

MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Monday 13 April 2015
At Arbour Drive Community Centre

Present:	Alan Bucknall (Chair)	AB
	Anne Barrass	ABa
	Phil Dale	PD
	Cath McCartan	CM
	Pam Mitchell	PM
	Kay Mosley	KM
	Diane Oxley	DO
	Cynthia Parr	CP
	Tony Simmonds	TS
	Rachel Cole	RC
	Steve Ruffle	SR
	Julie Barnett	JB
	Stuart Kenny	SK
	Colin Salt	CS
	Tracy Highton	TH
	Vickie Hobson	VH
Apologies:	Tim Leach	TL
	Nathan Lewis	NL
	Alister Shaw	AS

2.0	<p>Introductions Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the visitors.</p>
2.1	<p>Minutes from 2 March 2014 These were agreed.</p>
2.2	<p>Matter Arising Environment Group – It was agreed at March’s meeting to allocate £1000 to the group to enable them to carry out a feasibility study. JB will continue to work with the group on this. JB advised that Janice Curran will also assist Big Local projects were required. Re-Profiling the Big Local Plan – The changes have now been submitted to the Local Trust. Legal Advice – SR advised that he has put in a request for legal support. AB advised that all legal representation has to be processed through Rotherfed as the Big Local is not a constituted group. SR advised that this maybe something the group could think about for the future.</p>
2.3	<p>Thurcroft Play Facilities SK (RMBC) advised that 106 monies, money from the developers has been given to help maintain and look after play areas. Money has also been given for the library and artwork. RMBC and the Parish Council are looking to extend the existing play area at the Gordon Bennett. They want to include inclusive play which can be used by children with disabilities along with their siblings etc. They would also like to provide something for</p>

	<p>teenage girls. RMBC currently inspect this play area on behalf of the Parish Council and do make some small repairs. They would also like to look at having additional play areas and would like to know if Big Local would like to support this. As money has already been set aside in the plan for play areas, it was agreed to support this along with RMBC and the Parish Council. Some consultation has already taken place and JB has this information. It was suggested having a Parish Council representation on the Environmental Group Committee.</p>
2.4	<p>One Stop Advice Services Colin Salt is currently offering Benefit Advice on a Tuesday afternoon in the Big Local Shop. CS reported that whilst in Thurcroft he has dealt with over 125 cases and received £202,312.20 in benefits for people. CS advised that there is a big need in Thurcroft for this service and it is good to build relationships. AB advised that it is nice to see what CS has achieved whilst he has been in Thurcroft. DO advised that lots of positive feedback has been received about CS. It was reported that the Community First funding for CS has now finished and we need to look at how we can sustain this service moving forward.</p>
2.5	<p>Community Organisers TH and VH introduced themselves and advised that they are employed by a company called Locality and are hosted through Rotherfed. The Community Organisers are currently in training and will finish in July when they will be looking for fulltime work. TH spoke about their job roles and some of the areas they have worked in. The organisers will receive £15,000 towards their salary in the 2nd year and whoever employs them will have to find just £7,500 for a fulltime worker. No funding will be available in Year 3. SR advised that it maybe something Big Local would like to think about.</p>
2.6	<p>Updates Easter Event – This was a really good event with lots of people attending. £212.27 was raised from a raffle, guess the name of the rabbit and the sale of buns. This money will go in unrestricted funds. Atlas Gym – CM advised that Mark from the Atlas Gym had been into the Big Local shop and would like to work in partnership with us. Mark offered Big Local an office space once the shop has closed and also has space for a nursery too. Mark is also looking at holding Car Boot Sales on a monthly basis with some proceeds going to Big Local. It was agreed to invite Mark to the next meeting. Litter Picks – 18 bags of rubbish were collected at the last litter pick and Street Pride kindly collected these. The next Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 25 April 2015 at 10am. There are problems with litter on the Mineral Line and the Parish Council have agreed to help with this clean-up. Rotherfed AGM – AB advised that he attended the AGM on behalf of the Big Local. Venue for Future Meetings – Rachel to speak to Legacy Church regarding holding future meetings there. Cricket Pavilion – Plans have been submitted to RMBC and a letter has been sent to the Solicitor regarding the legal agreement. Small Grants – Four small grant forms have been returned so far. The closing date is Friday 1 May 2015.</p>

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Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11May 2015 at 6.30pm at The Legacy Church.