



Partnership Meeting Minutes Monday 2nd October 2017, 7pm at Big Worle Hub

Attendees – Bob Clifton, Wendy Bentley, Denise Hunt, Jenny Howell, Margaret Livingstone, Ian Smith, Richard Sanger-Davies, Mike Kellaway-Marriot, Malcolm Brown, Tony Dolling, Angela Dolling Anne Skinner, Karen Blake

Chair – Denise Hunt
Minutes – Karen Blake

- 1. Apologies** – Keith Bush, Lorraine Bush, Tony Pass, Rob Collard, Neil Willis, Robert Cleland

Minutes and matters arising – Minutes from September meeting agreed as accurate.

- **Lawrence Weston Visit** - we need to book this reciprocal visit as soon as possible. **ACTION** – Karen/Keith to arrange date.
- **Matt Leach visit** – Matt is the new CEO of Big Local, and visited Big Worle on September 8th. Keith and Tony showed Matt around the area including showing the signage project, which he was very impressed with. The visit went well, and Denise told us that Matt indicated extra money from Big Local should be coming our way to further support our work.
- **Worle Library** – Tony is looking into other Big Local groups who have taken over libraries, and will feedback to us on what he finds.
- **Your North Somerset** - We were unable to attend this event due to staffing issues.

3. Putting Residents First

- **AVoice advocacy service** – Phil Reddington is a local representative for AVoice, a free, independent and confidential advocacy service for people who have been a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour. For more information on this service, call freephone on 0800 2540777, or email avoice@thecareforum.org.uk

4. Apple Day feedback

A vote of thanks was given to Karen and Bob for their work on the day. We are also very grateful to all the people who volunteered their time on the day to make the event a success. We estimate approximately 150 people attended the event, and there were lots of new faces.



There were some issues with the use of the kitchen on the day, as it was difficult having people walking into the kitchen when hot food was being prepared. We can learn from this, but it also points to the fact that our success and ability to draw large numbers to these events means we may need to think about holding future events in a bigger venue. A big thank you is extended to Theatre Orchard, Loves Café, Specsavers and Simon Birtwistle who all donated prizes for the Bake Off. Specsavers who provided a prize on the day were interested in getting involved in supporting Big Worle as part of their corporate responsibility programmes. **Action:** Keith to link with Wendy on this when he returns from leave.

5. Craft Club Supper

A reminder was given to the Partnership of the upcoming Craft Club Supper on Wednesday 4th October 7-9pm, which all are welcome to attend.

6. Activities/projects feedback - Newsroom Project, Wildlife Walks, Incredible Edible.

Newsroom project - launched last week at Worle School, with Nigel Dando present. It was noted that Big Worle did not receive much of a mention in the press when the story was featured in the Mercury for our support, so we will bring this up with Shane.

The newsroom participants who come to the Hub have been discussing the possibility of setting up a Worle festival with a youth focus? This is something worth exploring.

Wildlife walks – Chris is nearing the end of this years series of wildlife walks. On the last walk, the group took a minibus to The Old Town Quarry, which was a really great day. It is good to note that many of the participants from the Thursday Health Walks session held at the Hub are joining in with the wildlife walks.

Incredible Edible – We started small on our Incredible Edible project, and have had a productive season growing in the courtyard garden, with coffee club, walking group and craft club members sharing the herbs, fruit and veg we have grown. We had a successful seed swap event which we ran jointly with Growing Together on the Bournville which was attended by over 70 people. We initially had two community gardens which local residents gave us permission to plant in. Unfortunately, neither of these are available to us now; one resident chose to put heavy duty weed killer down in her garden rendering it unusable, the other



person has moved house. Karen will re-engage with Heather Cullimore from Severnside railway once the emails are sorted and see if there is still the possibility of Big Worle taking responsibility for edible planters at Worle and Weston Milton train stations. Karen is also linking with her colleagues in other IE South West areas to get ideas for Spring planting projects. However, it is worth noting that with our small number of volunteers, people power will be being directed towards the Becket School outdoor classroom projects for now.

7. Newsletter

The Newsletter is ready to go with a minor bit of editing needed, but has been put on hold whilst Keith is on leave. We will feedback at the next Partnership meeting when the newsletter will go to print, and will be looking for more volunteers to deliver it when it has been printed.

