

Big Local Partnership Meeting 19.08.22

Topics for discussion:

- Delivery ... CIC becoming LTO – steps to keeping it local
- C&YP ... Learn to Lead programme in schools
- C&YP ... Young People Dragons' Den
- Health ... Hope House / Big Local Room
- Resilience ... Green Spaces
- Resilience ... Contingency plan for Big Investment



C.I.C – Becoming the Locally Trusted Organisation – ensuring plan delivery, holding the funds, performing due diligence

Chair highlighted that the key action for the Partnership is:

- Make a documented agreement with the C.I.C regarding roles and responsibilities
 - This has been largely drafted
 - The completed draft will be circulated for discussion, amendments and approval

Access to Skills and Development - for Children & Young People

Chair and worker fed back on the plan:

- **Learn to Lead** – We have commissioned to work with **Norton Hill School** to create a programme that:
 - supports pupils to form interest groups, and in these groups ...
 - learn how to make collective, inclusive decisions
 - learn how to fundraise
 - learn how to bring in outside help
 - learn how to influence decision makers

Had a soft launch at the start of the year – staff and a number of pupils given two days training.

- 3 groups developed:
 - **Environment**
 - **LGBTQ**
 - **Mental health**

Full school launch in Sept/Oct.

Early feedback is that this project enables a mindset change, but because of this may take some time.

ACTION: Partnership requested a full report on the project at the next meeting.

We have offered L2L to primary schools. Trinity interested. Will follow up with remaining schools in Sept.

Aim is to launch a young person's Dragons' Den in 2023. ACTION: Partnership asked that L2L and schools were involved in the design and timings of the event from the start to encourage participation (avoiding busy times such as xmas and exams).

Discussed the recent sad event involving a young person and what we can do to support the community – focussed on understanding the need of young people short/mid/long term as our first action.

ACTION: Invite Youth Connect South West to feedback from their perspective.

Access to Health and Wellbeing Opportunities

Chair reported that:

- Hope House Centre up and running, including the space we funded: the Big Local Wellbeing Space
- The Wellbeing Space is a space that is available for hire for health and wellbeing related activities.
- There are a few organisations that have committed to hire it for regular use.
- There are a number of organisations that are interested and in the process of viewing the room and making bookings.
- The room belongs to Hope House GPs and they handle all the admin and advertising.
- Our contract commits them to ensure that the space is used close to capacity for twenty years.
- We can have an input regarding room usage by feeding back to the GPs about local need.
- We can also support local groups to use the space. We have allocated £1k a year.
- ACTION – Talk to HH about hire costs, share info with partner organisations inc 3SG.

Access to Resilience Building Opportunities for Individuals, Groups, Hubs and Spaces

Chair updated on the following project for Year 2 -

- **Green Spaces up to £15k**
- We are looking for an investment in green spaces that will enable it:
 - to be better used, or
 - to be a safer space, or
 - to come into community ownership, or
 - to provide other community benefit
- There are a few ideas so far:
 - Snails Brook, Miners' Pool
 - Improvements to Waterside Valley and / or Haydon nature reserve (batch)
 - The space opposite St Nics church (beside St Nics school)

Partnership discussed how it can link in with current green spaces and new opportunities. Also we need to be careful with the investment as there are much bigger projects going on, such as the potential £1m Somer Valley Rediscovered (bid in to WECA).

It was highlighted that the Bath Food Strategy will include urban agriculture, edible hedgerows, community orchards, access to healthy nutritious foods. We may be able to tap into that.

Agreed that a joined up, well coordinated approach is necessary and we should be part of the conversation.

Highlighted that there is a possible site for an orchard on Mill lane.

Our rep informed us that Local Trust is offering support to "Climate Proof" plans – which can include working with an area to find out what to do, e.g. we could get in a specialist such as a landscape designer to draw up plans.

Radstock Town Council are consulting widely on the Tom Hyton park, the community is invited to attend Open Spaces meetings.

Access to Resilience Building Opportunities for Individuals, Groups, Hubs and Spaces

Chair and worker gave an update on the situation regarding the **Big Investment for Financial Return**

- Purpose of investment:
 - to be of community benefit
 - to bring a financial return in perpetuity so that we can continue to invest money in the community
 - for the financial return to be bigger than the investment – creating more money for the community
- We have ruled out community energy and loans.
- There is potential for investing in community building but not sure about where?
- We need to make a decision soon to keep to the Plan and not be at risk of losing the money (unspent) at the end of the programme Feb 2026.
- What's our contingency going to be? Investment in existing spaces, arising opportunities, match funding grants. Everyone encouraged to keep an eye out for opportunities.

Financial Report

