

**MINUTES RBL PARTNERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2015 ARNCLIFFE CENTRE 5.15 PM**

Present

Colin Meredith (Chair)

Max Lambert

Christine Beal

Danny Leech

Rich Richardson

Emma Woods-Bolger

Peter Edwards (Vice Chair)

Helen Thompson (Big Local Rep)

Mags Bryson

Darren Burton

Catherine Richardson

Matt Davies (Guest from Renaisi)

Apologies

Julia Goldspink and Lorraine Walker

Minutes: Angela Peaker

1. WELCOME

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed Matt Davies from Renaisi. Matt attended for an informal chat with the members of the partnership about the support provided by Local Trust Representative as part of an evaluation he is carrying out.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING OF 15th JANUARY 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(A) BIG EVENT

Preparations for the Big Event are continuing. The "It's a Knockout Event" is to comprise 12 teams with up to 12 people in each with a minimum age of 14. The rodeo bull has given backward and prices are awaited from two other suppliers. A reply is also awaited from St Johns Scouts regarding catering. The Cricket Club will be able to supply hot dogs/burgers etc. They will advertise the event on their website.

Discussion took place about continuing with the Big Event in 2016 and, if so, whether sponsorship should be sought or a budget allocated from the Big Local funding. The sponsorship route may be worth considering as it could lead to the event being self-funded in the long term. As Big Local is about social networking and engaging with the Community the general feeling was that it does fulfil this role and that consideration should be given to holding it again in 2016.

ACTION: MAGS TO PROVIDE LIST OF COMMUNITY FUND RECIPIENTS

(B) VOICE YOUR CHOICE

The Confidential and Data protection document has now been agreed.

Seventeen bids were received for Voice your Choice with two of these withdrawing and one bid being rejected. Fourteen bids have gone forward with an approximate total of £300,000 being requested. There are two voting categories, schools and households. Ballot boxes have been delivered to schools and the nine other locations around the area. Forms can also be returned to CFFC or completed on-line. Phoenix Radio will run a slot for each of the bids over the next couple of weeks and an article will also be appearing in the Echo next week.

Discussion took place about whether VYC is the right mechanism and whether we adopt young people and green spaces in 2016-2017 or a different priority. However there were different views on this and with this in mind the chair suggested that a separate working party be formed. This was for members to come back with their ideas and to decide a time scale but not to necessarily clarify the themes at this stage.

Helen's view is that VYC is an exciting venture and that a ballot may be interesting to look at for the future. She also mentioned that an evaluation of where the money has been used will be undertaken in April by Richard.

ACTION: Volunteers for working party to email Colin

(C) COMMUNITY SMALL GRANTS FUND

Six applications have been received. The applicants have been invited to give a presentation at the Arncliffe Centre on 7 March between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. The amount of funding requested is £6685 and as £20,000 has been allocated it was discussed and agreed that a second round of funding be launched in May after VYC.

A date for the awards ceremony is yet to be decided.

(D) MARKETING AND ENGAGEMENT

The volunteers have received their VYC forms for delivery of the weekend of 1 March.

The website is now fully operational as are the twitter and facebook accounts. RBL have received £500 from the CMBC Ward Forum funding. This is to provide training on the website and other social media sites for RBL members and any other residents who may be interested in becoming involved.

(E) TREASURERS REPORT

The finance document has been amended to incorporate a clause that all purchases are to be made through the Treasurer. This was approved and agreed.

The audited account has been completed for the last 2 years. The RBL treasurer will hold petty cash of £100 and any small expenses can go through him. Amounts over and above this will have to be made through the LTO. This will continue to be monitored by the RBL treasurer.

4. LTO REPORT

The application for funding from Marketplace has been submitted and it is believed that it will take about a month to receive this funding. This is for £2250 and is accessible each year to enable RBL to access training, support and services to deliver projects.

The Chair expressed thanks to CFFC who have spent a considerable amount of time in updating the website. They will continue to offer assistance but it is now the responsibility of RBL to maintain the various social media sites.

5. BL REP REPORT

Contact has been made with Sainsbury's who are enthusiastic to support community ventures in the form of supplying drinks and refreshments for events and activities. Their contact for marketing and publicity is Guy Walker prl.brighthouse@sainsburys.co.uk. They will also offer support by placing publicity on the in-store Community noticeboard. It may also be worth mentioning that staff from the Rastrick area can become involved.

Our Bigger Story is a multi-media evaluation project of Big Local. Working in 15 areas it will focus on producing films, songs, blogs, poems etc to illustrate the progress made. Ultimately it will provide a recorded history, new skills in the local community and some professional media products.

An early years evaluation of Big Local indicated the views that Big Local was a slow rollercoaster, 83% felt over-reliant on a relatively small group; 78% felt they were building a stronger sense of community with an increase in people coming together.

Details of two Spring events are on 21st April 2015 in York and 28th April 2015 in Manchester. These are workshops which will include: shops and community hubs, dealing with loan sharks, running a community library, problem solving techniques. Further information on <http://localtrust.org.uk/events/>

Helen provided examples from two Big Local areas on their ongoing process of including the community. The East Coseley Community Forum <https://eastcoseleyvisions.wordpress.com/> and Ewanrigg Local Trust <http://www.ewanrigg.com/index.php/about-us> give ideas of how they interact.

The Chair expressed the gratitude of RBL to Helen for her assistance and comprehensive reports.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 RBL has received £500 from the CMBC Ward Forum funding. When applying for the funding it became apparent that the Partnership Framework did not have a dissolution clause. The framework has now been amended and has been approved by the members and signed and dated by the Chair.

6.2 The paperwork for the funding streams has now been signed off.

6.3 Before concluding the meeting the Chair formed three separate groups for interactive discussion. This was to look at one possible course of action for a key resilience and to come up with an action plan to implement that. The Chair said that he would distribute their findings.

7. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th April 2015 – 6.00 pm Arncliffe Centre