

Partnership meeting notes – Friday 25th August, 2023

Present: Marlene Morley (Chair), Rob Wicke, Lavinia Corrick, Sue Hill, Becky Brooks, Liam Kirby, Ruth Jones

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

1. MOU – Additional paragraph regarding Conflict of Interest

Local Trust require the MoU to include a section on how we would manage any conflict of interest. The CIC propose that we add this to our MoU:

Conflict of Interest

- The Chair of the CIC cannot also be the Chair of the Partnership.
- Best practice is for the Chair of the Partnership to hold no role on the CIC board, but in the eventuality that this is not possible, two actions will be pursued. A) A new Partnership Chair, not connected to the CIC board, will be actively sought. B) The current Partnership Chair will be clear and transparent as to what role they are speaking and acting from, and take the appropriate measure when there is a conflict of interest.
- All members of the [Partnership](#) and [CIC](#) will follow their organisation's Conflict of Interest policy.

Partnership members approved, ACTION RW to circulate to all partnership with request they read and understand it.

For Info: the Partnership Conflict of Interest policy can be found in your welcome pack when you first became a member, and can also be found on our website.

2. Projects update

Small Fund grant to Children's Centre: Partnership voted in favour (14 yes, 0 no). Awaiting returned t&c before transferring the £2,700.

Dragons' Den 8 (July 2022): All reports in other than the Tynning Together (for running Bi-monthly Fayres at Whisty Hall).

DD8 projects not quite complete –

In Bloom have spent the money, purchasing the equipment to build the community garden bed but not quite finished the build yet as were awaiting further funds and also delays due to other In Bloom commitments, it should be completed in Sept.

Small Stuff Baby Bank have spent the money on specialist gates, but no-one took them up on the offer... however, they thought they had proposed to loan the gates out in their DDen pitch, when actually it was to give them away. They now think they can achieve this very easily.

Loan: There has been a delay in the council receiving the money, due to Key Fund waiting on some info from the council, this has now been sorted and anticipate the loan to be made imminently.

Learn to Lead: They accept that the project may have gone as far as is possible at Norton Hill school, and are open to reworking the agreement to provide a service elsewhere. In the process of arranging a meeting to discuss how this could happen with uniformed groups. Suggestions from Partnership include Air Cadets (Writhlington).

Green Spaces: Rob will visit Sally at St Nic's church to get an update regarding suitability of developing their green space for community use.

3. **Summary of Theory of Change** meeting (took place Tues 22nd at Hope House, 1pm to 4pm) was given by Chair, with reflections from Becky and Liam.

- The overall view was that our group's ability (thanks to Big Local setup) to take a flexible approach is a great strength.
- There is a need for a strategy of where we want to go in the next phase, understanding of the length of the next phase, whether we should keep our current boundaries.
- There was a consideration that we want to enhance what others are doing, not step on their toes / compete.
- There was an acknowledgement that there is some overlap with 3SG, and a question regarding how we can work together going forward.

4. **Close out of Big Local Programme**

The Theory of Change discussion was a reminder that we are getting closer to the end of the Big Local programme and we need to start planning. Ruth reminded us that there is support from Local Trust regarding close out, and circulated their guidance – RW is going to a session in September.