

# Big Local Partnership Meeting 08.04.22

Present: Rob Wicke, Marlene Morley, Dom Tristram, Lavinia Corrick, Sue Hill, Robin Moss, Julian Mellor, Janine Woodward-Grant, Liam Kirby, Helen Adams, Becky Brooks, Bev Craney

Apologies: Ron Hopkins, Angie Seaman Moss, Andrew Morley, Sally Carmac-Bailey

## Topics for discussion:

- Resilience ... Food Club
- Resilience ... Investment Project – Buildings (inc. Brunel Shed) – Loans
- Resilience ... Dragons' Den
- Health and wellbeing ... Social prescribing
- Delivery ... CIC becoming LTO – next step
- Delivery ... Increasing our membership – what steps we can each take.
- Delivery ... Code of conduct – review and update.



# Radstock Food Club

The briefing had been emailed out ahead of the meeting, all present had read it.

A general summary was given: The main organisation running it is unable to continue the service. We have been asked to step in and help keep it going by:

- The CIC to run it for a year, and resource a community group to take it on in the medium to longer term
- Support it to raise the funds to pay for the food for a year

The Partnership discussed the details of the proposal, including the risks involved, ours and the projects capacity, and the skills we have within the group to enable a new organisation to emerge to take on the running.

The CIC directors believe this fits our Plan and that we have the resource to do it. They propose that we take on the running of the Food Club, on the condition that we can get the appropriate agreements in place with partner organisations.

It was put to a vote: Including email votes, 11 members voted for, 0 against.

**We will work towards taking on the running of the Radstock Food Club**



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# Big Investment for Financial Return

## Buildings:

Brunel Shed – Rob provided feedback to the group from the information he received from a NRR director. Partnership then discussed the opportunity and risks further. It was agreed that if we were to consider investing in this (or any other) building we need to see a well-defined project with a real and clear community need, and a business plan that demonstrates its viability. Therefore, we can't pursue this for the time being.

## Loans:

We recapped the conclusion of last meeting – that we're looking into feasibility of providing loans to community organisations for clear, well-defined projects, including but not limited to the purchase of community buildings. Worker is waiting for further information from Local Trust on the support they can contribute.



Photo by – Radstock to Frome Railway Trust



# Dragons' Den

Partnership spoke about the options of venue and specific date.

- We aim to run event on 8<sup>th</sup> of July, but if we can't find a venue for then, we will explore other dates.
- We talked about the need for volunteers on the day, as well as how we can spread the news and encourage application.
- We will plan Dragons' Den as a priority at our next meeting.



# Social Prescribing

We discussed how it fits with our Health & Wellbeing Priority – including use of the community space in Hope House Centre – and that our focus is about access ... the barriers and how they can be overcome (inc. transport; provision; attitudes; information)

It was reported that from conversations with the Hope House team, we are more aware that reaching men can be difficult but is very important, especially from a mental health perspective. Men's Sheds have been successful across the country but we don't have one here. Counselling is another route they are exploring. Concerns were raised about the capacity of social prescribers, as well as of the services provided ... especially as life is likely to get harder for many over the coming years, and demand for the services increase. It was thought that quality of the service is more important than having a range. We will continue to have conversations around this topic and to see how we can contribute at both strategic and grass roots level.

- We have an opportunity to work with BANES on a cycling and walking social prescribing project, which will bring more resources into the area. Our worker will support them with community engagement.

