



Distington Big Local
Partnership, Board & General Meeting
Held on Thursday 1st July at 10:30 am, via Zoom

Attendees: Rhoda Robinson (RR), Norma Pritt (NP), Julia Powley (JP), Sue Hunter (SH), Alison Boyd (AB), Elaine Ismay (EI), Annette Whitehead (AW), Josephine Greggain (JG)

In Attendance: Ingrid Morris (IM), Pete Duncan (PD), Simon Underwood (SU)

Apologies: None

RR Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

123.21 Declarations of Interest None

124.21 Minutes of Previous Board Meeting on 16th July 2021 were passed as a true record

125.21 New Partnership Recruitment / Transition Plan SU advised that he has a list of 11 people who would possibly like to join the new group. Four people attended the meeting on 29th June and there is another introductory session planned for the evening of 6th July via Zoom, after this it is hoped that the whole group will be able to meet together. Those who attended the meeting said they would need to consult further with the community regarding what to do with the land. In terms of the current DBL plan, if a new group is formed they have the option of working to the existing Local Trust plan, consulting on a whole new plan, or taking on the existing plan initially with a view to changing it. When the current board step down on 16th July 2021 there will be a gap while a new group is formed, some of whom may or may not join the Board of Distington Community Trust

126.21 Update on New LTO There are three organisations who might take on this role. Tattersall Bailey Accountants, Cockermouth (they would not take on the staffing role), South Durham Enterprise Agency (they do the LTO role for Bishop Auckland Big Local) and Groundwork NE & Cumbria. SU & PD will go through a selection process, Local Trust will have to do due diligence test on them before any organisation could be appointed LTO.

127.21 DBL Plan Progress Update We have received advice from Anthony Collins (free of charge) regarding the sit on mower. We have had enquiries from people asking to borrow it to cut community area and the rugby pitch. The Board voted to gift this to Distington Parish Council (DPC) along with the hedge cutter, strimmer and hand push. Action: IM to draw up an agreement with DPC regarding this. Moving forwards, the DBL plan is now the concern of the new group being formed.

128.21 DCYP Funding Having received the latest report from DCYP the board has now released the next tranche of £5,000 payment to DCYP Action : IM to pay. DCYP to get in touch with another one of their funders regarding the potential monitoring of funds for the next payment of £5,000 in the autumn.

129.21 Newsletter Board members and IM have been working on this. Action: SU to provide some text about the new group for the newsletter. IM to circulated draft newsletter. It will take some time

to get them printed and distributed by a distribution company. If this happens after the current DBL's end date of 16th July 2021 when all the LTO funding is wrapped up for the time being, costs can be paid through non LT funding (i.e. income from Village Maintenance work).

131.21 Arrangements for Meeting with LT Senior Staff The meeting will take place at Hunday Manor on 12th July 2021

132.21 Staffing IM left the meeting for this agenda item.

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AOB – A **community member** who now lives out of the area had been in touch to say how sorry they were about the issues leading up to the board resigned. They thanked DBL board and staff for all the good work they have done.

Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) SU advised that he had been in touch with ACT to update them DBL developments

Defibrillator JP advised that Distington Community School are happy to have the defibrillator moved to their building and take on the maintenance of it. Action : IM to contact Carl Barnes at school.

Date of Last Meeting of the Current Board : Wednesday 15th July at 10.30am.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.