

Three Parishes



Weston Rhyn • St Martins • Gobowen

Partnership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 23rd September 2015 7:45pm St Martins Centre .

Present: David Boyce, Angela Bright, Neil Graham, Nick Heard, Sue Heard, Ron Jones, Robert Macey, Pat McGuinness, Glenn Pennington, Andy Rimmer and Bridget Laraway.

| | | Actions Agreed |
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| 1 | Apologies for absence were received from Clare Babbs and Laurel Roberts. | |
| 2 | Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest. Ron Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11 on the agenda (BIG Grants Scheme application from Canals and Rivers Trust). It was agreed that Ron would not need to leave the room for any vote. | |
| 3 | Minutes of the meeting of 26th August 2015 and matters arising The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising that are not covered by this meeting's agenda. | |
| 4 | Chairperson's Report NH advised that our Community Plan review had been approved, and that our Year 2 budget of £117,000 had been approved. NH reported that he had attended Big Local Ambassador training in London and given an impromptu presentation on the 'kit car' idea. NH quoted Debbie Ladds, chief executive Local Trust, as saying that Big Local areas will now receive "at least £1million for at least 10 years." NH advised that a project planning meeting for year 2 is being held on 24 th September and that a letter has been sent to St Martins school asking for a meeting with Ms Lovecy to discuss project ideas involving young people. | |
| 5 | Co-ordinator Report BL had circulated a written report in advance of the meeting. Main points and discussion: a) Fairshare. There had been 1 general enquiry, 1 loan enquiry and 1 loan application during August. Marketing activity | |

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| | <p>had centred around social media. BL advised that NH, PM and BL had a meeting arranged with Fairshare for Friday 25/9/15 to discuss service points, school savings clubs and business loans proposal. GP asked about FAIRshare's policy in relation to refugees. It was agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the meeting on 25/9.</p> <p>b) Carshare The contractors that are installing the signs are waiting for permission for the works. There is still no feedback from Jambusters regarding the suggested website improvement. BL also reported that, as yet, no residents have signed up for the carshare website.</p> <p>c) Community Plan spending. Received since 1/9/14 £66,363 Spent since 1/9/14 £53,700</p> <p>BL reported that the year 1 funding was now closed down and that approx. £7k of the year 1 funding would be returned to Local Trust to go back into our £1million.</p> <p>d) Gobowen Library BL reported that she had spent some time going through a BIG Grants scheme application with Corrie Davies for the library project. The application will come from Shropshire Council and will likely be for £15,000 over 3 years. NH reported that there was some concern over funding being paid to a Council and that he had been discussing it with Clare Babbs. Advice will need to be sought before the Partnership considers the application.</p> <p>e) Gobowen Station Project. BL reported that the group is currently prioritising the issue of parking at the station and will conduct a survey of rail users to determine where they live, how they travel to the station and where they park. Building on this, there may be an opportunity to promote car sharing at the station.</p> <p>f) Loan Shark Project BL and NH had met to discuss a project to raise awareness of loan sharking. It was agreed that leaflets should be distributed to all households in the area, adverts taken out in village magazines and a press campaign with the Advertiser. BL also advised that she was working with FAIRshare to add ideas to this.</p> | <p>BL: Feedback at future partnership meeting.</p> <p>BL: Continue to chase up website improvements.</p> <p>BL: Submit funding application.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Community & Youth Worker report AR's written report had been circulated in advance of</p> | |

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| | <p>the meeting. Main points and discussion:</p> <p>a) Community Event. AR advised that St Martins school were willing to host an event in January. BL confirmed that the date of 23rd Jan had been booked.</p> <p>b) Postcard from my village exhibition AR reported that this exhibition is now in its 3rd location and will be moving each Tuesday.</p> <p>c) First Aid courses AR reported that 2 people had signed up for the course in Weston Rhyn. It was agreed that if the sign up rate was too low, the people that had signed up would be asked to move to the November course. The timing of the course was discussed and it was agreed that future courses should be at a different time of day – either during the school day or in the evening.</p> <p>d) AR confirmed that he will be doing the first 2 carshare promotion sessions at RJAH hospital on 6th & 8th October. It was suggested that leaflets promoting car share and credit unions should be included with the pay slips of hospital employees.</p> <p>e) Community Outreach. AR advised that he is now working in each village for 2 hours per week, as follows: Tuesdays 5-7pm Gobowen Library Wednesdays 5 – 7pm Weston Rhyn Institute Thursdays 5 – 7pm St Martins Centre.</p> <p>f) Media training. AR reported that he and GP are attending Bigger Picture Media training on 29th September. BL reported that the film crew from Bigger Picture are visiting our area on 28th September to film during the day and attend the Plugging the leaks event in the evening.</p> | <p>AR: Advise delegates of date change if sign up numbers too low.</p> <p>AR: Investigate and report back at next meeting.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Universal Credit Training BL reported that date of the Universal Credit Training being organised by one of the Wirral BL areas has changed from 26th November to 3rd December. Partners will be asked to confirm whether or not they would like to attend at the next Partnership meeting.</p> | <p>BL: Add to agenda for next meeting. Partners: Consider attending and advise at next meeting.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Plugging the leaks workshop BL reported that over 50 invitations had been issued to local businesses and organisations. To date, 6 organisations had accepted, 2 had declined. Total attendance is currently 12. UnLtd had advised that a minimum of 20 would be needed for an effective workshop. NG confirmed that he could attend</p> | <p>BL: Contact UnLtd and advise of numbers and ask for advice. BL: Check booking at Weston Rhyn Village Hall.</p> |

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| | <p>AB advised that she may be able to attend SH gave another name to be added to the list. It was agreed that, if UnLtd are willing, the workshop should go ahead despite low numbers.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Big Local Networking Event NH shared details of a West Midlands area networking evening being held on Saturday 17th October in Telford and invited partners to attend.</p> | <p>BL: Circulate details of event. ALL: Feedback to BL regarding attendance.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Delegated responsibility to Chair regarding spending decisions. At the Partnership meeting in August, CB had suggested that this be added to the agenda for today's meeting. BL advised that the Partnership had previously delegated £250 to the Communications group and £50 to the Co-ordinator. RJ proposed a delegated responsibility of £250. This motion was carried.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>BIG Grants Scheme Application – Canals and Rivers Trust. Partners reviewed the application form and supporting documents including letters of support from local organisations, press cuttings, a copy of a petition with 123 signatures and supporting notes from RJ on behalf of 3 Parishes Canal Action Group. The minutes of the points discussed are confidential to the meeting. A motion was proposed that the application be rejected at this stage, and that CART be invited to discuss their application.</p> | <p>BL: Draft letter with these key points and send to Partners to review / approve. Feedback required from Partners by 2nd October.</p> |
| 12 | <p>A.O.B. a. AB shared information about an email that had been received from a Weston Rhyn resident complaining about the timing of FOCUS Weston Rhyn. The email was read out at the meeting. BL advised that she had consulted with NH, PM, and AB to compose a response and the response was read out. Following discussion, it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FOCUS Weston Rhyn organisers should be made aware of the complaint and the response • The FOCUS Weston Rhyn organisers should be commended for their efforts in organising a great event that gave the whole village an opportunity to showcase what they do, and • Future complaints, emails or letters of this nature should be circulated to all partners to ensure that all Partners are aware of them and are given an opportunity to contribute to any response. | <p>BL: Forward email and response to Focus Weston Rhyn Organisers. BL/NH: Draft letter. BL: Share any future complaints with all partners allowing a few days for partners to respond. .</p> |

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st October 2015. 7:30pm

Venue: Weston Rhyn Institute