

MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Monday 6 March 2017
At St Simon & St Jude's Church

Present:

Tony Simmonds (Chair)	TS
Anne Barrass	AB
Cath McCartan	CM
Tim Leach	TL
Lee Wright	LW
Terry Beever	TB
Kay Mosley	KM
Shaz Biggin	SB
Andrea Peers	AP
Pam Mitchell	PM
Ray Barrass	RB
Alister Shaw	AS
Rachel Cole	RC
Steve Ruffle	SR
Keith Hanson	KH

Apologies:

Diane Oxley	DO
Phil Dale	PD
Kim Hindle	KM

2.1	<p>Introductions/Apologies TS welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2.3	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting These were agreed.</p> <p>Area Assembly Meeting – AP advised that following on from the issues raised at the last area assembly meeting, an action day was held on 16 February with the PCSO's and RMBC staff. Over 150 homes were visited around the St Withholds area and information leaflets were posted through each door. AP advised that over 50 surveys were returned and she will share the results of these with Big Local. They also met with the youth services and engaged with the young people. A skip has been arranged for 27 March and works will continue on Peter Street, John Street and Charles Street.</p> <p>Big Local Spring Events – AS advised that they have now opened the bookings for the Spring events. There are three events in May and one of them will be in Sheffield.</p>
2.4	<p>Membership Review It was agreed to take Claire Mitchell and Cynthia Parr off the Partnership. SR will send them a letter thanking them for their support and letting them know they can reapply to the Partnership in the future should they wish to do so. SR advised that new members are always welcome to join.</p> <p>The Partnership said it would be nice to see the canopy at Tiny Explorers</p>

	which Big Local has funded.
2.5	<p>Thurcroft Hub</p> <p>The official opening is on Friday 10 March 2017 at 4pm. A buffet and welcome drinks will be provided. There are a number of people making speeches and these will commence just after 4pm. CM advised that she has already had lots of interest regarding people using the building and various grants have been applied for. CM advised that she recently met with Rotherham Council and agreed to put on some Mega Active activities week commencing Monday 31 July. It was agreed that the £1500 allocated for the Play Scheme will go towards this and we will charge the children £6.00 per day or £20.00 for the week. This will be offered to Thurcroft children first, before offering to the wider community. Some free activities for the over 50's will also be taking place during May.</p> <p>TB asked about the lease. CM advised that there are 99 years left on the lease. CM advised that Big Local and Thurcroft Miners Welfare will work together to run the building.</p>
2.6	<p>Youth Club</p> <p>Budget Proposal – A recommendation was put forward to up the youth budget to £20,000. SB is doing a fantastic job with the young people. This was agreed. AS advised that thought also needs to be given to future funding for the youth club. The recommendation of £10,000 was agreed.</p> <p>CM advised that from the £20,000 allocated for One Stop Advice, if £10,000 is given to youth then this leaves £10,000 left. CM suggested using this money to employ one or two part timers to manage the Hub and possibly run an apprentice alongside them. SR advised that this can be approved for the budget and then the details/proposal can be looked into. SR advised that there is also an additional £10,000 for Thurcroft Hub resources.</p>
2.7	<p>Events</p> <p>Clean Up – As part of the Big Spring Clean Up a litter pick took place on Saturday 4 March on the Mineral Line. The weather was lovely and the turnout was fantastic. 24 adults, 10 children and Lottie the dog attended. Over 60 bags were collected along with tyres, TV's etc. AB advised that a write up and picture has been sent to the Rotherham Advertiser and she has logged the details on the website regarding community litter picks which Wayne Munroe-Smith spoke about. The next litter pick will be on Saturday 25 March at 10am. AP advised that the Public Rights of Way team have agreed to cut back the hedges on the Mineral Line. The next skip will be on Saturday 13 May on Cedric Crescent at 10am until full. LW thanked RB for the use of his car to move the rubbish.</p> <p>Easter – CM advised that nothing yet has been organised for Easter. Ideas and volunteers are welcome.</p> <p>Gala – This will be held on Saturday 29 July from 12pm until 5pm. RC gave an update on what has been booked so far and advised that letters and booking forms for stalls have been sent out.</p>

2.8	<p>CCTV – A meeting with the Parish Council, Big Local and Mark Worrall from South Yorkshire Police has taken place to discuss the CCTV. TS gave an update. TS explained the difference between reviewing and surveillance of the cameras and advised that it makes more sense to keep it to a central point. SB advised that the Youth Club has no relationship with the police in Thurcroft. Police Officers are rarely seen in the village and SB advised that community links are really important. TS advised that two new officers will be starting shortly.</p> <p>Funding - SR gave an update of the first funding meeting which took place earlier. SR spoke about the key projects and what organisations will take these forward, he also said he would like to have an informal discussion regarding banks as they give out funding. TB advised that banks have helped the Welfare with funding.</p> <p>Small Grants – The following Small Grants were awarded:- Hotshots - £200 Aughton Early Years - £200 Toddler Group - £100</p> <p>A discussion took place about how to take Small Grants forward i.e. bigger grants etc. Another option is to have a rolling programme and have them open all year round.</p> <p>Meeting Times – CM advised that some people have asked if the partnership meetings can sometimes be held on an alternative day as Mondays are not suitable. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 5 April as a trial, to see if new people attend.</p>
2.9	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday 5 April 2017 at 6.30pm at Thurcroft Hub.</p>
2.10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Youth Work – SB advised that the detached work she has been doing has gone really well and the young people are very much looking forward to the new building.</p> <p>Rotherfed's AGM – This will be held on Tuesday 28 March from 2pm until 4pm. Everyone is welcome.</p>