



Distington Big Local Ltd /Partnership Board Meeting
10th October 2017 at 3pm
Distington Community Centre

Present: Rhoda Robinson (Chair), Norma Pritt, Annette Whitehead, Paul Tharagonnet, Pete Duncan, Ingrid Morris, Victoria Pooley (Minutes) Julia Powley, Karen Hodgson, Carl Cooper, Sue Hunter, Elaine Ismay, Ronnie Hewer

Not Present: Tina Hewer, Frank Hewer, Hollie Dennis (PCSO)

Apologies: Christine Pattinson, Alison Boyd, Josephine Greggain, Shelley Hewitson

52.17 Welcome

The chair welcomed everybody and welcomed the new Board Member, Elaine Ismay to the meeting. Frank Hewer, Tina Hewer & Clayton Sutton have also joined the Board.

53.17 Conflict of Interests

Julia re: school computers and Karen Hodgson re: football pitch.

54.17 Minuets of August meeting.

An error was noted in item 39.17 which had been amended. AGM minuets were attached.

55.17 School Computers Funding Request

School has approached DBL for help with funding, as their IT equipment is inadequate. School already has 30 Raspberry Pi's, however nothing to link them up to. Paul suggested Big Local fund 30 screens, mice and keyboards for the school to link up their Raspberry Pi's. Paul said he would be happy to set this up for the school. He then gave a presentation to the board explaining how Raspberry Pi's can be used instead of a laptop, desktop or tablet for accessing all relevant programmes the school needs. The board decided to fund the school £5,000 for IT equipment, to use for the purchase of either more screens, keyboards and mice to link to their raspberry Pi's, or for laptops. The decision on exactly what IT equipment to spend the money on is up to the school. Paul is going to attend the Governors meeting at school on Monday 16th October to give the same presentation on what can be achieved with Raspberry Pi's at a lower cost than laptops and desktops. He also explained the benefits of using different systems to windows. Paul has a background in computer programming and recently completed an educator's course for Raspberry Pi's. *Action: IM to draw up a funding agreement for school.*

56.17 Football Pitch Maintenance

Ingrid gave an update from the Sub Group Meeting, (see Sub Group notes) on the maintenance of the football pitch. It was hoped that users of the pitch would take care of the grass cutting but both Grassroad Sharks and school say they are not in a position or not prepared to raise subs to pay for grass cuts. It was made clear by CASC that they

would not be able to pay for maintenance of the pitch before DBL upgraded it. CASC pay for the cutting of the rugby pitch, not the rugby teams. Luke from Grassroad Sharks asked if he or another named person could cut the football pitch grass themselves using DBL's sit on mover. (They do the line marking using CASC's equipment) Luke said he would be happy to pay for insurance for using the mower if this was necessary. The chair asked for a show of hands for this to go ahead. The majority of the Board voted yes for this. *Action: Ingrid to draw up a 2 year agreement between Big Local and football pitch users (the school and Grass road Sharks).* The container from G&M Lawson's is costing £500 and will be placed on to the pitch within the next few weeks. A unanimous show of hands was raised to agree this spend. Distington Big Local will own the container and let Grass Road Sharks store their equipment in part of it. Out maintenance man Ronnie will also use it to store the sit on mower and other equipment. Only Luke from Grass Road Sharks and Big Local will have keys for it.

57.17 Land Development

The question was raised whether we needed to get another quote for the feasibility and community consultation work proposed for the land. Our Big Local Representative, with considerable knowledge in this field, put us in touch with Halsall Loydd Partnership. The Land Development group met one of the senior partners from HLP to discuss requirements and how to move forward with the land development. HLP put together a proposal which was accepted by the group. After discussion it was agreed that it would be difficult to get a like for like quote, as HLP have developed a specialism in this areas over many years. We would also need to get consent from HLP to share their proposal for the work with other companies to ensure a like for like quote. We have applied for match funding for this work, the Board made the decision, with a unanimous show of hands, to go ahead with the HLP proposal if Big Local does not receive any match funding. Actual development of the land may well not be feasible without match funding. The sale of the land behind numbers 9 and 10 Church Road is with the solicitors. Both plots will be sold to number 9, as number 10 has pulled out of the sale.

