

MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

**Monday 7 July 2014
At Arbour Drive Community Centre**

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

2.0 Introductions

Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone gave a brief introduction.

2.1 Minutes from 2 June 2014

These were agreed.

2.2 Big Local Plan

Steve gave details of who work has worked on the plan and distributed some parts of it. Alan advised that he would like to change a couple of minor things i.e. name of clubs etc. Rob offered his assistance with the presentation of the plan. Alister said that the plan will be revisited every year and can be refreshed if required. Feedback on what has been done so far would be much appreciated. Julie asked how many people had been asked what they would like to see the money spent on. Steve advised that every house in Thurcroft received a questionnaire to fill in and lots of other consultation has already taken place. Alister said that we can still continue to ask people what the area needs/wants. Decisions on the main projects have now been made and these will not change. The aim is to submit the plan by the end of July, therefore any comments or other bits people want to add need to be sent to Steve or Rachel asap.

2.3 Staff Support

Steve said that currently the Big local is volunteer lead which is great and needs to stay like that but there may be times i.e. when projects need driving forward that support/expertise could be bought in. It is also a possibility to employ a development worker for so many hours a week. Denise said that in her experience volunteers and a management committee work very successful and problems start when employing workers. Denise said that the partnership is very capable of doing the work themselves. Full time workers will take a large chunk of the money. It was agreed just to keep Rachel, staff wise, at the moment.

Cath and Di advised that they had met with a lady called Nicola Markham who can offer lots of help with projects, courses etc. She lives in Thurcroft and is a useful contact to have. Rob suggested having a database of all contacts for i.e. grants etc. Phil suggested using the computer in the shop to create a database for events and activities which are taking place in Thurcroft.

2.3 Project Updates

Pavilion

This project is going to be a much bigger project than first thought. A meeting is to be arranged with the club, trustees and the land owner to discuss funds. Long term the pavilion will hopefully generate a good income for the Big Local. Shaz said she may have to look at an alternative venue for the youth clubs whilst the work is carried out as she doesn't want to lose the young people, but the new pavilion will be something for them all to look forward to.

Pit Top

Alan gave an update on the Pit Top, following a recent meeting with FCC. The Pit Top will no longer be a land fill; the plan is to put a Solar Farm there. FCC are happy to put in fishing ponds, a car park, walkways/paths and picnic areas. It is a 25 year plan and will cover 400 acres of the site. If it is agreed, work will commence in the Autumn. There will be no cost to Big Local. Alan suggest a separate meeting/group to discuss this further.

Play Scheme

Everything has been organised for the play scheme. Cath distributed an activity table of what will take place each week and also a rota for people to add their names to if they wish to volunteer at the Play Scheme.

WW1 Event

130 tickets have been sold for the tea dance event. Everything has been organised i.e. catering etc.

Gala

Diane advised that everything has now been organised for the Gala. Any help on the day will be much appreciated.

Arts

A piece of artwork/community art workshop will take place at the Gala.

Youth Work

Shaz advised that the Youth Clubs on Tuesday and Friday evenings are going really well. Shaz advised that she is in contact with Rotherham United regarding some sport activities and also with Lifeline. They have also got £473 easy peasy money. Shaz advised that the people who are volunteering are great and are working really well with the young people.

Shop

It continues to be the same people volunteering in the shop all the time. It was agreed that as there is nowhere else to go, another year lease will be taken on the shop.

2.4 Pathway Funding – Budget Vs Spend

There is an underspend of £5700, so this will last a bit longer than August. It was suggested buying an additional marquee with this money. Tim thanked Kevin for erecting the Big Local marquee at a recent church event. Tim also thanked Cath and Diane for their help.

2.5 Membership

Draft rules to join the partnership were distributed and these were agreed. A review of the partnership will take place every September, the Code of Conduct, which needs to be adhered to, will also be reviewed.

2.7 Any Other Business

None.

2.8 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 September 2014 at 6.30pm at Arbour Drive Community Centre.

