



Meeting: Distington Big Local Partnership Meeting

Location: Distington Community Centre

Date: Tuesday 27th September 2022 Distington Community Centre

Time: 10:00- 11:45

Board members present: Christine Pattinson, Danielle Leigh, Shirley Murphy, Paul Tharagonnet.

Apologies received: Karen Hodgson

Also present: Stephen Armstrong, (Via Teams) Katie Storey (Business Support) Chris Thexton (Groundwork North East & Cumbria)

Minutes from Meeting

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Appoint chair to host	DL chaired today's meeting.
2. Apologies received	Apologies received from KH
3. Minutes from last meeting	Minutes from previous meeting 23 rd August were agreed as a true reflection
4. Update from LTO Stephen Armstrong	SA advised there was no real update to give at present, as at the last meeting he gave an update on the finances and where we were at. He advised there would be another drawn down due in October. CP queried whether she could submit the final invoice for DCYP and it was agreed this would be sent to KS to raise a PO and submit to finance.

<p>5. Legion Land & Play Park consultation</p>	<p>KS – This was an action from August’s minutes we discussed setting up a consultation in half term to engage with the children in the village to see as the next generation what they want to see on the legion land and also what they would like on the proposed play area.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would hold this on Tuesday 25th October at the Youth Club, we would tie it in with the next partnership meeting. We would have the meeting at 10am and hold the consultation at 12:00. Everyone at the meeting agreed to be on hand at the consultation.</p> <p>KS to draft consultation forms for children for legion land and need to reprint – play park plans and questionnaires from website to be available on the day.</p>
<p>6. Recruitment of new members</p>	<p>KS asked the group whether there were any new members willing to join the partnership it had been mentioned in the past by KH that MH would join but not in full capacity as couldn’t always attend meetings. PH advised that there was a member of the Parish Council CP who was interested in joining, I asked whether he could be present at our next meeting. Christine would contact him to advise when it was and invite him to join.</p> <p>After the partnership meeting KS spoke with volunteers of Fareshare and two members agreed they would like to join the Big Local Board, NM & AP. KS would send an email with Big Local policies and Board members code of conduct.</p>
<p>7. Request from public about proposed Farmer’s market/Sub Group</p>	<p>KS gave an update to the group that after the last social media drive inviting local residents to either join the partnership or pitch ideas on what they would like to see in the village, a request was received from PC to advise that he had attended an event at the walled garden and it was a great success. He put an idea forward of having a regular farmer’s market at the Walled Garden.</p> <p>KS and PT had a meeting earlier in the month with Sue Pringle from Copeland and PC and his partner CL. SP gave us a tour of the garden and we gave a brief run through of what we would hope to achieve. It was a positive meeting, SP agreed that it would be a good opportunity but it would have to focus on a farmer’s market for food produce and avoid any crafts etc. as they already host an artesian market on a regular basis.</p> <p>There are stalls available that could be loaned from the council. We discussed setting up a sub-group PC and CL would be keen to be involved in a sub-group and all members in attendance today agreed to help.</p>

	<p>A Facebook poll had been launched to ask members of the Big Local Facebook page if they would like to see a farmer’s market in the village and to date there were 44 votes for yes, so it is clearly something residents would like to see.</p> <p>PT suggested hiring a mini bus and using it as a shuttle service to bring residents back and forward to the event.</p> <p>PT suggested inviting Sue Pringle to our next partnership meeting to help get the idea off the ground, KS would make contact and invite SP. This would perhaps be better at the sub group meeting so we could solely focus on the farmers market KS would also reach out to PC & CL to see if they could attend</p> <p>At the sub-group meeting we would need come up with a plan to attract vendors, set dates and discuss marketing the event KS would get back to the group and ask for availability PT was shortly to go away for two weeks.</p>
8. Neil Daniel	<p>KS gave an update from the last partnership meeting that as agreed she had contacted ND on the 23rd August to advise that at our partnership meeting that day it had been agreed that due to none attendance and no apologies received that his services were no longer required, KS invited him to contact her but to date no response has been received.</p>
9. Legion Land update	<p>KS gave an update to the group that the insurance renewal for Distington Community Trust had been outstanding since July, as the trust were still having issues with their bank account it was agreed that Big Local would pay for this with agreement from Distington Community Trust that this would be paid back once the account was sorted. KS asked PT to discuss this at the next DCT meeting and record in the minutes so there was an agreement in place.</p> <p>KS has requested payment from the LTO.</p>
10. Update from Copeland re: lease of land	<p>KS received an email from Thomas at Copeland to advise that the lease application had now progressed to the next stage.</p> <p>He said that all comments that they have received during the consultation phase have generally been positive, and where queries have arisen, these have been dealt with satisfactorily. So hopefully we will have an outcome on this soon.</p>
11. Questionnaires from Jeanette all to complete individual and group	<p>KS gave the individual Local Trust questionnaire to those that had not completed one previously to return to JH. There was also an additional questionnaire that needed completed about the partnership. KS requested that members stay back after the</p>

	meeting to complete. (now complete KS to scan in and send to JH)
12. Funding request	<p>The Group have received a letter which KS had previously circulated prior to the meeting for a request for a donation toward the village firework display. A full application has now been received and a request of £500 towards the annual fireworks display has been requested.</p> <p>The group discussed the application and agreed that the full £500 should be awarded as it is an annual event and the turn out last year was really high and it was an opportunity for the village to come together for an event.</p> <p>KS would write to GH and submit the request for the payment. As this is not an established group DCYP are going to act as agent and the funds can be sent to the youth club for distribution to the event.</p>
13. Bank Accounts	<p>KS gave the latest update on the two NatWest accounts, she had been in contact with IM the previous business manager who has now had a meeting with NatWest to remove herself from the accounts. IM had sent forms to KS for new signatories to complete KS passed these to PT who would discuss with KH both would need to go in branch with the completed form and ID to add themselves as signatories. DL advised she would also be a signatory for Big Local.</p>
14. Green Dr	<p>CT from Groundworks Green Doctor programme was in attendance to discuss the Green Doctor Programme. He gave the group and overview on what the programme offers, what help is available and how to sign up.</p> <p>There was an event after the partnership meeting where CT was on hand to discuss with residents of Distinguon on what help was available and what the service offered. This was in collaboration with Fareshare, there was a great turn out, and 13 referrals were received. It was discussed that we should hold another event earlier in the day to target a wider audience and offer the help. KS would look at getting this set up and invite both Green Doctors.</p>
15. Any other business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website – at the last meeting KS advised the website had ceased as the subscription fee had not been paid – KS confirmed to the group that this had now been paid and the site was now back up and running. 2. Car boot - This was an idea from a few members of the public who had voted on the Facebook poll suggesting that having a car boot in the village would be something that they would like to see. The Group discussed and it

	<p>was agreed we would speak with Sue Pringle to see if this is something we could have at the walled garden. The Community Centre was also an option. KS to put on the next agenda for more discussion ALL</p>
16. Date of Next meeting	<p>Tuesday 25th. October 10am Youth Club and consultation to follow 12pm.</p>