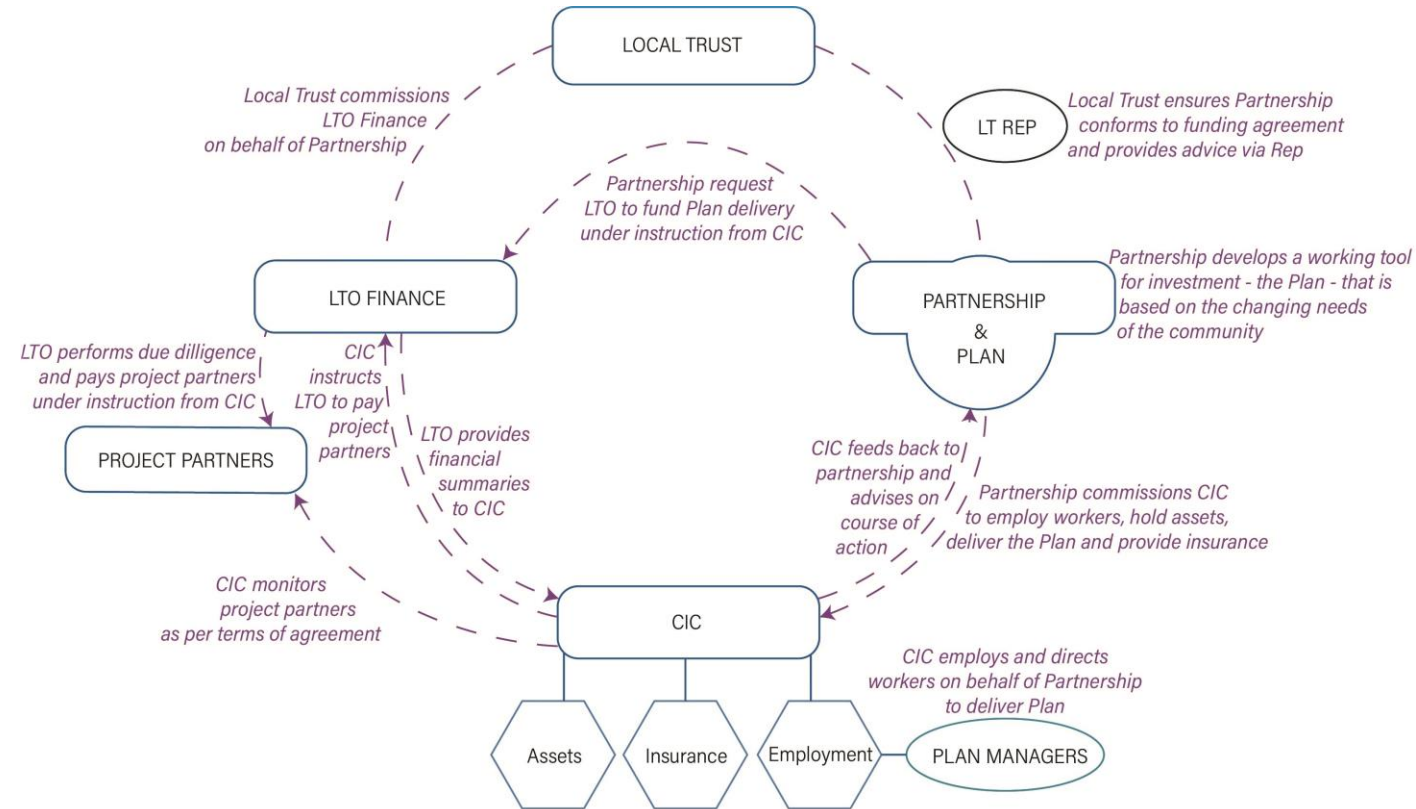




## C.I.C – Becoming the Locally Trusted Organisation – ensuring plan delivery, holding the funds, performing due diligence

Worker highlighted that there are some key actions we need to take in order for the CIC to become LTO:

- Find a new Partnership Chair
- Prepare a CIC business plan
- Write a Memorandum of Understanding – An agreement between the Partnership and C.I.C on roles and responsibilities
- CIC update insurances
- Worker outlined the roles and relationships as per the diagram, and what the CIC would be taking on when it becomes LTO.
- The aim is for the CIC to become LTO by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023.
- We will discuss this in more detail in a later meeting.



**Roles & Relationships of different players in the Big Local**

## Increasing our membership

The worker highlighted that ...

- Membership numbers fluctuate naturally over the years
- That we need at least 8 members to make a decision (can be in meeting or via email)
- Whilst we use DDen, social and traditional media to advertise for new members, direct contact is the best way to get more members. The partnership will consider if there is anyone they know who might like to join. Worker will support with info etc.



## Partnership Code of Conduct (circulated via email)

- Worker recapped that we have had these code of conduct and conflict of interest policies for many years. Much of the text was provided by Local Trust
- Each Partnership member agrees to abide by them when they join
- They are available to read in the Welcome Pack, which is given to every new member, and can be found on our website (Join In section). If you require them in a different format, please let the worker know

Partnership considered whether to change any part of them and decided to keep them as they are.



## Summary of Actions to be taken ...

- Food Club – To go ahead with proposal to run the project (subject to appropriate conditions agreed with partners)
- Investment Project – Worker to investigate loans – need and support available.
- Dragons' Den – To be discussed in full at the next meeting. In the meantime, members will consider what they can do to support it – such as volunteer on the day, and encourage applications.
- Social Prescribing – The team will keep the conversation going on a strategic and grass roots level. Worker will contribute some of his capacity to supporting the Banes Somer Valley cycling/social prescribing project with community engagement.
- LTO – MOU and Chair role to be discussed in a later meeting.
- Membership – We will work together to find some more members.
- Code of Conduct – No action required.
- Additional actions – Continue to progress with the Miners Pool investigation... how it links in to the Waterside Valley project and Haydon Batch, and how we can support the community to keep it as a community asset.