

MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Monday 11 January 2016
At St Simon & St Jude's Church

Present: Alan Bucknall (Chair) AB
Anne Barrass ABa
Cath McCartan CM
Kay Mosley KM
Diane Oxley DO
Tim Leach TL
Tony Simmonds TS
Cynthia Parr CP
Pam Mitchell PM
Steve Ruffle SR
Rachel Cole RC
Alister Shaw AS
Katie Powell (Sheffield University) KP

Apologies: Phil Dale PD

	<p>New Partnership Member – Lee Wright The Partnership members met prior to the meeting to discuss accepting Lee Wright onto the Partnership. His application form was discussed and it was agreed to accept Lee onto the partnership.</p> <p>Existing Partnership Member – Nathan Lewis The rules of the partnership state that if a Partnership member misses three consecutive meetings they will be removed from the Partnership. Nathan Lewis hasn't attended a meeting since August so it was agreed to remove Nathan from the Partnership. Nathan will continue to volunteer with the Big Local.</p>
2.0	<p>Introductions/Apologies AB welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.</p>
2.1	<p>Fostering in Thurcroft Ann-Marie Banks attended the meeting and spoke about Fostering in Rotherham. Ann-Marie gave details of how many children are currently in care and advised that more foster carers are needed in the Rotherham area. Ann-Marie advised that they want to recruit in four areas of Rotherham and Thurcroft is one of them.</p>
2.2	<p>Minutes of 2 November 2015 These were agreed.</p>
2.3	<p>Matters Arising Facebook- SR advised that he is spending a lot of time taking adverts off Facebook at the moment. On a positive note, AB said that it is great to see how many members Big Local Facebook now has.</p>

2.4	<p>Pavilion Business Plan</p> <p>CM advised that the Business Plan is now completed and she is very pleased with it. Andy Sorsby has done an excellent job. CM will forward the plan to everyone on the Partnership for their opinions. SR asked that people let him know what they think i.e. is the Business Plan fit for purpose. CM will also forward it to Sam Keighley for her views. It will then be sent onto Local Trust. Two grants have also been submitted by Andy, a grant for £70,000 for a cricket training net and flood lights and one for £20,000 for trees and greenery. This will help with the drainage of the field. It is hoped that building works will commence in March and the new building will be complete by June/July. The opening can then be tied in with 100 years of the Miners Welfare Institute by having a weekend of celebrations, including the Gala which will be brought forward.</p>
2.5	<p>Updates</p> <p>Big Local Research Project</p> <p>Katie asked if the Partnership are still happy for her to come along to meetings and events as part of their research. Everyone agreed that they are happy with this. Katie advised that they want to finish all fieldwork by the end of this year.</p> <p>Creswell Crags Networking</p> <p>AS advised that he has distributed a report on the networking event. A common problem that Big Local Partnerships seem to have is getting people involved and keeping them interested. AS said a good piece of work to do would be to find out what people are interested in and what they can offer i.e. skills, different abilities, talents, time, resources etc. Would be a great idea but a big piece of work. TL said that the village has changed a lot since Big Local first started so there will be different people and views now.</p> <p>Commissioning Training</p> <p>SR advised that the first session of the training will commence on Monday 18 January at 6.00pm at the Church. The training is about commissioning people to do jobs we can't do ourselves. 15 people from other Big Local areas have confirmed their attendance and TS from Thurcroft. DO, CM, AB and TL also agreed to attend the training.</p> <p>Volunteer Hours</p> <p>TS advised that people handing in their volunteer hours, has dropped off slightly and is not reflecting the true hours people are doing. It was suggested having a signing in sheet for the shop. TS advised that he can record people's hours where he is present i.e. Partnership meetings but cannot do it when he's not there.</p> <p>Playground Security Costs</p> <p>Quotes have been received for three security cameras ranging from £8,000 to £10,000 to protect the playground. TS raised some issues of who will monitor the cameras and will people be prosecuted if they are caught on camera. Other things to think about are, how many cameras will be required and what is the night vision like on the cameras. The next Playground meeting is on 1 February at 5.30pm so the issues/questions will be raised there.</p> <p>Shop/Office Base</p> <p>The lease on the shop finishes at the end of March. SR asked if the Partnership would like to keep it on or not. The majority of people on the Partnership said they thought it was time to let it go. It was agreed to not</p>

	renew the lease.
2.6	<p>Small Grants – Survey Results and Future</p> <p>SR gave details of the results from the survey. 15 people responded to the online survey and 7 of these people thought they were very successful, 7 though they were quite successful and only one person thought they were not successful. It was agreed to go ahead with another round of grants exactly as before and keep them open for anyone to apply. SR thanked DO and TS for their continued assistance. CM said it is good to put something on Facebook thanking the Big Local for their grants as this also encourages people to apply.</p>
2.7	<p>Events</p> <p>Easter Event – An Easter Event, including an Easter bonnet competition will take place on Easter Sunday, 27 March 2016 at the bottom club.</p> <p>Gala – The subcommittee would like this year’s Gala to be held at the end of July to coincide with the 100 years of the Miners Welfare Institute and hopefully the opening of the new Pavilion.</p> <p>Queens 90th Birthday – A tea dance will be held on Thursday 21 April from 4pm until 8pm at the Miners Welfare in celebration of the Queen’s 90th Birthday.</p> <p>Big Tidy Up – SR advised of an event ‘Clean for the Queen’ which is taking place across the UK in January, February and March, with the main focus being on the first weekend in March.</p>
2.8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 1 February 2016 at 6.30pm at St Simon and St Jude’s Church.</p>