

Partnership Project Decision Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15th September 2021

Attendance: Haulwen Nicholas (HN), Sylvia Dyke (SMD), Glenn Pennington (GP), Maggie Rowlands (MR), Polly Smith (PS), Mark Jones (MJ), Angela Bright (AB), Tim Edwards (TE), Tiz Deakin (TD)

Item No	Item
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies from Steve & Laurel</p>
2.	<p>Declaration of items for any other urgent business and conflicts of interest</p> <p>TE Annual Partnership review – on the agenda for Septembers Partnership meeting</p> <p>SD – anything to do with Qube could be a conflict of interest</p>
3.	<p>Overview Document</p> <p>Current position we are in based on decisions already made, and why there is an urgency to make further decisions so we can plan and prepare for a good closure.</p>
4.	<p>Decision making points</p> <p>Befriending service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TE highlighted this is a regular theme in other Big Local areas and pointed out some National organisations working in this area. - SMD Karen's report highlights again the levels of loneliness in Three Parishes - GP – we don't need to set something up if local things are happening - PS – concerned not something in all areas - TD – a few applications coming in and we might be able to offer support and training to help other areas re-establish groups. - HN – we can promote services already available locally. 3PBL residents can use the befriending service already at Qube <p>All in agreement option 2 – offer practical and financial support to already established and new community groups that tackle loneliness.</p> <p>Creativity in the Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GP – a covid piece of art – image of the coronavirus for future generations to see. - MJ – music gets people together – community choir. - Suggestions – Eisteddfod, talent show, events in each village with artists. - HN – Time constraints - TD – combination of 1 & 3 – money with specific focus for schools and something else for adults. - HN – we can approach schools and communities, parish councils need to be on board to identify where piece of work would go. <p>All in agreement to move forward with a combined approach – 1 & 3 (with workshops where possible). TD to pull ideas together, approach schools and parish councils, prices for artists etc.</p>

	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyone wants to do something before we finish. Needs to either be individual in each village or a joint event somewhere neutral. Need to make sure it's something people want to come to and will support. Can't wait till the Spring as big events take a LOT of time to get off the ground. - Ideas – Triathlon along the canal, Eisteddfod, talent competition, pantomime, variety show. - HN we need to find out if anything is being planned in any of the villages already. - TD to research community wants, ask Moreton Hall about the Theatre, research costs of fun days, triathlon, shows etc. <p>Decision to be made after these ideas are investigated to see what is and isn't possible, what people will or won't attend.</p> <p>Equipment Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS Its lack of use is due to 3PBL's – we haven't advertised it, and Covid hit so it hasn't been needed. - Discussion between closing and distributing equipment so it can be used or keeping it so that everyone can use it. <p>2 against closure, 4 in favour – equipment library to be closed and groups invited to request items they can use.</p> <p>Messenger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GP a final leaflet for the end of the project to share and celebrate all that has been done. It's out of the scene now, little to go on it at the moment with little happening, but be nice to have a keepsake for all residents at the end. <p>All in favour – do not restart the Messenger, but a leaflet for every household towards the end.</p>
5.	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>All in agreement that the OsNosh Programme and Wellness Programme with Shropshire RCC will be monitored by Health & Wellbeing group to determine if to continue in 2022. Monthly update to partnership meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Be a better fish</p> <p>All in agreement that Be a better fish and the 3P Means Business group will make plans for 2022 and beyond and present back the options.</p>
7.	<p>My Money Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All in agreement that the project needs to continue – it's a great support for so many in the Three Parishes and has made a huge impact. - Feeling that it is 3PBL money and we are duty bound to make sure it is used for 3PBL residents. Concern if it was used in a wider area 3PBL users would get swamped. - Working in partnership is the only way it might continue longer than 2 years. Ripple effect – success story that can breed success and help even more people, which could be an amazing legacy to say 3PBL started this. - SMD need to be aware we can't continue monitoring it once it's taken over by another organisation. - TE investigations into option 4 knowing that option 3 is a backup if further funding is not secured. - HN Concerns raised can be covered in Service Level Agreement – can state requirement that the focus still on 3PBL , interested community members can be kept in the loop as agreed with the organisation that would run this in the future, resort to option 3 if no further funding is found. <p>Vote – 2 abstentions, 5 in favour of pursuing option 4 – pursue partnership with Qube and to continue the service for 3PBL but allow it to be expanded to wider Oswestry area by seeking further funding.</p>

8.	<p>Gobowen Station</p> <p>All in agreement that how we support the station regarding advice on business support and help with grant applications stays in the Means Business group with regular updates to partnership.</p>
9.	<p>Gobowen Station Loan repayments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GP having visited the station, huge project, need lots of support and funding, we can help them a little if we write it off. - MR £17k is a lot of money, will writing it off jeopardise other groups? - Feeling that we can't justify writing it off – they took it on and will it be a benefit to the wider community? - TD – securing the future of the station ensures Oswestry and the surrounding area stays connected to the rest of the country, bringing tourists, hospital users etc in and offering opportunities and raising aspirations for locals to get out for study and work. New initiatives that station is looking at after Dec 2022 (when current contractors no longer require the space) is a co-working space, community space. - TE – would 3PBL be looking at supporting them further? Could this be a way, an alternative to further funding? - The money couldn't be used for further grants as it won't be available until after 3P Big Local has closed. So won't be available until 2024. It could be invested into the continuation of MMM if we have a service level agreement. MR asked if we could take the £17k out of the MMM money discussed above so can use it to fund small groups now. However it was noted that taking this money from the MMM fund could jeopardise that project as the more money their the more chance of getting match funding. <p>Votes – 3 in favour of writing it off, 4 against.</p> <p>PS stated the write off might be an option at a later date, depending on the circumstances.</p>
10.	No other business
15	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 29th September.</p>

ACTIONS FOR PARTNERS

To aid with getting an idea on costs, we need to understand which partners would be available to volunteer to support the following projects. We need to advise organisations we approach on how much volunteer support they can get and as partners we need to confirm who can aid this. (*This is a question they are already asking*)

Creativity in the Community Project – please advise if you can help with organising this and being part of a project team to run this, and if we should do some workshops if you can help on the day with running them?

Events - please advise if you can help with organising this and being part of a project team to run this, and if you can help on the day with running the event?

Please can you confirm to TD by 30th September