

RADSTOCK & WESTFIELD BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING – 26.05.23

Present: Marlene Morley (Chair), Liam Kirby, Lavinia Corrick, Sue Hill, Rob Wicke, Dom Tristram

Apologies: Ron Hopkins, Janine Woodward-Grant, Andrew Morley, Angie Seaman-Moss, Helen Adams, Becky Brooks, Bev Craney, Robin Moss

Loan –Recommendations from Key Fund, and proposal from CIC was circulated via email ahead of the meeting, with votes by proxy requested from those unable to attend.

Robin and RW had a formal meeting with George Clutten (Clerk), on 24th May, to discuss the recommendations in detail; and were confident that the recommendations have already been addressed or are in the process of being addressed by Radstock Town Council (RTC).

Unable to vote due to conflict of interest: LK, LC, DT (all recently elected to Radstock Town Council).

Voted yes: MM, SH, RH, JWG, AM, ASM, HA, BB, BC, RM

A total of 10 votes received: All in favour of proceeding with the loan to Radstock Town Council.

The Partnership approve we inform Local Trust and Key Fund we wish to proceed (ACTION RW), with the following loan structure (that is slightly adapted from the Key Fund recommended structure – we want just one repayment, at the end of the term, and with no loan fee applied), and on the condition that RTC provide us with the required information (below) as soon as is possible:

- Loan: £120k
- Term: 2 years
- Loan interest payable: £7,200
- Loan fee: none
- Total amount repayable: £127,200
- End of term repayment: £127,200

Required info:

- Sight of written agreements of secured funding.
- Monthly CFFs.
- Sight of the full structural survey, with recommendations and actions arising from.

Chair highlighted a concern that the end of the loan term is close to the completion of the Big Local programme, and therefore we need to be assured by Local Trust, in writing, that we will be guaranteed the repayment to the Partnership once Local Trust have received repayment (including assurance that Local Trust will have the capacity to make the payment). The process and guarantee will be requested (ACTION RW).

LTO: We are on course to for the change over of LTO from Carers' Centre to CIC to complete in the next couple of weeks. Thanks given to RW and all involved. A very sincere thanks given to Carers' Centre for the organized and professional role they have undertaken as LTO on our behalf. Thanks also given JWG for remaining as director, providing her insight and expertise.

Dragons' Den – Westfield Parish Council clerk has enquired about the possibility of awarding their grants at the same event as our Dragons' Den. The Partnership acknowledged the potential benefits from working together and considered potential drawbacks. ACTION CIC: The Partnership has requested the CIC to consider this further.

Healthy living initiatives – A recap was given regarding the healthy living initiatives we've been involved with over the years. (On our website, under achievements-projects supported so far, all 130+ projects we've invested in are listed, with reports on most.)

A discussion was held on how we can apply some pressure to the distribution of funding and projects related to the Active Way Social Prescribing Project and Somer Valley Rediscovered scheme, so they can be equitably spread across the patch.

Chair – The Partnership was reminded that it is best practice to have a separation between people on CIC and people in position of power on the Partnership, and so we remain in the process of looking for a new chair for the Partnership.

AOB – LK highlighted the work Radstock Silver Band do in engaging with young people to provide tuition, an instrument and a pathway to playing in the band, at a very reasonable cost to the individual. ACTION - LK will investigate opportunities to support and promote this initiative and report back.

- RW highlighted that our Facebook page has reached 1,000 followers. ACTION – To create and share a post requesting more followers, SH will share to her network.

NEXT MEETINGS – All meetings take place on the final Friday of the month, 1:30pm to 2:30pm, via Zoom. Link sent out ahead of time.