

**Big Local Partnership Meeting Notes**

**20th April, 2016**

**St Ambrose’s Social Club**

1. **Present:** Brenda, Sarah, Vander, Jo, Adrian, Helen, Alex, Jayne,
2. **Apols:** Tammy, Steve, Siri, Terry, Mark , Claire
3. **Agreeing the notes from last meeting:** Proposed by Adrian and seconded by Vander.
4. **Conflicts of interest on agenda items for this meeting:** None declared
5. **Update on Revised Plan**: Revised Plan had been submitted and approval was received on April 7th. Accounting will close on April 30th and staffing costs added then we will be on Plan 2.
6. **Grants Committee:** Jayne reported from the Grants Committee extra meeting that from the experience of the first round there would be slight alterations. We are all on a learning curve. For this 2nd Round we had 9 applications, 7 of which would go forward to the full Grants Committee meeting on 21st April. Jo questioned why we had to meet the applicants and monitor projects. Brenda replied that it was because we were accountable to the local residents how we spent the money and also it gave the applicants time to explain their projects more.
7. **Local Trust Events:** Various events are scheduled for the Spring and Brenda said she would be going to an Asset transfer workshop in Coventry.
8. **St Georges Day Event**: Big Local would be having a stand displaying the Horsefair project and Summer Activities. Main aim: to recruit new partners. BLDY10 would have a craft table for children to design a flag with the remaining two cameras being the prizes. It would give Partners an opportunity to talk to the parents. Partners agreed to help on the day.
9. **Social Media Update**. Jayne outlined the joint project with St Oswald’s School to have a Social Media Apprentice. This was first agreed by Partners in June 2015. We also have the offer of help from Kyle Gittins, student doing works experience with WDFDC Sports dept when his exams are over.
10. **Horsefair Update**: Alex updated Partners on the project so far. Regular monthly meetings are being held in the Bluebell. A ‘We Love the Horsefair ‘ Facebook group has been set up. By creating an identity with a Horse logo on the wall at Bells Garage and Larkhill, the boundaries of the area, and tidying the Old Post Office with posters on the boarded up windows, along with planting the area around the Horse car park people will have renewed pride in the area. Planting will begin in June. SpecSaves will be providing free labour to help the project.
11. **Partnership Membership**: All agreed that new members are needed. Brenda raised the issue of who can be a Partner. With the elections looming the issue of how we will we will engage with councillors was raised She asked Partners to be thinking about this ready to discuss at the next meeting. Also for next meeting – should the DY10 workers be voting members?
12. **Building the Partnership:** The Partners Weekend Away was discussed and the weekend of July 2nd/3rd was agreed. Alex to research possible venues. Helen to draw up a mini-brief for the weekend.
13. **A.O.B.** Brenda reminded partners that we are hosting the Big Chat on Saturday Oct 1st and that the aim was to set up a project on measuring impact. Seven areas are expected to attend and we will be able to use our Local Trust free training day.

**Date of next meeting: 18th May, 2016**