

# MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015**  
**At Arbour Drive Community Centre**

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

<b>15.08</b>	<b>Introductions</b> Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>15.09</b>	<b>Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015</b> These were agreed.
<b>15.10</b>	<b>Matter Arising</b> JB and PD are meeting up to finalise the Whats On document.  The Thurcroft Big Local litter pick on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 was a great success with 28 bags of rubbish collected, 14 people collecting, 5 of these new volunteers.
<b>15.11</b>	<b>Environment Group</b> JB reported back from the SubGroup that met on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 and created some terms of reference. JB asked if Brampton was included in the plan. It was agreed that it was not but any volunteers would be welcome to join in and support the work of the Partnership. The group were happy about the Thurcroft in Bloom and Litter Pick elements of the plan. JB asked for some clarification about the nature of the feasibility of the employment scheme. It was agreed to bring the £1000 forward to allow the group to develop this feasibility scheme now. TL clarified the Partnership would like to see the SubGroup do some feasibility work and then come back to the Partnership as a whole with recommendations arising from the feasibility work.

	<p>PD asked what was happening to some land at the bottom of Zamar Crescent. It was suggested that if it wishes to, the Environment Group could look at unused bits of land and explore suggestions for its future use.</p>
<p><b>15.12</b></p>	<p><b>Childrens Play Area</b>          JB said Rotherham Borough Council and Thurcroft Parish Council are looking to extend the existing play area at Gordon Bennett and the possibility of installing “inclusive play” which is play equipment designed for young people with disabilities.</p> <p>They wished to know if Big Local wanted to support this project.</p> <p>Development of play areas is part of the plan and interest has been expressed by residents in having these in different parts of the village. AB suggested a subgroup could do some work on this.</p> <p>It was agreed SR and AB write to the Parish Council expressing the Partnership’s interest in developing play areas and suggesting a joint meeting to discuss future play facilities in the village.</p>
<p><b>15.13</b></p>	<p><b>Re-Profiling the Big Local Plan</b>          Discussion was had on the 4 areas of the plan and any changes needed to the spend profile. A new budget for March 2015- August 2015 was put together. These changes will go to Local Trust for their approval.</p> <p><b>Community Pride-</b> 2 skips will be purchased (£1000) New litter pickers will also be bought. It was agreed to increase the budget for events (£2000) and set aside £1000 for the feasibility scheme for the Greener Thurcroft employment scheme.</p> <p><b>Regeneration:</b> Architect and planning costs have been increased. SR felt land register needed checking for use of building and a solicitor required to put together a legal agreement on the role of the different parties, CiSWO, Thurcroft Bottom Club and Big Local and who is responsible for what. The solicitor has quoted us £175 an hour.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite Colin Salt to next meeting, asking him for some statistics on the users he has and where they are from. There was a discussion on foodbanks and we can make them sustainable.</p> <p><b>Children and Young People:</b> There was wide recognition of the success of the youth club and the excellent work being facilitated by Shaz Biggin with young people. It was reported there can be up to 35 young people attending on a Friday night. It was agreed that Shaz and Youth Work Works need the tools to do their job effectively. It was agreed to allocate £10,000 (£5000 each 6 months) towards paying Shaz over the next 12 months. PD said he would like to do some coffee mornings in the shop to support funding of youth club.</p> <p>Instead of a summer playscheme on the cricket field there will be three trips. These will be to Cannon Hall (24<sup>th</sup> July), Millhouses Park (7<sup>th</sup> August) and Creepy Crawlies (21<sup>st</sup> August). The age range is for 5 to 11 year olds.</p>

<b>15.14</b>	<b>AOB</b> Support has been offered to the Village Green Committee for an activity afternoon but there was no interest from organisers in supporting such an event.  It was agreed to ask for support from 'our bigger story' recording change in Big Local Areas.  A national evaluation of Big Local had been undertaken if anyone would like to see copies.
<b>15.15</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next meeting will be at 6.30pm on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Cricket Pavilion.