

# MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

**Monday 2 February 2015**  
**At Arbour Drive Community Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	Alan Bucknall (Chair)	AB
	Anne Barrass	ABa
	Phil Dale	PD
	Kevin Fordham	KF
	Nathan Lewis	NL
	Cath McCartan	CM
	Kay Mosley	KM
	Diane Oxley	DO
	Cynthia Parr	CP
	Tony Simmonds	TS
	Marie Simmonds	MS
	Rachel Cole	RC
	Steve Ruffle	SR
	Julie Barnett	JB
	Pat Cundey	PC
	Ray Cundey	RCu
<b>Apologies:</b>	Tim Leach	TL
	Pam Mitchell	PM
	Shaz Biggin	SB
	Andrea Pears	AP
	Alister Shaw	AS

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Introductions</b> Alan welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2015.
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Minutes from 8 December 2014</b> These were agreed.
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Matter Arising</b> <b>Small Grants</b> – The Small Grants presentation evening was very successful. The young people also attended and really enjoyed themselves. <b>Welfare</b> – Alan advised that a copy of the profile and plan had been sent to Kevin at the Welfare. <b>What's On Document</b> - The document which Phil has put together containing What's On in Thurcroft will be turned into a booklet containing one page for each different venue. <b>Big Local Event – Sheffield</b> – Alan advised that the group didn't get much out of the event. There wasn't much of an opportunity to speak to people from other Big Local areas and it wasn't a great venue. However, It did reiterate what a good group Thurcroft has and how well everyone works together. <b>Carol Service</b> – This was a nice event with lots of people attending. Carl Simmonds and the young man from the Scouts did very well with their readings.
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Updates</b>

	<p><b>Planning Sub Group</b> – Alister is leading on this sub group so no update was available.</p> <p><b>Cricket Pavilion</b> – An initial meeting has taken place with the architect and the first draft plans will be ready on Thursday. The plans will be in the shop over the weekend if anyone would like to see them. A meeting will then be held with the sub group and CISWO. Advice from a solicitor will be taken and legal documents drawn up. Steve advised that legal support is available through the Big Local. Alan said that something to bear in mind is the electrics and if it will be sufficient enough should in time they want to put flood lights on the grounds.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Crime and Safety</b> – Julie gave an update on Crime and Safety.</p> <p><b>Greener Thurcroft</b> – Julie advised that the first meeting of the subcommittee will be held on Monday 9 February 2015 at 5pm at Arbour Drive. Anne advised that a litter pick has been organised for Saturday 28 February 2015, everyone to meet at the Big Local shop at 10am. Julie advised that she can provide a skip through RMBC.</p> <p><b>Events and Gala</b> – The Gala will be held on Sunday 30 August 2015. This year all stalls will be £20. Booking forms have already been sent out. Other events planned include, a Barn Dance with Pie and Peas on Monday 16 March 2015 from 4pm until 8.30pm and an Easter Event on Monday 6 April 2015 from 12pm until 3pm.</p> <p><b>Pit Top</b> – Off road motorbikes are currently using the Pit Top more than the walkers and they are very noisy. Julie suggested getting together as Big Local to complain about the bikes. Julie said she would draft a letter to FCC who owns the land.</p> <p><b>Training into Work/Youth Work</b> – In Shaz’s absence, Diane gave an update. Four young people are on volunteer training for the next 10 weeks at My Place in Rotherham. The young people recently attended a Holocaust Memorial Event at the Town Hall. A new Art project will start shortly with Vicky from the Gallery in Rotherham, What Rotherham Means to Me. A trip to Manchester is planned for Saturday 21 February 2015 to celebrate Chinese New Year. Shaz is also looking at partnership working with other youth workers/groups to take a group of young people to Poland to visit Auschwitz, however, this is still in the very early stages.</p> <p>The volunteers at the youth club, Lisa and Kerry, have completed their training and are now looking to move to the next level of training. They do a fantastic job. Shaz would also like to thank Diane, Kev and Cath for all their support behind the scenes.</p> <p>Julie advised that she is organising some Domestic Abuse training in Thurcroft.</p> <p><b>Small Grants</b> – The first round of grants were presented at the AGM in January. These were a great success. The new bids will start again immediately and the closing date will be Friday 1 May 2015. There is £2,200 to allocate this time.</p> <p><b>Publicity</b> – A newsletter is currently being produced. The newsletter will contain information about what Big Local has achieved so far and the upcoming plans for Thurcroft. It will be distributed to the village.</p>
2.4	<p><b>Food Banks</b></p> <p>Margaret Carr and Sean Gibbons attended the meeting to talk about food banks. Margaret advised that many families in Thurcroft need help with food and their nearest food banks are at Maltby or Dinnington. Margaret advised about the food bank that Sean runs. He has some young adults</p>

	<p>with SEN who pack the bags for him and then deliver them to various locations. A food bank in Thurcroft would really benefit some members of the community, a venue is required though and volunteers would need recruiting to hand the food bags out on a weekly basis. Alan advised that parents receiving the food may volunteer. Sean advised that funding from Big Local would be required to start having food bags in Thurcroft and initially the cost for a 6 month period would be £1,400. Volunteers are a really important part of making this work so volunteers would have to be found.</p>
<b>2.5</b>	<p><b>Big Local Training</b> Big Local has arranged lots of training courses over the next 18 months, should anyone wish to attend. All costs are covered and these courses are very informative.</p>
<b>2.6</b>	<p><b>AOB</b> <b>Apology</b> – Phil apologised to the partnership for sometimes saying things which could upset people. He is keen to work in partnership with everyone else.</p>
<b>2.7</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 2 March 2015 at 6.30pm at Arbour Drive Community Centre.</p>