

**Big Local Partnership Meeting Notes**

**15th February, 2017**

**St Ambrose’s Social Club**

1. **Present:** Brenda, Jayne, Alex, Terry, Helen, Adrian, Siri
2. **Apologies:** Vander, Susie, Mark, Steve
3. **Agreeing the notes from last meeting:** Notes agreed. Helen reminded Alex to contact Crowdfunder UK.
4. **Conflicts of interest on agenda items for this meeting:** None declared.
5. **Away Day / Annual Review:** Saturday 17th June at Dominique’s (Bellman’s Cross, Shatterford). Ideas discussed for the review included social investment, Big Local legacy and suggestion for an online survey with external partners and agencies in advance of the review. Alex updated on work she is doing with Helen’s support, researching other Big Local areas to see how they are addressing longer term investment and legacy. This will be presented to Partners before the annual review to help generate ideas and discussion.
6. **Workers Priorities:** Alex and Jayne both updated Partners on the projects they are currently working on, including plans for the remainder of the year.
7. **Horsefair Flat** – Jayne updated that she had visited the flat with Brenda and it offered huge potential as a community space. It needs remedial work carrying out first and an AIM grant would be applied for via Community Housing. If successful, Big Local would suggest a 3-5 year lease on a peppercorn rent. A working group will then be facilitated with interested Partners.
8. **Health and Access to Support meeting** – Alex updated on the outcome of the stakeholders meeting. A men’s mental health group had their initial meeting that came out of the workshop. They will be an independent group but Big Local can support with any initial room hire costs. Parks identified as a major health and wellbeing asset. A plan will be developed to include open spaces and increasing participation and appropriate activities. Currently meeting with all of the ‘Friends of’ groups.
9. **Promotional Items** - Jayne shared ideas and cost of promotional items with Partners including pens and bags. Terry recommended postcards as a cheap and effective promotional item. It was agreed that some pens and bags should be purchased and other ideas will be researched.
10. **Horsefair & Proud** – Adrian updated that H&P would be meeting with a WFDC Director about a parcel of disused land in the area. He also updated that there is support for social media training for local business that is being investigated. Adrian explained that Horsefair and Proud remain committed to improving the local environment and will be submitting a project proposal in the future.
11. **Community Directory** – the need for a directory of local services was discussed at the recent Big Engagement meeting. The CAB have a directory but don’t have the funds for internet hosting. It covers the Wyre Forest area. After some discussion it was agreed that the CAB should be encouraged to submit a Big Local Grant Application.
12. **A.O.B.**

**a) NHS Consultation** – Jayne circulated several copies of the summary public consultation document to Partners, highlighting its importance.

b) **Dementia Friends Training** – Partners were asked of they were interested in a 45 minute training session at the next meeting. Most Partners agreed - this will be arranged.

**c) The Big Chat** – Alex updated that it would be taking place in Redditch (Church Hill) on Sat 8th April and they would be sending invites soon

**d) Grants update** – Jayne updated that the Committee hadn’t approved any grants for this quarter as they were awaiting additional information from some applicants.

Brenda updated that she wouldn’t be at the next meeting and in the absence of Sarah, asked if another Partner could Chair the March meeting. Adrian offered to Chair.

Alex to get in touch with local resident George (Horsefair) who is interested in supporting activities for young people.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 15th March