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Minutes of Radstock and Westfield Big Local CIC Meeting 20th May 2021 9.30am via Zoom

Ron Hopkins, Julian Mellor, Marlene Morley, Robin Moss, Rob Wicke, Janine Woodward-Grant.

- **Present:** Rob Wicke, Robin Moss, Ron Hopkins, Marlene Morley, Janine Woodward-Grant.
- Apologies: Julian Mellor, Angie Seaman-Moss
- Chair: Robin Moss
- Note taker: Angie Seaman-Moss via the recording

1. Welcome and meeting opened.			
Meeting is quorate.			
2. Declarations of interest		1	
There were no declarations of interest.			
	Person	Action Date	
3. Approval of previous minutes			
Minutes from meeting held on 15 th April 2021 were noted and approved.			
4. Actions from previous minutes			
Action Log looked at and discussed.			
4.1.1 This item is left as ongoing, for future needs if required.			
4.6 Ongoing. Still awaiting reports from 2 organisations, RW continues	RW		
to follow up.			
8.4 JM has emailed RW some examples of legacy statements. RW will			
filter, summarise and email CIC with examples.			
4.1.2 & 5.1 Hope House open to a meeting to discuss moving	RW		
forward. Discussion followed. RW to arrange a meeting.			
6.1 action completed			
7.1 RW is arranging a half day meeting and looking for suitable meeting space.			
9.1 Community ownership fund – RW explained who can bid for this			
fund, which could be for up to £250k.			
RM – The Brunel shed came up at the Partnership meet and mingle,			
and some of the partnership would like to have a look at the building.			
RM has contacted Dave Dixon from BANES and reported back			
regarding the discussion.			
RH expressed a conflict of interest, as having previously been asked to			
compile a business plan for the Brunel building, by external interests.			
5. Hope House	1		
The new building works continue to progress.			
Memorandum of understanding discussed in previous item.			
6. Projects			

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Small Fund - RW reported		
Agreed to fund Swallows.		
Awaiting further details from Writhlington Neighbourhood watch and		
Writhlington Pantry.	RM	
RM – to contact Jon Durrant for additional information that was	KIVI	
requested from him.		
JWG- Wombles group are wanting to apply and have contacted RW.		
MM- reported that her and RW met with Writhlington Action group		
to help support the group, on how to stay as a group and form a		
community group. MM has encouraged joining the Big Local		
partnership.		
RH- The group need to be encouraged to form a structure and a plan,		
as to what they want to achieve.		
MM – individuals have been encouraged to join the partnership as		
individuals, not as part of this group.		
RH- commented on how large local housing development is changing		
the area.		
Further discussion followed re: local communities.		
School Capital Fund – RW reported		
All schools in the area have replied and expressed an interest.		
St. Nicholas have put in an application.		
Fosseway still need to send the quotes asked for.		
RM- gave an update re: Welton Primary and the need for more time.		
RH- requested more information from schools re: plan and		
educational value.		
JWG- gave information on the benefits of outdoor learning.		
JWG- Schools need to show they have raised their contribution,		
before we release money to them.		
RM- summarised – information will be circulated when it comes in		
and decisions can be made via email. Award money agreed on the		
basis of match funding.		
Curiositree - RW reported the feedback from Curiositree and that the		
project is going well.		
7. Plan 3		
RW- fed back information from the Partnership meeting.		
The partnership wish to continue beyond the Big Local Programme.		
A half day session to be arranged to meet face to face to discuss plan 3		
further.		
RM- There is a lot of enthusiasm in the community for the		
development of the Miners Pool. We still need to clarify ownership.		
RH-explained the difficulties in clarifying who owns the miners pool.		
RH & RW reported on vandalism that continues to cause problems in		
the local area		
RM- advised that there is now a single reporting number to quote to	RM	
the police when reporting vandalism. RM will contact local police to		
discuss this problem further.		
8. Finances	1	<u> </u>

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Thanks given to JWG and RW for all the work on finances.		
Finances looked at and agreed.		
JWG- reported that she continues to experience frustration with the		
lack on communication from Big Local regarding finances and		
releasing money due. Just under a month ago, JWG put in the latest		
report to Big Local, requesting money due and there has been no		
response from Big Local.		
JWG expressed concerns about the delay in funds and the impact it		
will have.		
RH- We need to report this to JM and ask him to follow this up again.		
RM- We probably need to go higher than JM to report this problem,		
as this continues to be a problem.		
9.AOB		
Local Trust events and workshops can be found on		
https://localtrust.org.uk/big-local/events/ highlighted and noted.		
20th 8 20th October - Face to Face mention is Notific have been by		
29 th & 30 th October – Face to Face meeting in Nottingham – Looking		
at beyond 2025. Registration is on 24 th May.		
RW- Partnership update- We have a new member and another person		
interested in joining.		
RW- Sovereign Housing – Have been in touch and they have a		
community worker and are funding community projects. RW has had		
discussions about investing in some of our projects. All agreed for RW		
to continue discussions.		
Tax Return- Rw has had a quote of £418 incl VAT for the work. All		
agreed to go ahead.		
Insurance Policy is due for renewal in July and a has a quote of		
£598.80. All agreed to go ahead with this.		
Sarah's leaving do and present is still on the agenda and ideas were		
shared.		
Our Bigger Story – there is an actual face to face meeting planned for		
on 24 th and 25 th September in Birmingham, titled 'Creating Positive		
and Lasting Change'. Anyone interested please sign up.		
Reminder of RW new work mobile number 07901950114		
Dates for the diary:		
CIC board meetings: Via Zoom, Thursdays at 9.30am		
Thursdays - June 17 th (time change to 1.30pm) July 15 th , August		
19 th , September 16 th , October 21 st , November 18 th .		
Partnership meetings: Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.30am		
July 14th , Sept 8 th		
Meeting closed at 10.30am		
Signature Date		
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