58.17 Bus Shelters

The request stop Workington bound, opposite what was the old Myers and Bowman, is now an official stop. The sign stating this will be up as soon as possible. The new bus shelter request for Swallow Hill Whitehaven bound, is unable to go ahead, as Cumbria County Council has informed Big Local that the pathway is too narrow to accommodate any kind of stop.

The chair asked if the stop on the Main Street opposite the old Post Office Whitehaven bound is confirmed to be moved down towards the Bait Cabin. Could DBL fund a new shelter there, as there is currently no shelter at the moment? The board agreed for this spend to go ahead. *Action VP /IM to arrange shelter if appropriate.* We are still waiting for the Perspex to be replaced in two of the shelters. It was suggested that Big Local placed ashtrays in each shelter to minimise vandalism and burning with cigarette butts as well as generic signs stating these had been funded by Big Local. The cost for the ashtrays is approximately £25 each and cost of signs is unknown. Board agreed to this spend. The request for the Hinnings Road shelter to be power washed has now been done by Ronnie. It has been asked if Ronnie could carry out a maintenance job in Lowca. Ronnie explained that the job is too much for him to do alone, therefore this request has been declined.

59.17 Big Local Annual Review

Instead of an annual review, Big Local's are now required to carry out a review before the submission of their next plan. We will do our next review on Tuesday 21st November at 3:30pm.

60.17 Our Next Plan

The current plan runs to 31st March 2018. It takes 6-8 weeks for Big Local to process a new plan, which means that we have to submit it by the end of January 2018. We will draw up our next plan at the Board Meeting on Tuesday 5th December.

61.17 Arts Out West

After cost of room hire, table clothes and refreshments it cost Big local £148 to put on the Mervyn Stutter show. We will soon receive the listing of the spring shows.

62.17 Pavements Sweeper

Elliot and son have apologised for the delay in getting the pavements swept. They explained that they have been very busy but will meet with Ronnie this week to discuss where to tip the waste and agree a date for the sweeping to take place. It was asked if we could add Prospect view on to this list, as there is a small pathway that is causing a number of residents to almost slip when trying to walk in this area. It was agreed by the board to add this to the roads for the pavement sweeper to do. *Action: VP to inform the company about this.*

63.17 Upcoming Events

Shared Learning Experience in Hartlepool on Saturday 21st October, 10:30am-3:30pm Board members to let Vic or Ingrid know by Thursday 12th October if they wish to attend. There is a Community Led housing Launch Event on Thursday 19th October at Braithwaite. The Project manager and four members of the Land Development Group will be attending this event.

64.17 Treasure's Report

Julia advised that the second payment for our current 2 year plan is now in the bank. Pete Duncan advised that all Big Local's will receive an additional £105,000, raised through interest. This money is to be drawn down the usual way and can be applied for at any time.

65.17 AOB

Co Directors

Karen Hodgson, Paul Tharagonnet and Sue Hunter all agreed to become Company directors. The new Board members were invited to attend some more meetings before deciding if they are to become Company directors.

DCYP

Christine asked Ingrid to read out a letter explaining about an incident that had taken place in the DCYP in September.

It was confirmed that Local Trust allow up to two members of the same family living in the same house to be board members, therefore it is ok for both Frank and Tina Hewer to become Board members.

Dates of Next Meeting

Review Meeting – Tuesday 21 November at 3:30pm

Board Meeting - Tuesday 5th December 3pm.

Sub Group Meeting Dates

Community & Environment and Residents Wellbeing Groups meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 3pm, at the community Centre.

Young People & Families Group meeting agreed for Tuesday 12th December 3:30pm, at the Community Centre.

Land Development Group meeting, Wednesday 15th November at 3pm, at the Community Centre, tbc