

Partnership meeting, Fri 29th Sept 2023

Present: Marlene Morley, Lavinia Corrick, Dominic Tristram, Becky Brooks, Sue Hill

Apologies: RW, RM, AM, KM, SB

Project updates:

Small Fund - Welton grant

- Partnership approved the £500 to Welton Primary school - for waterproof clothing to help increase time spent outdoors.
- Consideration given to the guidelines regarding our funds... To be for the benefit of people who live, work, volunteer in Radstock and Westfield.
- Previous funding to Welton was considered appropriate because the school has pupils who are from our area.
- Welton school also only non-religious primary, locally.
- The benefits are clear, even if some of the beneficiaries are not residents within the boundaries set by Local Trust.
- Acknowledgement that other schools may not be aware of the fund to apply to.

Loan – Radstock Town Council

The loan has now been made to RTC.

Other projects – Green Spaces – action... to ask LK to follow up on the conversations with St Nics church over the space behind the tea rooms.

Close-out timetable

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Our milestones:

Close out phase begins **14th July 2024**.

Moving on phase **14th July 2025**.

There was a discussion regarding the Theory/Story of Change session, and 'moving on' from the Big Local money:

- It was commented that the session led by Locality was facilitated impressively.
- We're well positioned to be able to apply for funding, but...
- to do what?
- We're not a delivery organisation
- Do we partner with another organisation?
- What do we consider 'our patch'?
- Are we representing an area, or group of people etc?

MM and RW will hold a meeting with Tim (Locality) to discuss next steps in exploring our future and how they can support us. This may lead to further sessions with Locality.

Other information

Active Way – Willson Fund (Banes Active Way, Bath Spa, WECA).

This is a new grant scheme that local people and groups can get money from to run projects that either encourage walking, cycling and wheeling in the Somer Valley area and/or support good mental health through use of arts, cultural or green events and activities. With up to £7k available per project.

The grant provider will be offering training and support for freelance individuals, small community groups and arts and culture groups to grow, with an emphasis on supporting projects that have the potential to become impactful in the longer term.

1st round of applications is open, closes Oct 16th.

Website: <https://somervalleyrediscovered.co.uk/>

Lavinia has been encouraging groups in Writhlington.