



Partnership Meeting Minutes
Monday 4th September 2017, 7pm at Big Worle Hub

Minutes – Karen Blake

Chair - Tony Dolling

Attendees – Keith Bush, Angela Dolling, Margaret Livingstone, Lorraine Bush, Jenny Howell, Ian Smith, Mike Kellaway-Marriot, Karen Lumsdale, Wendy Bentley, Robert Cleland, Ian Willis, Anne Skinner

1. Apologies – Denise Hunt, Lucy Hall, Alex Crowther

2. Minutes and matters arising

The Partnership would like to convey their congratulations to our Chair Denise Hunt who was elected as Town Councillor for the North Worle Ward in the recent byelection on August 31st. Denise was unable to attend the meeting tonight as she is taking a week of well-earned rest, but will be back with us next week.

Minutes from last meeting agreed with no corrections.

3. Putting residents first

Margaret fed back that Dr Bike event was a great success, busy and very enjoyable. Lots of people came in to the Hub for the first time, and the event also brought lots of children and their families in, which is great news.

4. Update on Dr Bike event

As mentioned in item 3, this event which was held on the 29th Aug was a great success. 30 bikes were serviced on the day, the Travel West team were on site giving travel advice and Sustrans were doing bike marking. Keith ran the BBQ and over 120 portions were handed out. The total expenditure on the day for food, drinks, sundries and gas refill for the BBQ came to £103.67. We received £250 of sponsorship for Dr Bike to attend from North Somerset Council. On the day, Dr Bike completed 30 bikes services which would normally cost a total of £1,200. 18 bikes had security marking and registration which would cost £378.00, and we received related documentation worth £25. The total of the activity value comes to £1,853, so the net community value is £1,749.33.

We were left the necessary kit to mark bikes for people who were unable to join us on the day, Lorraine suggested we advertise this service available in the window. Wendy told us people have fed back to her that they really enjoyed the event. Keith feels this could be a twice-yearly event as it went so well.

5. Activity update

Wildlife walks – The fourth series of the year-long Wildlife Walks programme will be starting on Friday 29th September. As part of these walks, Chris will be focusing on conservation, environmental issues and habitat protection, as well as focusing on the changes in store for our local wildlife in Autumn and Winter.

Astronomy Group This month long informal evening class starts on Tuesday 3rd Oct and then takes place every Tuesday evening in October. Following these sessions



there will be a night sky event, date to be confirmed. Chris already does similar events for the Forestry commission, so we are lucky to have his expertise available to us.

Apple Day event

Following on from the success of our Apple Day last year, we are holding another similar event on Saturday 30th September. On the day, we will have apple pressing, children's activities, bake off competitions and possibly another BBQ. We have asked for donations of apples to use on the day on our social media channels, but if people could spread the word that would be useful. Karen is looking into whether we can get a large donation of apples from the Ship Inn in Uphill, and will keep promoting the need on social media. Volunteers to help on the day will be needed, so if you can help please let Keith know.

Becket School projects

Subject to audit committee approval, we would like to help Becket School redevelop their garden area into an outdoor learning area. Proposed design is for an existing pond to be redeveloped, the creation of a wildlife area and a garden with raised beds for fruit, vegetable and flower planting. Big Worle would fund and be responsible for creating a decent infrastructure for these different areas, which the school could then take on as a long-term project which would have a great legacy for the school. The approximate costs for completing the whole project are £3,000. Keith will be meeting with Becket School teacher Rob Collard in the next few weeks to arrange when we would be able to get in and do the work, pending audit committee and Partnership agreement.

6. Finance update

Neil gave us the latest financial update, which shows we currently have an underspend of approximately 120k. Ian commented that the Local Trust realise we are making progress, and that we shouldn't worry too much about this underspend. He also advised that this is not an unusual position for Big Locals to be in. Neil reiterated that there is enough money in the budget if people had ideas for ways to spend it, but it was also agreed not to rush into spending money just for the sake of it.

Keith felt it was important to look at the different priority headings and see where money can be best spent, and that it is also a good idea to reassess the plan in order to refocus on our priorities and assess where the money could be best spent for maximum impact locally.

Neil suggested that a separate meeting was needed to discuss and review our spending priorities, and it was agreed that this can be done through audit group. Ian suggested an interim overall plan review to be undertaken and tied into this. Ian asked that he is invited to this meeting with plenty of notice so he can pre-plan his involvement and input.

7. Lawrence Weston visit and invitation

Lawrence Weston Big Local and the Ambition Lawrence Weston team visited us at the Hub on 13th July. This was a positive day of sharing ideas and finding out what each other are doing. Lawrence Weston has a completely different demographic from the Big Worle area, but it was still a great opportunity for shared learning as



some of the projects and activities from their groups could be relevant to Big Worle and vice versa.

