



**Distington Big Local Ltd /Partnership Board Meeting
1 November 2016, 2-5pm
Distington Community Centre**

Present: Rhoda Robinson (Chair) Julia Powley, Alison Boyd, Norma Pritt, Josephine Greggain, Pat Nelson, Annette Whitehead, Christine Pattinson, Paul Tharagonnet, Karen Hodgson, Carl Cooper, Sue Hunter, Bridget Johns, Ingrid Morris (Minutes), Pete Duncan

Apologies: Alan Lowe, Alison Jackson, Gayle Maxwell, Holly Dennis (PCSO), Shelley Hewitson

77.16 Welcome The chair welcomed everybody, especially Sue Hunter, a new Board member.

78.16 Annual Review Board Members reviewed work carried out by DBL during this past year since the previous review in November 2016.

79.16 Election of Vice Chair This was deferred until our next meeting in December 2016.

80.16 Conflict of Interests None.

81.16 Minutes of Previous Meeting Were passed as a true record.

82.16 Matters Arising (and not covered elsewhere)

CCTV We have been advised installation of the new cameras in Distington will start in early December 2016.

Charitable Status We are still waiting to hear from The Charities Commission regarding our charitable status.

83.16 Development Workers Report Matters discussed

Bus Shelters It was suggested that we request a new bus stop (not shelter) be put on Prospect View, near where Myers & Bowman was. *Action: Alan/Ingrid to advise the Community & Environment group on this suggestion.* We are still awaiting news from the Council on the proposed Common End shelter.

Good Grub Club The next one will take place on Tuesday 8 November in school and then on every 2nd Tuesday of the month and will include a crèche, making it easier for those with young children to attend.

Befriending Scheme Posters have been distributed for this project. The possibility of a pick-up scheme was mentioned as loneliness is terrible at any age but especially for the elderly who may find it difficult to get out. It was suggested that a pick-up scheme would be beneficial, we would need to consider insurance and safeguarding before we offered this service. Age UK may be able to help us with this. *Action: Alan/Ingrid to pass this suggestion to the Residents Wellbeing Group.*

Land Purchase There is a parcel of land that is on leasehold with a covenant attached as to how it can be developed. Pete Duncan questioned how big this land was. The Chair reported that

the solicitor had advised that these were minor issues and DBL would address them once the sale of the land had gone ahead. Pete Duncan advised that in order to cover our backs, we need in writing from the solicitor, that it would be ok to address these issues once the purchase of the land was complete.

Defibrillator The Young People & Families group were not happy with the decision to site the defibrillator at the Community Centre. The chair advised that the Board will not reconsider this as their initial decision took into account public consultation and footfall. It was suggested that DBL might purchase an external case for the defibrillator at the Rugby so there would be another one accessible in the village. Karen advised that the Rugby club don't have a defibrillator. The Board may look at purchasing another one in the future. *Action: Bridget from CVS advised that she is looking into funding for defibrillators for another group and will keep us updated.*

2017 Plan Zoe from Local Trust had responded to Alan's email about becoming our own LTO, including sign posting to their website on due diligence checks that will need to be carried out. You can view this online at: <http://localtrust.org.uk/library/programme-guidance/locally-trusted-organisations/> Bridget asked how CVS could help us with becoming our own LTO, Pete Duncan advised that help will be needed. *Action: Alan/Ingrid to continue working on this.*

84.16 Treasurers Report The Treasurer advised that apart from the normal salaries, there has been little spend in October 2016.

85.16 AOB

Pavement Sweeper The Chair wondered if we should hire a pavement sweeper and driver to give them a good clean where the weeds have been. Ronnie could then treat the necessary areas with weed killer. *Action: Norma to find out what the cost of this would be.*

Training for Company Directors DBL Ltd Directors have been invited to a training day in Carlisle. Julia advised that she is happy to put some in-house information / training together for the Board as not many are able to attend the training in Carlisle. *Action: Julia.*

Public Engagement How can we improve this. Knocking on doors has been done in the past and it extremely time consuming. Community Groups may be able to help with delivery of our newsletters, for example Grassroad Sharks. *Action: Alan/Ingrid to look into this.*

86.16 Date & Timings of Future Meetings No decisions have been made about the timings of future meeting. Two of the new Board Members are not present today to discuss times and days best suited to them, therefore we will carry on with the 1st Tuesday of the month as usual until more information about suitable dates is forthcoming.

Date of next Board Meeting : Tuesday 6 December 2016, 3pm at the Community Centre