



Minutes

Distington Big Local Annual General Meeting

Friday 29th September 6pm at Distington Community Centre

Present : 52 approximately (not all signed in)

Apologies : Pete Duncan

1. Welcome

Rhoda Robinson (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting before thanking those who had been involved in Distington Big Local over the past year. She introduced Ingrid and Vic into their new roles and also thanked them for their help in the Big local.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

These were passed as a true record.

3. Community Group Presentations

Luke Ramsden (Grassroad Sharks), Clayton Sutton and two of the Rugby players (Distington Youth Rugby) Christine Pattinson (DCYP) and Collin McBride (Old Folks Reunion Club) all spoke and thanked the Big Local for monies they have received for their Community Groups, each explaining to the residents of Distington how their money was used.

4. Presentation of Annual Report, Ingrid Morris, Project Manager

Ingrid gave a presentation on the work carried out by Distington Big Local in the past year and proposed future projects. This was also presented in the form of an annual report (copies available).

5. Presentation on behalf of Pete Duncan, Local Trust Adviser

Pete Duncan was unable to attend the meeting. Ingrid carried out his presentation, explaining what the Big Local is about. And what is happening so far.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave an update of spend to date and how money is drawn down. Julia explained that since forming Distington Big Local Ltd we have run two boards, the Partnership Board and the Company Board. On forming the company, board members were invited to become company directors. We are now at the stage where we want to stop having the partnership board and just have the board of directors.

Anyone on the company board can become a company director as long as they meet the requirements of a director. Board meetings are open to anyone to attend but only directors can vote on decisions that are being made.

As people were enjoying the refreshments provided the following four people put themselves forward as board members, Frank Hewer, Tina Hewer, Elaine Ismay and Clayton Sutton. Mark Askew put himself forward to join the Community & Environment sub group.

7. Land Development

Ingrid explained that the purchase of the old Legion Land is the Big Local's biggest project to date. Big Local is hoping to appoint Halsall Lloyd Architects to carry out a feasibility study and Community consultation on how we might develop the land. We have applied for match funding to help pay for this work and hope to appoint Halsall Lloyd in the future.

8. Election of New Board Members

All Board Members, including the chair stood down.

Rhoda Robinson (Chair) agreed to stand for another term and this was unanimously accepted. The following Board Members agreed to stand for re-election and were unanimously accepted: Julia Powley, (Treasurer) Norma Pritt, (Vice Chair) Alison Boyd, Josephine Greggain, Christine Pattinson, Annette Whitehead and Carl cooper, Sue Hunter, Karen Hodgson and Paul Tharagonnet. Pat Nelson did not wish to stand again, but confirmed her commitment to Distington Big Local as a Sub Group Member. Karen Hodgson, Sue Hunter and Paul Tharagonnet put themselves forward as Company Directors of Distington Big Local Ltd. They were unanimously accepted as Company Directors.

The meeting concluded with refreshments.