

**MINUTES RBL PARTNERSHIP MEETING
TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Present

Amanda Caldwell
Mags Bryson
Danika O'Connor

Angela Peaker
Rich Richardson

Peter Edwards
Danny Leach

Apologies: Pauline Eastham; Helen Thompson; CFFC; Christine Beal

1. WELCOME

The chair opened the meeting. Apologies were noted and members asked to make any Declaration of Interest, if applicable.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of 5th January 2017 were approved.

3. LTO UPDATE

There was no representative at the meeting from the LTO. However a financial update was provided as follows:

2014-15 - £25,000 allocated to the RJFC project:: £25,244 currently held

2015-16 - £84,250 drawn down with expenditure of £70,610 £13,650 currently held

For the period 2015-2016 there still remains £24,250 to draw down. £29.250 is still outstanding on VYC projects but £10K is not required for the Fruit for All project.

2016-17 - £53,630 drawn down with expenditure of £3,716 £49.934 currently held

4. BL REP UPDATE

Helen was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded information about the Big Local Spring Event in Sheffield on Saturday 6th May 2017. Andy Curtis from National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) will be speaking about his research on community engagement in Big Local areas. Rastrick Big Local took part in this project and an invite has been extended to the partnership to co-present with Andy. The session will be 45 minutes for presentations and questions.

Action: Danny and Amanda will liaise and attend spring event on 6th May 2017

Amanda, Angela, Peter and Rich went to the Building the Strengths of Your Community workshop in Leeds on 31st January 2017 and gained an insight into other Big Local areas.

5. SUB GROUP UPDATES

(a) Voice your Choice 1

The RJFC contract was extended until 9th December and they are still awaiting planning permission from CMBC. The allocated funding is still being held as it is envisaged that permission will be granted shortly.

Regarding Rastrick Plays Better the Oaklands project is complete as is the cycle track at Carr Green. The planned works at Thornton Road will be phased in during Spring. Additional funding is being sought to complete Burnshall Road.

The Police Crime Commissioner is to visit Rastrick on 27th February 2017 to meet with members of the Flara group to highlight all new green space developments.

Voice your Choice 2

The Bradley Woods project is progressing with the pods currently being erected. Danny will liaise with Bradley Woods regarding promoting this facility and provide a plaque(s) from RBL to display.

Woodhouse Lane play area is progressing in accordance with their agreed action plan.

Fruit for all has completed the planting of 500 trees and 180 bushes on 16 sites.

Voice your Choice 3

Danny and Rich went to a meeting at VAC and were able to highlight the next round of funding available relating to Health and Wellbeing. Two groups in attendance showed an interest and indications are that seven organisations may submit a bid before the deadline of 9th April 2017.

(b) COMMUNITY SMALL GRANTS

A summary of the Community small grants for 2016 to date is that eight applications have been submitted. Of these applications six have been approved, one not approved and one was withdrawn. A total of £7,706 has been awarded to date.

(c) MARKETING AND ENGAGEMENT

Discussion took place about the need to continue to promote RBL. Danny has priced up A1 size boards to hold an RBL newsletter with a view to asking the voting stations if they would accommodate this. However as the quoted price was £500 each it was agreed not to further pursue this.

The spring market in Brighouse is on 29th and 30th April 2017 and it was decided that RBL should have a stall, if possible. Peter and Pauline are due to meet with Castlefields Golf Club to discuss the summer event.

Action: Peter to book stall for Spring Event/Mags to sort gazebo

Regarding the website, as we have not yet been available to have a meeting at Rastrick High School, Danika offered training at her home and a date is to be arranged.

Action: AP to send log-in details to Danika

(d) TREASURERS REPORT

The previous balance at 5th January 2017 was £816.11. After disbursements the account balance at 14th February 2017 is £744.60 with £300 being held by Rastrick Big Local on behalf of the Friends of Rastrick Cemetery. Therefore total funds available to Rastrick Big Local are £444.60.

6. Community links project

At a recent workshop discussion took place as to whether RBL could develop a product that can be used to link the community's resources (skills and assets) to requirements in the community (volunteers, space, specific skill sets). This could be by engagement with individuals, groups and organisations and businesses to obtain data and ideas. It was decided that a way forward would be to speak with someone with experience and it was agreed to speak to the University of Huddersfield in the first instance.

Action: AC will contact University of Huddersfield/AC will contact EWB at CFFC re vital signs

7. Strategy: Discuss VYC

As Voice your Choice is in its 3rd year the original intention was to review its strategy again after 3 years.

A brief discussion took place about the voting procedure with the focus being on whether it should continue in its present form where the Community can choose the theme or whether there should be no theme at all. It was also discussed whether the distribution of funding should be reviewed. The procedure will need further review at a later date to enable decisions to be made.

8. TIME AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING(S):

The next two meetings will be on 23rd March 2017 and 4th May 2017.

CLOSE 8.00 pm