

# MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

**Monday 11 May 2015**  
**Thurcroft Legacy Church**

<b>Present:</b>	Cath McCartan (Chair)	CM
	Anne Barrass	ABa
	Tim Leach	TL
	Pam Mitchell	PM
	Kay Mosley	KM
	Diane Oxley	DO
	Shaz Biggin	SB
	Phil Dale	PD
	Rachel Cole	RC
	Steve Ruffle	SR
	Alister Shaw	AS
	Julie Barnett	JB
	Andrea Peers	AP
	Janine Curran	JC
	Rebecca Jarvis (Tiny Explores)	RJ
	Claire Mitchell (Tiny Explores)	CM
	Kevin Booth	KB
	Dave Abrahams	DA
	Terry Beevor	TB
	Will Shepard (Atlas Gym)	WL
	Mark Angleser (Atlas Gym)	MA
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alan Bucknall	AB
	Tony Simmonds	TS
	Marie Simmonds	MS
	Cynthia Parr	CP

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Introductions/Apologies</b> CM chaired the meeting in the absence of AB and TS. CM welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Minutes from 13 April 2015</b> These were agreed.
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Matter Arising</b> There were no matters arising.
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Collaborating with Partners</b>  <b>Atlas Gym/Tiny Explorers</b> CM advised that Mark Angleser from Atlas Gym had popped into the Big Local Shop a few weeks ago to introduce himself and to say that they would like to work in partnership with Thurcroft Big Local. Mark has offered the Big Local some office space in the building and also there is space for a nursery.

	<p>Becky from Tiny Explorers advised that they have had a look at the building with the possibility of turning the space into a nursery/after school care/holidays clubs etc. Becky advised that they need to do some consultation and ask parents their opinions and see if it is something there is a need for. They need to know if parents would be willing to pay and if the location of the building would be a barrier. The space both inside and outside the building needs some alteration and this would cost approximately £15,000 to get it up and running. Becky and Claire will produce a questionnaire to send to all houses to see if it is a requirement that the village need. They need to make sure that they can make it sustainable and if so Big Local can then decide if it is something they would like to invest in. Kev said that something similar as been tried at the Welfare and there was no interest.</p> <p>Mark said that they would like their building to be more of a community building and for the community to use it. They have offered the Big Local free office space once the shop has closed and whilst the new Pavilion is built. It is hoped that this will bring footfall to the building. Mark advised that they have organised a weekly car boot sale on the land belonging to the building. The first car boot sale will take place on Sunday 17 May 2015 and the gates will open at 6am. The cost will be £6 per car, £8 for a small van and £12 for a large van. Some of the proceeds will be donated to Big Local.</p> <p><b>Legacy Church</b> Dee introduced himself as Pastor of Thurcroft Legacy Church. The church is there to give something to the community and they want to connect with both young and older people as well as local companies. Dee advised that everyone is welcome at the church on Sunday afternoons at 3pm for their get together.</p>
2.4	<p><b>Committee Updates</b></p> <p><b>Plan Sub Group</b> AS advised that it is the Big Local Rep's responsibility to carry out an annual review of the plan. This will look at what is going well and what could be done better as well as reviewing the priorities and making sure we are on the right track. DO, TL, AB, KM and CM will be on this sub group. AS to organise a suitable date for the meeting.</p> <p><b>Cricket Pavilion</b> The new plans for the Pavilion have been submitted to RMBC for their approval. CM advised that a letter had been received from Sport England and they have no objections to the new Pavilion. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 21 May at 10am to meet with the solicitors of each party, Big Local and the Club.</p> <p>CM advised that the cricket team is now up and running and cricket training is available for both boys and girls over 8 years old. The cricket training will take place on Friday evenings and will coincide with the youth club.</p> <p><b>Events</b> Plans for the Gala are going well and many stalls have already booked in. A few booking forms need chasing so DO will do this. DO also said that we</p>

need the Gazebo back so we can make sure it is in good condition for the Gala.

In the October half term we were going to have another Winter Wonderland Event with an ice rink. Unfortunately Ice Sheffield are not purchasing a new rink at the moment due to cost, so we will have to think of an alternative activity for October.

### **Environmental**

**Litter Pick** – AB advised that lots of young people attended the April litter pick but unfortunately no residents. However, the litter picks are proving successful as 68 large bags have been collected during the last three litter picks.

**Skip** – A skip will be on the waste land on Zamor Crescent on Saturday 16 May from 10am. JB advised that in future it may be cheaper to book skips directly with the company rather than doing it through RMBC.

**Community Organisers** – AB advised that following the last meeting which the Community Organisers attended, she doesn't feel that they are right for Big Local. AB feels that Big Local have already covered what they are offering and they cannot offer anymore. CM suggested that offering a young person from Thurcroft the chance of an apprenticeship or employment maybe a better idea. This could also be linked to Rush House.

**RMBC** – AP advised that Janine Curran will now support the Big Local along with Julie Barnett. JB will concentrate on the environmental group and building it up. She will also look after the Section 106 play money. JC will work with the group to do the feasibility study and will look at other projects. She will also look after the Section 106 art money.

### **Small Grants**

The group met last week to discuss and decide on the small grants. Over £3,600 worth of grants were received and there was only £2,000 available to give away. Some groups/individuals were only part funded and some didn't receive anything. The cheques to the successful grants will be presented at the Partnership Meeting on Monday 1 June 2015. SR advised that having larger grants i.e. £500 for bigger projects maybe something to look into for the next round of grants.

### **Youth Work**

SB advised that 4 volunteers work has now gone in and waiting to be assessed. 6 volunteers have now gone through youth work training. The young people recently took part in the Take Rotherham Back March event and their artwork was displayed in the Rotherham Art Gallery.

The young people will be taking part in some Young Superintendent training, this will then enable them to go into children's centres, schools etc. to see what provisions are needed for young people.

SB advised that the youth clubs are going great and approximately 35-40 young people attend each club.

### **Publicity**

The newsletter has now been produced and 1500 have now gone to print. Any help delivering the newsletter would be much appreciated.

2.5	<p><b>Meeting with RMBC Commissioners</b>  A meeting with the RMBC Commissioners has been arranged for Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 5pm. Meeting invites have been sent out. This will be the first time in a long time that people can have their say. It was suggested taking something to the meeting as a Big Local group.</p>
2.6	<p><b>Big Local Ambassadors</b>  AS advised that Debbie Lads is inviting people to be ambassadors for Big Local. AS said that he thought a few people on the partnership would be great as ambassadors. The closing date to apply for this is Monday 18 May 2015. It is a great opportunity and all training will be provided.</p>
2.7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b>  KB said that he had seen an article in the Rotherham Advertiser regarding the use of the new Pavilion. He said that a constitution must be worked to. CM gave details about the Pavilion, what it will be used for and that any monies made will go back into the charity recreation. The building will belong to the Village.</p> <p>It was confirmed that there are no plans to put a motorbike/quad track on the Pit Top.</p>
2.8	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  Monday 1 June 2015 at 6.30pm at Thurcroft Legacy Church.</p>