

## **Big Worle Partnership Meeting Notes**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Attendees:** Yvonne Criddle (YC), Denise Hunt, Richard Sanger Davies, Sue Bennett, Steve Bennett, Phil Humphries, Karen Lumsdale, Dean Marriner, Julie Crowther, Anne Townsend, Alex Crowther, Amy- Leigh Shephard, Katie Crowther, Jo Green, Dr Mike Kellaway-Marriot, Neil Willis, Malcolm Brown, Paula Luke, Bob Clifton, Leslie Silverlock (7.00 -7.30pm), Keith Bush

**Apologies:** Lorraine Bush, Tony Dolling, Anne Skinner, Wendy Bentley, Margaret Livingstone, Jessica Middle

### **Introductions (Weston Eagles)**

Yvonne welcomed everyone and introduced Alex Crowther, Amy-Leigh Shepherd and Katie Crowther who represent the Weston Eagles, a group of young people from Priory School who want to get more involved with the Big Worle Partnership. They are also very keen to become Young Advisors and will be working closely with Leslie Silverlock(Big Local) to progress this when they have completed their GSCE Exams later in the year.

Alex outlined how young people can make a positive change within the area they live and Katie went on to describe the group's work with the homeless shelter at Christmas.

Amy-Leigh described how the group would be looking for support from the Big Worle Partnership and highlighted some of the areas of interest that members of the group would like to become involved with. These include a Street Art project with the specific aim of promoting the Street Art which has appeared in and around Weston following the Dismaland Exhibition. The group would also like to freshen up the art in the underpasses close to Priory School and are keen to work with local street artists to achieve this - they have already secured the full support of the Head of School at Priory.

Members of the group also want to promote cycling and cycle paths and are interested in locating more defibrillators around the area to help improve survival rates of heart attack victims.

Amy-Leigh asked the partnership for some financial support to allow the group to purchase some branded clothing which would help to identify them when undertaking various community activities. Phil Humphries proposed that the partnership award the group £500 (as part of USpend) to help with the purchase of clothing and to provide some pump priming money to help get some of their projects off the ground. This proposal was seconded by Dr Mike Kellaway-Marriot and overwhelmingly supported by the rest of the partnership.

Yvonne has had email exchanges with the Theatre Orchard group who (they have been asked to engage with the public over the summer to obtain views as to the future of the Tropicana) would like to put on an event in the Big Worle area. Of the dates offered 7<sup>th</sup> of July is preferred, we now need to find a suitable venue for the performance. The Weston Eagles offered help with promoting the event.

**Action.** KB to look at potential venues and report back to partnership in June.

### **Establishing a Formal Identity for Big Worle**

Yvonne opened the discussion on the way forward for the Partnership in relation to establishing a formal identity for Big Worle. Denise stated that she is keen that we start to progress this as soon as possible rather than wait.

It was agreed that we should continue the discussion at the June meeting as we need to ensure we go down the right route..

Keith has been talking to Wards Solicitors who can help identify a legal practice which will to give us some pro bono support to help with the process.

**Action.** Ensure members have copies of information provided by VANS at the April meeting and also from Big Local.

### **Social Enterprise**

Karen gave an update on what is happening with the UnLtd applications, firstly thanking the meeting for endorsing the social enterprises presented to the last Partnership meeting.

It is hoped that by the 31<sup>st</sup> May both Karen (HR consultancy for local business) and Paula (Business In a Box for anyone wanting to / starting their own business) will know if they have been put through to the next stage. Notification of final decisions on awards will be made on 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

Jo Green is currently on hold with her application, but will start again when her current schedule settles down. There are two more applicants in the pipeline these are around roofing and photography.

### **USpend**

Neil gave an update on USpend activity, the CAHMS event is going ahead on 14<sup>th</sup> July at Priory School.

Vicki Rooke has a meeting in July to discuss the water skiing proposal further.

The Relax Kids application will require more work before coming back to partnership for consideration.

Yvonne advised the partnership that a meeting is being arranged with suppliers in the Summer to discuss the outdoor gym; a consultation will follow when proposals are available for consideration.

### **Bank Account**

The Bank account – the saga is on- going and hopefully should be in place in the next couple of weeks

### **Big Local Event**

Yvonne confirmed that the Big Local Event is taking place in Bristol on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May and that several partnership members are attending. Feedback will be distributed to the partnership afterwards.

### **Day Trip to Taunton**

Richard Sanger-Davies reported back to the group that the recent trip to Taunton was successful and that everyone had a good time. A further trip, to Wells, is planned on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, places are still available.

### **Financial Overview**

Neil Willis presented the financial position as it stands at the end of year two. Copies are available at the Hub or can be sent out on request.

The aim is now to present financial updates every 3 months.

Karen expressed the need to have a treasurer in place for the partnership and this was widely supported by the group.

Denise requested that we draw down all available funding up to the end of year three, rather than leaving ourselves short of funds as several projects are progressing. This was widely endorsed by the partnership.

Neil highlighted the need to submit a plan review to Big Local (dates to be confirmed).

Yvonne distributed a questionnaire that will help support the review of the Big Worle Plan, these will be distributed electronically, completed questionnaires are required to be returned as soon as possible. A date for a meeting, open to anyone, to review our plan in light of the seven questions will be circulate.

### **Job Club Update**

Dean reported that to date:

- 28 people had registered with the Job Club, 12 of whom are Big Worle Residents;
- 8 jobs have been secured with support from the Job Club;
- There have been 122 visits to the Job Club;
- The Job Club are supporting the development of 5 social enterprise businesses.

The full Job Club Report is attached.

Neil advised those present that a contractor has been appointed to provide care at Tamar Court.

### **Audit Update**

The partnership approved expenditure of up to £400 to purchase new advertising banners for The Hub and Job Club.

The banners will be purchased when final designs have been developed.

The partnership agreed to Anne Skinner, Denise Hunt and Richard Sanger-Davis joining the Audit/Reference Group which also includes the Co-Chairs, Neil Willis, Lorraine Bush and Phil Humphries.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.