

**MINUTES RBL PARTNERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014 ARNCLIFFE CENTRE 6.00 PM**

Present

Peter Edwards (Vice Chair)

Mags Bryson

Richard Edwards

Max Lambert

Rich Richardson

Christine Beal

Steve Duncan (LTO)

Adrian Hartshorn

Colin Meredith

Helen Thompson (Big Local Rep)

Guest: Peter Judge

Minutes: Angela Peaker

1. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

The Vice Chair opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Catherine Richardson, Julia Goldspink, Lorraine Walker and Darren Burton.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. SUB GROUP REPORTS

(A) ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT WORKER

There were five applicants, two were rejected at shortlisting, the further three attended interview on 30 September. The sub group recommended that William (Danny) Leech of Quietmann Ltd be appointed and this was accepted and agreed by the partnership. Following discussion it was decided that his starting date be 22 October 2014 and sufficient monies have been identified for this purpose. The contract with the LTO is yet to be finalised.

ACTION: MAGS TO CONTACT WILLIAM LEECH AND THE TWO UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

(B) BIG EVENT:

The confirmed date for the Big Event will be Sunday 12 July 2015. Donkeys, fairground ride and ice cream van have been booked. Enquiries have been made for the rodeo bull and go karts but these are yet to be confirmed.

(C) VOICE YOUR CHOICE:

The contract between Richard Edwards and the LTO was duly signed at the meeting on 16 October 2014.

(D) GOVERNANCE

Following the final revision of the governance document it was proposed that this now be accepted and members agreed to this.

(E) COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

Discussion took place about the appropriate time to launch the next round of funding for Community projects. Questions were raised as to whether confusion may arise if Voice your Choice and the Community project funds were launched around the same time but it was agreed that this should not pose a problem. It was agreed that the next round of Community Projects funding would be in January 2015. Information about this will be displayed at the Community update meeting.

ACTION : MAGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT ROUND OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

(F) MARKETING AND ENGAGEMENT:

Plaques have now been purchased for Community Project Fund recipients to display. Badges have also been bought to distribute at the Community update meeting.

(G) FINANCE – TREASURERS REPORT

It is believed that there is approximately £13,000 in the account but £4,800 of this is allocated to a Community Project and due to be used imminently. The Treasurer reported that the audit had now been completed and it was agreed that flowers of an amount of £35 be sent to the volunteer for undertaking this.

ACTION: ADRIAN TO SEND FLOWERS

4. REP REPORT

An opportunity exists to have a Local Rep organized Networking and Learning event. This could be for visits, exchanges, youth exchanges, networking or learning. For example, resident and/or young people's visits to see parks and play equipment; team work and community leadership; checking progress; monitoring and evaluation of the plan. It was decided to consider this again after March 2015.

Helen has visited Darren Burton at Pennine Housing and found out more about their community projects with residents. For example "Dream Scheme" is tried and tested and can be up and running with the support of resident's groups. At Darren's suggestion it was agreed that Helen and a member of the partnership meet at the offices of Pennine to see how they may help. Peter agreed to go to this meeting.

Helen will complete her quarterly report for the period July to September 2014 on the work, progress and achievements so far.

Funding information was provided relating to Funding for Open Spaces. See Grow Wild Community project funding www.growwilduk.com and the Heritage Lottery Fund <http://www.hlf.org.uk> with 100K to 5 million for protecting historic parks and cemeteries.

ACTION: Peter to attend meeting at Pennine Housing offices

5. LTO REPORT

The LTO will now upload various documents to the website and write to Local Trust to release the next round of funding which they believe to be 50% up front with two further amounts of 25%.

ACTION: LTO TO UPLOAD DOCUMENTS TO WEBSITE AND SEND LETTER TO LOCAL TRUST

6. BIG PLAN ENDORSEMENT: VYC TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MARKETING STRATEGY

The Big Plan endorsement is in two parts, namely Voice your Choice and a Marketing Strategy.

The Terms of Reference for VYC has been drawn up.

Regarding the marketing strategy a couple of issues/questions arose at the workshop.

The first issue relates to the name in that the term "Rastrick" is not universally owned across the geographical area covered by RBL as Rastrick is a Ward name rather than a community. Some people do not see themselves as belonging to Rastrick. The question is whether to find another name or stick with RBL?

The second issue is about the tension or lack of clarity about the leadership role of the partnership group in terms of RBL's direction. If all of RBL's activity is determined by VYC, then where is there room for RBL to 'campaign' and pursue other initiatives that might not get picked up through VYC but which might have a significant impact on the longer term wellbeing of the local community?

A proposal was made that residents will now have only one vote on VYC rather than three which was the original plan. All members agreed to this.

Helen suggested about perhaps having a twin pack project. Track 1 could be Voice your Choice about engaging with residents. Track 2 could be about workshops and bringing other funding in etc and could be discussed early 2015.

It was agreed that this is currently a work in progress and that immediate answers were not necessary but they may need further consideration in the future.

It was proposed that the VYC Terms of Reference and Marketing Strategy be endorsed and this was agreed.

7. COMMUNITY MEETING 22 OCTOBER 2014

The programme for the Community meeting was detailed as follows:

1. Welcome:
2. Powerpoint presentation:
3. EGM - finance update and election of partnership members
4. Launch of Voice your Choice
5. Meet and Greet Supper

Rastrick Bowling club have offered to provide the supper free of charge. They are in the process of developing a play area for children and it was agreed that a donation be given to support this but no amount was specified.

ACTION: MAGS TO PROVIDE FIGURES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND TO PROVIDE A LIST OF CURRENT PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS

8. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Thursday 27 November 2014 at the Arncliffe Centre 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 The Christmas tree at the top o'town is in hand with Calderdale Council and the switch on will be on 28 November. RBLP have put funding into to the sign and paid for the socket at the Parish Centre. It was agreed that Adrian would print extra copies of the carol sheets off and that up to £200 be allocated to Christmas celebrations, if necessary.
- 9.2 Steve Duncan of the LTO mentioned a meeting taking place at the Arncliffe Centre on 26 November at 4.30 pm and asked if a representative of the RBLP could give a 10 minute presentation. Adrian agreed to attend this meeting.

ACTION: ADRIAN TO PRINT EXTRA SHEETS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

10. CLOSE