



**Distington Big Local**  
**Partnership, Board & General Meeting**  
**Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 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)

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

**Apologies:** Vic Askew (VA), Josephine Greggain (JG)

**RR Welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**106.21 Declarations of Interest** None

**107.21 Minutes of Previous Board Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021** were passed as a true record

**108.21 Response to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Statement** There has still been no feedback to staff or Local Trust (LT) representatives. There was a comment on Facebook saying RH had been sacked. It was decided not to respond to this. IM & SU were contacted by the local press, this was forwarded to LT's Communications team.

**109.21 Update on Conciliation Plan** SU advised that there is nothing more to update at the moment.

**110.21 Update on Transition Plan** IM & SU have actioned points 1 to 9 on on page 2 of SU's Action Plan. Notices calling for people to join a new DBL group were posted on social media and put up around the village. SU has again emailed the 3 people who initially came forward to become involved in DBL, only one of them has replied. JP has made contact with GH and is waiting for a call back. Next steps are to put big bold posters up in the village calling for people to come forward. Board members suggested various community members who could be approached to get involved to keep DBL going. SU hoping to speak to people 1 to 1 and hold open public meetings regarding the future of Distington Big Local and the land . Action: SU to progress with IM. If this plan is not successful, then plan B is to look at keeping the CBS going for 6 months or more in an almost dormant state. RR, JP, SU & now also EI have agreed to stay on to enable this to happen if needs be. PD suggested that a member of HACT could become a member of our CBS to bring the numbers up to 5 which could lengthen the dormant period if required. The covenant on the access road to the land states that it must be used for social housing for over 55s, this could presumably be changed legally to allow other uses for the land.

**111.21 Staffing** IM left the meeting for this agenda item. [REDACTED]

**112.21 AOB - Response to Complaint** PD spoke to Local Trust (LT) and their final response, sent out on 28<sup>th</sup> May, was much shorter and more supportive of DBL than their draft version had been. LT have asked for an acknowledgement from the complainant but have not received one to date.

**Parish Council Letter** IM received a letter from DPC advising that a complaint had been raised against DBL. Action: IM to respond saying complaint has been dealt with by DBL & LT

**DCYP Funding** IM and DCYP have had discussions about funding that was allocated to them. It is still unclear what will happen to this as it depends on the future of DBL. Action : IM & PD to keep this under review & keep DCYP updated

**Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.