the one year review. AS would lead on this and KP would facilitate a timeline activity. SS said she could provide some refreshments.