

MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Monday 9 January 2017
At St Simon & St Jude's Church

Present:	Tony Simmonds (Chair)	TS
	Anne Barrass	ABa
	Cath McCartan	CM
	Tim Leach	TL
	Diane Oxley	DO
	Lee Wright	LW
	Pam Mitchell	PM
	Phil Dale	PG
	Trevor Beever	TB
	Rev Keith Hanson (Part)	KH
	Amy Brookes (Councillor)	AB
	Andrea Peers	AP
	Alister Shaw	AS
	Rachel Cole	RC
	Steve Ruffle	SR
	Katie Powell	KP
Apologies:	Shaz Biggin	SB
	Kay Mosley	KM
	Paul Wright	PW

2.1	Partnership Membership Application SR advised that two applications have been received one from Elisha Turner and one from Rev Keith Hanson. However, due to Elisha not attending three consecutive meetings it was agreed to not discuss hers. SR read out Keith's application and it was agreed to accept him onto the Partnership. AS suggested having an induction programme for new members so they know what is involved and what is expected of them.
2.2	Introductions/Apologies TS welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017. All present introduced themselves.
2.3	Minutes of the last Meeting These were agreed. Parish Council Representative – SR advised that he has written to the Parish Council regarding a new Big Local Rep. However, as yet he has not heard anything back.
2.4	Thurcroft Hub CM advised that the installation of the three phase electric is not taking place now until the 16 February. This means that the old building cannot be knocked down until after the 16 February. Therefore, it has been agreed to have the official opening on Friday 10 March at 4pm. Works on the car park have started today. TB asked if CISWO folded will Thurcroft

	<p>Hub still continue. CM advised that CISWO only own the land so the Hub would continue. CM advised that Thurcroft Hub will be independently run, not committee run. The Hub will be self-sustainable. CM confirmed that business will not be taken off other venues in Thurcroft, we are just adding to the facilities on offer in the village. It was agreed that everyone, apart from Big Local, will have to pay to use the Hub, no one will be allowed in for free. AS said that he thought other Big Local areas will want to come and see the Hub when it is open. CM advised that she has already thought about this and we will have an open day for the Local Trust and the other areas.</p>
2.5	<p>Church Restoration Project</p> <p>St Simon and St Jude's Church is an important part of Thurcroft. The church currently has issues with damp and the state of the walls. KH said that there are lots that can be done to the church to make it more usable. KH gave details of the ideas he has for the church, including the building and the site around it. KH would like to improve the facilities but not take revenue away from the other venues in the village. KH advised that it is hoped that Big Local will help fund this. SR advised that there are other projects going on too and the process has to be fair for everyone. It was agreed that any ideas/suggestions be given to KH or TM.</p>
2.6	<p>Contracts</p> <p>SR advised that contracts for both the Youth Work and Advice Work have been looked at. Currently in the plan there is £10,000 for Youth Work and £20,000 for Advice Work, SR asked if this is still correct. AS asked why so soon after the review the group was looking at budgets. A few people said that they didn't realise the Youth Work budget had been cut so much. Shaz Biggin offers a great service and has nearly 300 kids on the books, she also gets her own additional funding.</p> <p>As the two services are so different, you can't really compare them. Therefore, it was agreed to look at the contracts at the individual sub groups.</p>
2.7	<p>CCTV – Developing a Protocol</p> <p>AP advised that she has contacted Goldthorpe Big Local regarding the protocol they have in place for their CCTV system. She is awaiting a response. Currently RMBC and the police have access to the camera. AP advised that if the community or Parish Council are going to monitor the CCTV, appropriate equipment is required. Data protection, safe guarding and confidentiality is a must as well as DBS checks to protect the public and the people viewing the footage. It was agreed that basic temporary signage will be erected until the new signage is ready. TB showed an example of the forms they fill in when watching footage from the CCTV. He also advised that they never look at footage alone.</p>
2.8	<p>Trainees – Communities Fund</p> <p>SR gave details of a proposed trainee scheme where the trainees will work through the Hub on minimum wage. The scheme is in its initial stage. It was agreed to run with the scheme.</p>

2.9	<p>Publicity – Rotherham Advertiser It was reported that the information which is put in the Rotherham Advertiser on a weekly basis is usually incorrect and not appropriate. It is also making Big Local look silly. It was agreed that any future correspondence for the Advertiser needs to be checked by either SR or RC.</p>
2.10	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday 6 February 2016 at 6.30pm at St Simon and St Jude’s Church.</p>
2.11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Litter Bin Audit – AB advised that she is currently doing a piece of work to look at the sighting, suitability and use of waste bins in the borough. AB advised that there is no money for new bins; however, they can be relocated if required. Any comments or suggestions to be sent to AB by end of January.</p> <p>Research – KP advised that the research project ends in March. KP thanked everyone for their time whilst the research has been taking place. It was agreed that KP would present the findings of the research at May’s meeting.</p> <p>Litter Picks/Skips – The litter picks will continue on the last Saturday of every month. The next one is on 28 January 2017. AB advised that the Parish Council has given some money towards the community skips and these will continue on a quarterly basis. The next one will be on Saturday 11 February on New Orchard Lane, 10am until full.</p> <p>Big Spring Clean – This event runs from 3 to 5 March. It was agreed to have a litter pick on Saturday 4 March on the mineral line.</p> <p>Big Local Training – AS distributed the latest training course leaflet from Local Trust.</p>