

**Big Local Partnership Meeting Notes**

**19th October, 2016**

**St Ambrose’s Social Club**

1. **Present:** Vander, Mark, Nigel, Helen, Steve, Siri, Brenda, Kathryn Underhill (WFDC) Alex, Jayne,
2. **Apols:** Terry, Sarah, Jo, Denise
3. **Agreeing the notes from last meeting:** Helen reminded the group of the need to complete the Local Trust Review forms. Proposed by Steve and seconded by Brenda.
4. **Conflicts of interest on agenda items for this meeting:** None declared
5. **Katheryn Underhill, Community Safety & Partnerships Officer WFDC**, overviewed the Localism Fund that is available to community groups. Constituted groups can apply for grants which are judged on merit. A discussion followed on what type of thing might be funded. Horsefair and Proud may be able to benefit from this funding for things like Skip hire, or even to pay for a Lengthsman/warden for the area.
6. **Key Priorities – Ideas sharing session**. Discussion reviewed the lack of premises in the area, with Vander highlighting Youth House (close by) and Siri explaining the changes being made at St Georges Church with a view to making it a space for more general use. Things that the area needed were discussed such as help with lifestyle changes – smoking, weight loss and exercise. Also covered were the drug and homeless problems of the area. There is to be a new community kitchen in Youth House on a Friday night. More info on this to be circulated. The group decided the best first step for the Themes of Active and Healthy and Access to Support would be to call all interested parties together at a meeting, Alex to organize.

Brenda explained about the Big Engagement project to get all agencies together to seek to engage with, and empower young parents in the Horsefair and Sion Hill. This resulted from work done with these groups for the Activity Programme where we identified that these young families felt isolated in the flats and on Sion Hill very young children were left unattended, often running around without shoes. Brenda also shared that Big Local DY10 had submitted an expression of interest to use the facilities in the Rainbow Centre at St Mary’s school and the old Children’s Centre at St Oswalds.

A discussion took place regarding financial resilience, and Helen has forwarded information on the Tenbury Nils Organisation , a possible alternative to Brighthouse.

Helen mentioned Grants for Volunteers – Vestia could apply on our behalf.

7. A.O.B.

Alex to circulate the DY10 Safeguarding Policy.

Cerys Thomas of Resources for Change met with Brenda, Alex, Jayne and Justin regarding

DY10 having been selected as one of 10 Big Local areas to take part in a piece of research about the additional resources the areas are able to lever in as they develop their plans and activities. She will also be doing a session for us on Crowd Funding.

With reference to the Sharon Tansley award for a young volunteer, it has become apparent that no appropriate award ceremony exists and so it was suggested that BLDY10 organise one to celebrate the amazing contribution made by volunteers in our area.  It was also suggested that we have an award in memory of John Stevenson for an adult volunteer.

**The next meeting is November 16th, at 7 p.m.**