8. Underpass project update

Tony Dolling met with North Somerset Council to discuss the underpass project. The council feel that lighting is more of a problem than clearing the area, and estimate a cost in region of £8k to get adequate lighting installed. It was suggested by NSC that Big Worle could pay for this. However, it was agreed that the lighting is a public safety issue so NSC should pay, as Big Local money should not be spent on things that fall under the council's statutory responsibilities. According to the council there is no 'anti-vandal' paint that needs removing, so the walls could just be power washed before the new paint is applied. We will continue the discussions with NSC and feedback to Partnership with further updates.

9. Growing Together project visit

Denise attended an open day event run by the Alliance Homes Growing Together project at their Collieridge Road allotment site. They have a great pizza oven and a good space that could be available to our community for one off events if we wanted to use it.

10. Ian Smith – Big Local Update

Severn Estuary Partnership Newsletter – Ian recommended that this would be a good thing for us to look at, and has forwarded it over to Keith. Ian will be attending the 4th October forum event, and will feed back on this at the next Partnership meeting.



Big Local football teams – Kingsbrook and Cauldwell Big Local areas did something like the suggested youth football league in the Big Worle area, so Ian will send information on this over to Keith.

Big Local workshop – There is a workshop in London on 7th November looking at how communities can tackle issues around areas becoming stigmatised. Ian wondered if we could go and highlight the Newsroom project?

Matt Leach visit – as already mentioned, Matt visited Big Worle, and Ian reports he was impressed with signage project. He also spoke about how Matt mentioned adjusting the size of our Big Local area, which will be discussed in AOB.

Apple Day - Ian congratulated us on our Apple Day. On Friday he did an assessment visit to the Woolavington group, and the chair of the partnership has a huge apple tree in their garden. Could we link up with them and possibly lend our apple press?

Basecamp Intranet system. Ian highlighted the Basecamp Intranet system, a workplace which is a like a professional Facebook and could be useful for us to use.

Fun Palaces – Ian suggested that Fun Palaces may be something we would like to be involved in or host next year? Ian will forward the links to us so we can get more information on this.

11. IT update

We are still experiencing problems with our IT systems and emails. Karen B has spoken with a contact she has called Daniel Carter who runs his own IT consultancy business. Dan has offered to come in and spend time with us for free to assess what needs to be done to get our IT up and running again, and then will quote us for any further work he feels needs doing. Partnership agreed that Daniel will come in to complete this initial free consultancy. Karen to feedback on progress and any further costs at next Partnership. There will obviously be a cost implication, but it is already costing the Partnership money as the staff are unable to do their jobs properly without IT systems working properly

12. Items going forward to Audit

Audit group met virtually, and the following proposals were put forward to Partnership.



- **Becket school outdoor learning project** – Set up costs = Garden area with raised beds - £2k, Wildlife area - £500, Pond - £500. Once the infrastructure is in place, then the school would take on financial responsibility for upkeep. We will look into applying for grants to help with the cost of this work. **All agreed.**
- **Apple Day** - £300 agreed for the cost of the event.
- **Christmas Party** – This year we will be holding the Christmas Party at Becket School on the 16th Dec. Small present needed for each child attending. £1k. **All agreed.**
- **Trailer** – to prevent staff from having to use their cars for tip runs etc, we need to purchase a trailer, and are looking at approximate costs of £600 – £800. **All agreed.**
- **Planters** – Planters need replanting with perennials. £250. **All agreed.**
- **Bike pump and repair stand** – £1.6k with the potential for getting a 50% grant for this from Sustrans. **Voted on and carried.**
- **Youth football team** – need to research costs
- **IT upgrade** – figures TBC

13. Any Other Business

Extending Big Worle area - Matt Leach feels we could expand out the area we receive our Big Local funding to operate within. Having the Worle Recreation Ground as part of our area would be useful. We need careful consideration if extending our area will include more local schools, particularly Priory School. More discussion and consideration on this needed.

Radio Advertising – Karen B has been posting Big Worle events to an online diary for possibly inclusion on the Breeze Radio (local WSM radio station) 'What's On' guide. According to the latest listener figures, Breeze Radio has approximately 19,000 listeners a week in the North Somerset area. Wendy reported that four new members of the craft club had heard about it via radio advertising. Karen will explore putting further events on this online guide as this is a good way to reach a wider audience for free.

Christmas party - planning group needed ASAP

Meeting closed at 8:30. Next meeting on Monday 6th November, 7pm at the Big Worle Hub.