

Minutes of Radstock and Westfield Big Local Partnership Meeting 8th May 2019

Carers' Centre, 1 Riverside Cottages, Radstock 10.30 – 11.30

- **Present:** Marlene Morley, Rob Wicke, Ron Hopkins, Robin Moss, Julian Mellor, Angie Seaman-Moss, Andrew Morley, Michael Cooke, John Reynolds, Joanne O'Donoghue, Becky Brooks
- **Note taker:** Angie Seaman-Moss

Introduction from RM & RW– General introduction and welcome. Contents of the meeting outlined.

RM – gave an overview of discussions and work being done by the CIC on Investment strategy and green energy, as well as work being done by other Big locals in their communities. Outline of ideas by CIC e.g. property investment in the local area ie. Shop front property to give opportunity for low cost start up for new businesses. Green energy ideas for possible investment in the future.

9 information stations were laid out with different areas of Big Local work/information. Each station explained and discussed.

1. Updates on work of the CIC
2. Dragon's Den
3. Health and Well being
4. Young people
5. Our Bigger Story
6. Investing and raising funds
7. Events and training opportunities
8. Finances
9. Requests for volunteers to join the CIC

All participants were encouraged to make comments on sheets provided regarding key questions/statements, and about organisation.

Training opportunities available were highlighted. These are all expenses provided and are well presented events, giving lots of useful information about Big Locals and ideas.

MM – gave additional information on training events.

Please see information on the website for upcoming training opportunities and contact Rob or Sarah if you would like to attend.

MM gave additional information on the idea of possibly purchasing a shop fronted property to support start up business in the community.

A lengthy discussion took place on investing in property and how this could be used to generate income vs meeting the needs of the community.

Good active session.

Date for future meeting: 10th July 10.30am

Meeting closed at 11.30am