



Distington Big Local
Distington Community Centre, Church Road, Distington, CA14 5TE

Partnership Board Meeting
5 July 2016, 3-5pm
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Present: Rhoda Robinson (Chair), Alison Boyd, Carl Cooper, Josephine Greggain, Pete Duncan, Pat Nelson, Annette Whitehead, Bridget Johns, Ingrid Morris (minutes)

Apologies: Alan Lowe, Julia Powley, John Bowman, Mike Pritt, Norma Pritt, Christine Pattinson, Hollie Dennis (PCSO), Shelley Hewiston,

40.16 Welcome

41.16 Conflict of Interests None

42.16 Minutes of previous meeting Pete Duncan pointed out the following correction; at the last meeting he advised that we should get in touch with the Copeland planning department to ask them what they would be prepared to support on the British Legion land (and not just try to establish if any planning permission has been sought for the land). This is known as a 'pre - application consultation' involving a site visit and a report and may cost approximately £300. Pete also asked if we had the land valuation mentioned in the Development Worker's report in writing, and if not he suggested we do so. Alan / Ingrid to action the above two points.

43.16 Matters Arising (and not covered elsewhere) None.

44.16 Development Workers' Report

Summer Fun Day The day went well with more volunteers on board than last year. A big 'thank you' to all those helped. There was some very positive feedback from people on Facebook. We spent £4085 on the event. Maryport Aquarium had forgotten about the event but then did turn up with a very poor quality 'dipping tank'. The Board requested that we write a complaint letter as they felt what they brought with them for the day did not represent value for money. Ingrid / Alan to action.

Village Maintenance The recent mower maintenance costs have been very high. Now that it is no longer under warranty Ronnie has been looking at alternative places to get it serviced / mended. It was suggested that we ask Gates Tyres and Burridges as they are very close by. Jim Messengers in Cockermouth was also suggested. Since this meeting, Ronnie has advised that Lakeland Plant Hire in Distington are happy to service and carry out any repairs on the mower.

British Legion Land We have not yet had a response to our offer of £41,000 but are hoping to hear by the end of the month after the Trustees have met again. Following the meeting with them in June, Rhoda was under the impression that the British Legion were keen for us to purchase the land and would hopefully let us submit another bid if our first one was not accepted.

Job Club Uptake for this is continuing with predominantly the same people making use of the services.

Digi Club This will resume again in August once staff and volunteers have returned from holidays.

Bus Shelters Work on the Hinnings Road shelter has yet to start, Carl has been assured it will start on 8th / 9th July. Copeland Bus Panel Committee has approved the shelter on Tollbar. The *Community & Environment* group who meet tomorrow to confirm which shelter is to be installed. Ingrid / Alan to then purchase and arrange installation.

Land Feasibility Study This should be completed and a report issued by the next Board Meeting in August.

CCTV We have received a quote from Compass which will be discussed at the next *Community & Environment* meeting on 6/7/16.

Big Local Ltd We have just received paperwork from Companies House confirming that we are now a Private Limited Company known as *Distington Big Local Ltd*.

AGM This will take place on Friday 16 September at 7pm in the Community Centre. Pete Duncan has agreed to give a presentation about Big Local, Alan can give a presentation on DBL followed by any questions. It was suggested that we set up a planning group to brainstorm ideas on how to get as many people as possible to come to the AGM. Pete advised that another Big Local has given away lottery tickets to get people to come along and suggested that the CFYP should bring some of its members to attend the AGM. Members from other community groups, especially those who have benefited from DBL funding, should also be asked to attend.

Office IT Alan is exploring suitable IT support for us.

Good Grub Club This has been proposed by the *Residents & Wellbeing Group* to inform people on how they can cook good, cheap food for their families. The first session takes place on 12 July and probably monthly thereafter (from September 2016). There are spaces for 15 people per session at a cost of £5 each for ingredients plus room hire and demonstration food. It is estimated that the cost would be £105 per month. The Board voted in agreement to go ahead with this project. The money will come out of the Community & Education budget.

45.16 Finance Reports The Treasurer has sent her apologies. It was requested that the reports be printed in a bigger font in future as they are currently very difficult to read. Pete Duncan highlighted that we currently have a big under spend and we need to be aware of this. Rhoda pointed out that she felt the money would be spent by the end of the 10 year period especially if we are successful in purchasing the British Legion land and developing it.

46.16 AOB

The wall in the newly fenced off area at the entrance to the village, this still needs to be repaired / made to look good. Alan / Ronnie to action.

Weeding & grass trimming outside the community centre Board Members have asked if Ronnie can keep the grass along the verges and the flower beds tidy around the Community Centre. Alan / Ronnie to action.

Caravan Proposal A Board member asked if the *Young People & Families* group had any feedback for The Board on the information members had submitted as to why they had turned the Caravan Trial down. Ingrid reported that at their last meeting, the group did not wish to feedback to The Board.

Website Pete Duncan advised that this should not be accessible to the public until it is fully completed. Ingrid / Alan to speak to the webmaster to action this.

Big Local Survey Forms Pete has asked if those who haven't complete a form as yet could please do so as the feedback will be much appreciated by Big Local.

Date of next Board Meeting: Tuesday 2nd August 2016, 3pm in the Community Centre