

**Distington Big Local Ltd /Partnership Board Meeting**  
**11 April 2019, 1pm**  
**Distington Community Centre**

**Present:** Rhoda Robinson (Chair), Julia Powley, Norma Pritt, Josephine Greggain, Annette Whitehead, Karen Hodgson, Paul Tharagounet, Sue Hunter, Alan Hunter, Pete Duncan, Ingrid Morris and Lindsay Bodman

**Apologies:** Elaine Ismay, Alison Boyd and Margaret Hilldrop

**166.19 Welcome** The Chair welcomed everybody.

**167.19 Conflict of Interests** KH - funding request from CASC. KH left the room whilst this issue was discussed later on in the meeting.

**168.19 Minutes of Previous Meeting** Were passed as a true record

**169.19 Treasurer's Report** The report coincides with our year end. We have also recently completed a spend report for the previous six months in which we had an over spend on Land Development. We had a total under spend of £24,400 mainly due to lack of spend for a play park and footpath development. This will be repaid to Local Trust for us to draw down at a later date.

**170.19 DBL Ltd Article of Association.** JP explained that we need to amend the objectives in our Article of Association making them more general (providing grants for Distington) to support our application for charity status. The Board and PD were agreement with these changes. Once Dodd & Co have made amends, IM will forward to the Directors for signature.  
**ACTIONS: IM to add PT to charity submission document. IM to send into Local Trust once completed.**

**171.19 Land Development** IM advised we have received our first grant payment from Homes England of £39,400. Need to clarify whether HE revenue funds need to have been *paid to us* by HE or *spent by us* by end March 2020. We still have no word regarding Mrs Thornley's land agents. In March IM submitted a new funding request to Local Trust for £50k for additional land development costs and match funding for HE. Next week IM has a monitoring visit with Copeland Community Fund after which we should received our final payment from them of £2,610. **ACTION: JP to chase Mrs Thornley's Land Agent.**

The spend for AL's Housing Need survey quote (£3,395) and Interim Project Support (£4,375) were both agreed by the Board.

**172.19 IT Support** RR advised that IM to work from home as and when needed to minimise disruptions from the office. Need to arrange remote access to our documents **ACTION: IM / LB to speak to System IT.**

**173.19 Sub Groups** We now have a total of 3 Sub Groups. Residents Wellbeing & Community Group, Young People's & Families Group and the Land Development Group.

**174.19 Garden & Village Maintenance** The Board agreed that DBL purchase a new mower, cost £320, for the village maintenance jobs. Self drive was suggested. Weed killer application should be charged for. Ronnie has repaired the bench outside the Community Centre. **ACTION:**  
**IM to buy mower**

**175.19 Fareshare** IM shared that the Easter events on 2 and 9 April were well attended and that the uniform exchange scheme has now been launched, various storage options for this are being considered. KH advised that one of Fareshare volunteers suggested that all sessions take place at DCYP as more space there, the logistics etc of this can be looked at with the rest of the group.

**176.19 Walking Project** LB & IM to meet Keith Greggain on 24 April to discuss setting up the project.

**177.19 History Pin** KH & CP met with IM and LB to talk about bringing the community closer together while equipping people to run story sharing events. It was suggested that we could link up with the school as well as other community groups. **ACTION:** **LB to set up date for training workshop**

**178.19 Men in Sheds** LB & IM to meet with Shelby Hawkins from Lakes College to find out if they can help DBL set up Men in Sheds group in the village. We also need to ascertain who would attend this group.

**179.19 Grants** The next Grants Panel meeting is on 16 April. Since this meeting we have a one application from Distington Mother's Union for a transport grant, £150 was awarded.

**180.19 Arts Out West** After another low turn out for the most recent production (Peril of the Seas); it was decided by the Board not to hold another production. **ACTION: IM to inform AOW**

#### **181.19 Any Other Business**

**Distington ARL** 2019 youth strip will feature DBL's logo as thanks for our support to them from our Transport Grant.

**Distington CASC** have requested funding support to help with the refurbishment of the club which is much needed. KH outlined the proposed CASC refurbishment and then left the room whilst the Board discussed the funding request. The Board has agreed a grant of £10,000 towards the cost. **ACTION: IM to draw up a funding agreement with CASC**

**Local Trust Impact Measuring** PD talked about how the Local Trust is measuring the impact Big Locals have on their communities. There are two Impact Assessment sessions running on 10 May (Sheffield) and 15 May (York). PD suggested someone attends. Due to being very busy on project delivery, fitting this in as well is challenging. KH agreed to try and link impact measuring in with the HistoryPin project.

**Big Local Connects 2019, the learning, sharing, networking event will take place in Nottingham on 13 & 14 September 2019, there are up to 3 spaces for each Big Local area – Can DBL members please have a think about who might attend and let LB / IM know ASAP.**

**Date of next Board Meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2019, 2 – 4 pm at the Community Centre (please note the earlier start time of 2pm.**

Land Development Group Meeting – Wednesday 29th May 2019, 2-4pm, Community Centre

Residents Wellbeing & Community Group – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 11am, Community Centre

Young People & Families Group - tbc