Lawrence Weston have invited Big Worle for a reciprocal visit in Oct, date to be confirmed. It would be great if as many people as possible would be able to attend this day.

8. Matt Leach visit on 8th September

The new Chief Executive of the Local Trust is coming to visit us on Friday 8th Sept. Keith and Tony will meet him from Worle train station, give him a tour of the area and then bring him back to see the Job Club. A light lunch will be laid on and then local residents can come from 1pm to meet with him. Lorraine and Neil are both hoping to come to this to represent North Somerset Council and Alliance Homes respectively. We are attempting to get representation from our young people and to see if children and teachers from Becket school could attend.

9. Ian Smith – Big Local Update

- **UnLtd Support Offer** - Keith didn't feel it was a good offer. Our financial commitment would be 50k and it was hard to see the clear benefit of what we would receive for this. Instead of this offer, it might be possible for people locally who have been through the UnLtd programme to act as mentors. Ian will keep us updated on the progress of areas who have taken up this offer, we may reassess in the future.
- **Big Local Insight tool** – a tool to help with accessing demographic information. Ian has passed this information on to management team.
- **South West Community investment offer** – this could have potential for us, Ian will pass on the information on this to Keith.
- **Community Business Trade up** – Up to 15k available, Ian to pass this information on.
- **Fun Palaces** - Fun Palaces is a movement promoting community at the heart of culture, with an annual weekend of arts and science action created by, for and with local people. www.funpalaces.co.uk Ian wondered whether we would want to link in with things happening in Bristol?
- **Social investment support** – info on this has disseminated even though we are still not quite ready for making an application, but we can park it until we are more established as an ACIO.
- **Severn Estuary Forum** – Ian is going to the forum meeting in Bridgwater on 5th Oct to find out more, and will send info through to Keith. They have a website and can be found on Facebook. The website address is www.severnestuary.net
- **Locality convention 14th/15th Nov in Manchester**. There MAY be discounts for Big Local areas to attend. Ian will send through info on this to Keith and Karen.

10. Items going forward to audit

- **Becket school garden project** approx. £3,000
- **IT support** – we have had major problems with our IT systems recently. We also need to upgrade our broadband and will be reviewing whether we stay with Utility Warehouse or go with a new provider. A representative from Alliance Homes IT Department will be coming down in his own time to sort out



IT issues, and any other related costs will be highlighted at the next Partnership meeting.

- **Big Worle 6 -a-side football team** – Some of the young people from the work experience week are keen to start up a 6-a-side football team to play in the local league. The group would like permanent goal posts to be purchased and erected on Worle Rec, and would need football strips and other kit for this. Robert has offered to look into getting potential sponsors for this. We will need adult support for this, so will need to advertise and recruit for a manager. Costs to be finalised for audit group and then brought back to the next Partnership meeting
- **Apply Day** – approx. £300
- **Christmas Party** – approx. £500
- **Trailer** – Keith is constantly transporting things in his car which is causing a great deal of wear and tear, so will be proposing we purchase a trailer, approx. £500 to £1000. We would be able to loan this out to other organisations, and it would be well used as Keith currently does at least one run to the public tip a week in his car. We are also short of storage overall at Big Worle, so this needs looking into in the future.
- **Newsletter** – approx. £500

All these items will be going through the next audit meeting and will be brought to the next meeting for Partnership agreement.

11. AOB

- Keith suggested a craft club supper where the craft club throw open their doors for everyone to see what they do and enjoy a social evening together. The proposed date for this is Wednesday October 4th.
- **Worle Library** – Keith had an appointment at the old Worle Library Building to look at it with the potential to take it on for Big Worle as a community space. The building is currently on the market for 300k. We all are aware that our current premises are too small for our needs, but is the library building too big? A discussion was held about whether people felt that looking into potentially buying the library was a good idea, or whether it would be better to investigate other options, such as leasing the facilities over at Castle Batch Children's centre during periods when the building is not occupied. Pros and cons were discussed in brief, two big downsides being that parking is extremely limited and that the building is off our Big Local patch which could prevent us going forward. It was agreed that purchasing the library building would be a fantastic opportunity to keep the building in community use, but that we would need to proceed very carefully if this was the option that Partnership chose to pursue.
Ian S suggested we talk with Sonia from the Par Big Local group who have recently acquired a building and are doing a similar project.
Keith highlighted that the first thing Partnership needs to do is to decide whether to do a feasibility study into purchasing the library for Big Worle use., bearing in mind this will have cost implications to conduct. No decision was made about whether a feasibility study would be undertaken, so this issue needs to stay on the radar.
- **Volunteer coordinator** - this was highlighted again, and is something we will keep on the radar.



- **Your North Somerset event** – Robert asked if we are taking part in this free community event showcasing what the local community has to offer, which is taking place on Saturday 24th September at The Tropicana in Weston-super-Mare. Keith informed him we will be having a stand at the event and will be looking for volunteers to help on the day.