

**Big Local | Radstock & Westfield**  
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**Notes on...**  
**Partnership: Zoom Meet 'n' Mingle**

Radstock & Westfield Big Local Partnership discussion

17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

# CHECK IN...

Robin Moss chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone and we all said hello to each other for the first time in months! Also present: Marlene Morley, Liam Kirby, Angie Seaman-Moss, Ron Hopkins, Julian Mellor, Rob Wicke. Bev Craney left part way through the meeting. Sue Hill joined at Dragons' Den discussion. Elizabeth Derl-Davis joined but had to leave soon after due to technical difficulties with Zoom / internet.

# Covid Response Fund update:

- **Hot Square Meal Project** – Coming to an end. RW gave the headline figures and will circulate a full report to the Partnership soon.
- **Family Food Parcel** – Sporting Family Change – 2 weeks left to run on this project and they have asked for more funds to take them through to September. RW will ask for more details.
- **Small Stuff Baby Bank** – Just over half way through and service is well used.
- **Carers' Calls and Support Packs** - Carers' Centre – they're about 2 weeks in, first feedback due soon.
- Investigating **business support**... the CIC are discussing the options about business support and working towards a proposal for the Partnership.
- RW reminded the Partnership that the funds don't have to be spent quickly – the community needs coming from Covid are likely to be longterm.

# Digital Dragons' Den?



**Dragons' Den**  
a community event

If you have a great idea for your community\*  
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\*mutual benefit community of Radstock / Westfield

The Digital Approach...	
PROS	CONS
Can do it within next few months	Higher cost (pay for a professional techie to set up and run software)
It's at least some connectedness	Not same connectedness as face to face
Gets funds out there	Individuals and orgs might not be ready to get involved yet
Something new	May be too new for the usual applicants
Might get a different crowd	Usual crowd may not find it accessible
Will be something to shout about if it works	May be difficult to set up
	May be harder to ensure voters are residents

The Partnership discussed the pros and cons of carrying out a digital Dragons' Den this year. There wasn't much support for it, especially with difficulties ensuring voters are residents. There was a strong preference for a face to face DD in late 2020. It was suggested that RW and JM could spend a bit of time investigating how it would work as a separate event from DD, with a different voting system.

## PLAN 3:

- RW introduced the requirement for the Partnership to write the final Plan over the next 12 months, and raised the question do we build on the current plans or start afresh?
  - Some discussion around this, whilst procedures were given by JM, who advised that a legacy statement will need to be produced by 2021 and we need to have a review of our current plan soon too.
  - Agreed we will continue to have conversations about this.
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The final conversation was regarding a sensitive matter, the details of which will remain private within the Partnership.

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