

## Partnership Meeting Notes 28.07.23

Present: Marlene Morley, Liam Kirby, Ruth Jones, Becky Brooks, Lavinia Corrick, Rob Wicke

Apologies: Robin Moss, Ron Hopkins, Janine Woodward-Grant, Andrew Morley, Bev Craney, Sally Bailey, Dom Tristram, Helen Adams, Sue Hill, Katie Mason

1. We recapped our budget/investment plan, it is still what we want to do. Potential risks such as underspend and Learn To Lead projects identified, understood that we can adapt, increase spend on other items. Ruth let us know that we can spend earlier if required.

Remainder of 2023	2024	2025	2026
<p>£19k towards projects, of which...</p> <p>£16k budgeted... (+£3k contingency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Spaces £10k</li> <li>• Small Fund £5k</li> <li>• Supporting Orgs £1k</li> </ul> <p>CIC investigating options for continuation beyond 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Producing a Theory of Change</li> <li>- TOC gives us project ideas, or fund raising ideas.</li> </ul>	<p>£30,536 towards projects, of which...</p> <p>£23,536k budgeted... (+£7k contingency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Spaces Investment £5k</li> <li>• Dragons' Den £6k</li> <li>• Learn to Lead / Children and Young People £5k</li> <li>• Small Fund £5k</li> </ul> <p>CIC performing LTO duties, supporting role out of partnership plan, developing projects/fundraising ideas, updating business plan</p>	<p>£40,517 towards projects, of which...</p> <p>£32,000 budgeted... (+£8,517 contingency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DDen £11k</li> <li>• Expanding existing projects (e.g. upscaling identified DDen projects) £5k</li> <li>• Learn to Lead / Children and Young People £10k</li> <li>• Small Fund £5k</li> </ul> <p>Loan investment returns Oct (£127,500)</p> <p>CIC performing LTO duties, supporting role out of partnership plan, developing projects/fundraising ideas, updating business plan, identification of opportunities to invest the loan return</p>	<p>Big Local Programme closes nationally. (end of Feb). We are required to have invested or returned the Big Local funds by this point.</p> <p>There isn't a spend timescale for the returned loan</p> <p>The plan is for the CIC to continue to fund raise and invest, with the support of the partnership</p>

2. Also covered within our discussions were:

- Theory of Change Session, likely to be afternoon of 22<sup>nd</sup> August. This will help us understand what we want to do beyond Feb 2026, and what we have to do to prepare. It will be led by Locality, an organisation that supports the third sector across the UK. Paid for by Local Trust.  
All invited to attend. Location to be decided.
- Application for funding has come in from the Children's Centre. They run two perinatal courses in partnership with Creativity Works. Children's Centre provides the space, coordination and child care, whilst Creativity Works provide the therapeutic artist and materials. There are a number of sessions scheduled Sept 'til Mar '24. Unfortunately, Creativity Works are struggling financially and restructuring, and have had to pull out of the partnership. The Children's Centre are asking us to cover the cost of them bringing in a therapeutic artist for those sessions. They will work towards identifying other funding sources for further courses.
- Loan – RW spoke with GC earlier in the month, who was feeling confident that the situation would be resolved as the stakeholders were communicating.
- LTO – The CIC is now the LTO, will hold the money, (drawn down every 6 months), and perform due diligence on spend.
- Learn to Lead – Rob hoping for a meeting with Max to discuss change of tack soon.
- Green Spaces – Rob waiting to hear back from St Nic's church meeting regarding suitability of developing their green space for community use.
- Green Spaces – Lavinia is on the Neighbourhood plan steering group, who have carried out a community consultation and green issues are top of most people's agenda. Partnership considered this to be supportive of what we are aiming to do, and keen to find opportunities to partner with stakeholders.