

**Big Local Partnership Meeting Notes**

**20th July, 2016**

**St Ambrose’s Social Club**

**Present:** Brenda, Helen, Alex, Katie, Colby, Suzie, Mark, Belinda and Jayne

1. **Apols:** Vander, Tammy, Sarah, Adrian, Siri, Terry, Nigel, and Denise
2. **Agreeing the notes from last meeting:** Correction required to Kate Bennett’s name.

Proposed by Mark and seconded by Brenda.

1. **Conflicts of interest on agenda items for this meeting:** None declared
2. **Welcome Katie Blount – Apprentice.** The Partners welcomed Katie as the Social Media Apprentice – level 4. She has managed clients before with a marketing focus. It is believed that DY10 is the first Big Local to create an apprenticeship role. It was suggested by Brenda that Katie would receive a voucher for attending tonight’s meeting.
3. **Home Start Grant Application:** As the Home Start Application for a DY10 Coordinator was for over £2,000, it had had to be referred to the full Partnership.Belinda Darby from Home Start outlined the project and the desperate, and growing need for the services of Home Start within our area. Partners asked questions. Partners who were unable to attend the meeting had been given the opportunity to give their views by email and Sarah had not agreed with funding the project as she felt Home Start had already accessed a large amount of money from Big Local DY10. All other Partners did want to fund the project on the understanding that no further applications for grants from Home Start would be considered for three years. The vote to fund the project was carried by 6 votes to 1.
4. **Hub Opportunity/Reaching Communities** - Rev. Nigel Taylor of St Oswald’s is looking to build a new church. He has suggested a 3-way approach which would create a hub space for Sion Hill and an association with Big Local DY10 would strengthen his funding Application. This item was simply for the information of Partners so they are aware of talks that are going on.
5. **Horsefair and Proud:** Alex circulated the original HF project plan and said the group HF&P was now at the stage of becoming a Community Group with a constitution. Work had been taking place on the key building that brought the area down – The old Post Office and mock-ups of the graphics being ordered were circulated. There is to be a skip-day and flyers are to be circulated. The brewery has granted The Peacock £20,000 towards sprucing up the premises. Helen suggested that to date improvements had all been physical and maybe the businesses could now work together on other aspects.
6. **Summer Activities**: The leaflets for the Summer Activities Programme were circulated and the flyers for the St Oswald’s sports day and at St Georges school and a door-drop was in progress. In total 1500 leaflets were distributed. Partners were asked to support the events. Katie suggested Jayne contact Sainsbury’s Ambassador about a discount on food. (This was subsequently done and Sainsbury’s gave a £50 donation.)
7. **Additional meeting re BL hub(s)** At the Away Day it was suggested we needed a second meeting to discuss Hubs, possibly in November. For this we need a put together a brief and information on a feasibility study. Absent Partners need to be able to give their ideas.
8. **Applying for funds on behalf of BL:** BL on its own cannot bring in extra funds. Once HF&P is constituted with a Chair and Treasurer it will be able to apply for money in its own right. Vestia Community Trust is the LTO until the end of the current Plan. Funding could be applied for in their name through Justin.

Sion Hill is one of the lowest employment areas in the country and has attracted some major funding through Vestia for a scheme called Work Plus who work wIth the long term unemployed. In a similar way to how Home Start work with families, Work Plus go into families and develop employability skills. This will improve the area.

Suzie said she might have a contact for teaching Job Slkills.

1. **Sharon Tansley Award**. Item deferred as Jo and Sarah not present.
2. **Big Chat 1st October**: We are hosting this event and a venue is being worked on. There is a networking meeting on September 3rd called Working in Partnership at Brookside.
3. **Capacity Support:** Item deferred as Adrian was not present.
4. **A.O.B.** Helen encouraged completion of a National Survey of Partnership member which was being circulated.

**Date of next meeting: 21st September, 2016**