

Minutes of Radstock and Westfield Big Local Partnership Meeting (Meet 'n' Mingle)

10th July 2019

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

Present: Marlene Morley, Rob Wicke, Robin Moss, Julian Mellor, Angie Seaman-Moss, Andrew Morley, Emily Merko, Sarah Westell, Colin Currie, Elizabeth Derl-Davis, Angus McCabe (Our Bigger Story)

Apologies: Ron Hopkins, Tanya Gibbs, Sue Hill, Michael Cooke, Jenny Prowse, Bev Craney, Anna Parry, Becky Brooks

Note taker: Angie Seaman-Moss

Introduction and Welcome from RM – General introduction, welcome and brief overview of focus for the meeting being health and well-being and the community kitchen. Discussion about how the community training kitchen will operate i.e. teaching people how to cook healthy affordable meals. It was highlighted that Local GPs describe the level of health in the local area as “a health time bomb in the local community”

RW - outlined the relationship of the partnership to the CIC.

RW & SW – gave a presentation around health and wellbeing and the background to Plan 2 and where this fits in with the plan, work done so far, findings and next steps.

Q&As given during the presentation.

Discussion took place about other activities that could be undertaken in the space in Hope House. It was highlighted that Hope House have produced a list of health and wellbeing activities that would benefit the community.

RM – rounded off the session, to highlight questions to be considered by the partnership for next steps focus for Big Local. It was also noted that the time scale for the build of the new Hope House Healthy Living Centre is still uncertain.

The Partnership gave direction to the CIC on whether to continue to pursue the fixed space community training kitchen; whether to investigate other ideas for the space within the Healthy Living Centre; whether to investigate utilising other community spaces for the promotion and access to health and wellbeing opportunities. Their responses in person and by proxy will be collated and used to inform our next steps.

The Partnership also considered Local Trust training opportunities and viewed and asked questions regarding the financial report.

Angus McCabe from 'Our Bigger Story' presented a short film about the work and support carried out by Radstock and Westfield Big local to support the community through events such as Dragons' Den, plus other investments and funding.

Angus highlighted that other Big Local areas all work in different ways, and that change takes time.

Discussion followed re: evaluation and long-term sustainability of projects.

Angus McCabe led a voice recorded discussion with Partnership members, for future reference in Our Bigger Story.

Date for future meeting: 11th September 10.30am 13th November 10.30am

Meeting closed at 12 noon
