Minutes for Radstock and Westfield Big Local Management Partnership members

16th April 2015

held in Prattens Social club at 7pm

Present: Robin, Marlene, Rob Watts, Ron, Caroline, Lesley, Keith, Sarah

Apologies: Julian, Ed, Dom, Rob Wicke, Dave

Robin welcomed all to the meeting

1. **Communication**

Website~ Now live, everyone encouraged to view/have a play, (RH) commented that members are still missing from the photos Keith picture still squashed, and that none of Julian’s points have been added. (Dom please can you ask Luke to rectify) Website needs more pictures, and will the Theme pictures link to further information? Will there be a link for the news to be added?

N/B: Should the website also include local shops, places to stay, places to visit?

Page in journal ~ Dom to review price, Becky happy to assist with art work, we will look for local sponsorships, showcase organisations, news from Management group, Good News stories.

**Meet the funders event** ~

Proposal taken to rotary club for possible joint funding for event. (DC) Date to be set (DC) Potential funders to be contacted (RW, SW), then advertised as a good news story, to invite all business contacts and local community venues. DC to provide a timetable for event, Do residents need to partake in whole day or can they “Drop in”?

Event has been highlighted as a priority due to lack of skills in our community. There is a need for a local funding group to help others to complete funding applications, need to provide training/skills to apply for funding pots to ensure sustainability and build on capacity.

As part of our terms and conditions for funding/grants we should encourage/insist they attending training workshops to improve skills in our community.

Monitoring of any grants/funding given will be completed, ensuring the funding has been used appropriately, ensuring safeguarding in place.

Micheal Auton would like to discuss with us about funding training following on from a workshop attended last month. (RM) to invite to a future meeting.

1. **Update & Allocation of Themes:**

**People** ~

Meeting to be arranged with youth providers & YP Forum to be created (EJ),

Radikal letter /funding (SW to arrange meeting)?

We are not sure if our YP want to spend their allocation of funding on a youth worker therefore essential a YP forum is created ASAP.

Meeting with Children’s services 16.04.15 They want/need funding to bridge the cuts gap, provide outreach messy play sessions, they have been made aware that BL money is not for that, several contacts given for help, Mark Goodman and Matt Attkinson from Bath Collage to assist with them becoming a CIO enabling them to apply for own funding.

RM Highlighted that it maybe be more benefit for BL to employ a consultant whom has the skills to apply for large funding pots.

SW & RW to generate for the website a list of “Good funding consultants” with explanations of their particular skills. (Consultants farye) Providing basic funding advise and local funding streams.

**Place** ~

Application form to be developed (SW, RW), then added to website.

Meeting arranged with Mathew Wise (Writhlington) for 6th May at 10.30 in VH about feasibility study for “Go Ape” (SW) Many feasibility consultants have been emailed following help and advice from Christian Stephens (B&NES Contracts Manager for Active Lifestyles and Health Improvement Team)

**Business** ~ Business workshops successful, 9 in total took part over the two workshops, shame not more! (SW) RH to write up a report for local media to continue momentum and develop a business base. “Following the great success of our previous workshops”

Frederick Foundation to be promoted as loans are available.

UNLtd Star Awards programme to be added to website as possible funding stream (Social enterprise)

Farmers Market?

We need a plan to regenerate our local shops, spend local.

**Mobility**

Awaiting name for a feasibility study from Alison Sherwin and Sustrans (SW) to develop idea of connecting our communities with a cycle path network.

**Lifelong Learning** ~

Apprenticeships, “Gateway to employment” (Dom please can you provide a written report)

Develop a fund raisers role,

1. **Feedback from Spring Event**

Marlene indicated that during the event people seemed more positive and confident. 125 Partnerships have now been formed and 114 Big Local Plans have been approved, 15.6Million pounds has now been allocated by Local Trust. Big Local have hosted 41 events nationwide.

Debbie Ladd is encouraging all Partnership members to attend the free training they are providing, to enhance our skills to then pass onto our community. With a focus on Community, Local economy, Environment and using BL funding as a spring board to bring in other money.

Many of the other BL communities have used large chunks of their allocated funding to buy buildings “Community Hubs”

We need to be aware that they will be bringing in new Local Trust guidelines in the near future with revised RULES.

There will be a request to the LTO for 6 monthly reports on funding spent.

Local Trust will provide the Partnership with NINE standard questions for us to review the progress of our plan.

1. **Any other Business?**

Westfield Fun day will be on the 7th June this year BL to be there.

Community Hub, we have not as yet been contacted by Kate Mccormack about plan/way forward, All to be invited to view building once complete. RM not sure how the open plan element will work due to confidentiality of the suggested services to be placed in there i.e. Town Council, Police, Job Focus, CURO (Housing) Discussion about the library move, space allocated in Radco not large enough, perhaps this could also be in the hub or in retail units as will increase footfall to community building.

**Next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st May at 7pm in Prattens social club, BA3 4BD**