

Partnership Meeting

Present: Marlene Morley, Rob Wicke, Lavinia Corrick, Becky Brooks, Dom Tristram

- **Update on Small Grant fund**

- The grant to Parent Carers Forum CIC has been approved.
- CIC are considering an application from Youth Connect South West. They are asking for £500 towards teaching young people photography skills and creating an exhibition of their artwork. It aims to build skills, confidence and resilience in the community. The project would also be match-funded by Radstock Town Council. Members present felt that this fits with the kind of work we want to support. Will be circulated to Partnership with a recommendation soon.
- CIC are considering an application from an individual, wanting to put on dance sessions (SOSA) in Radstock and Westfield, to build a sustaining programme. Special focus on older adults with long-term health conditions, disabilities, rehabilitation requirements. The money would help with starting costs (hire of space and instructor). Once considered the application will be presented to Partnership with a recommendation from the CIC directors. Members present felt like this could be a good project, awaiting further detail.

- **Update on Green Spaces**

Rob and Liam have met with Sally to discuss the possibility of improving the green space behind the church community building (SWALLOW café). Sally was enthusiastic about it. Agreed in principle to support towards improvements to the perimeter (new hedgerows), as well as creation of a small fixed amphitheatre made from natural materials, potentially even a shelter.

We are awaiting approval from the church committee before we begin to support. Unfortunately there may be a difficulty regarding permission to do anything to the land. We're waiting for further information from the church committee.

Attention was drawn to our budget and timescales for investment.

ACTION: To develop a contingency plan. The Green Spaces work group had previously discussed improvements to Tynning park... RW to explore the options for this and report back.

- **Update on Learn To Lead**

- Learn to Lead are in discussions with Writhlington School Combined Cadet Force regarding how the L2L approach can be adapted for the Cadet environment.
- There is no response from Scouts as yet, but worker chasing up.
- We need to develop a contingency plan for the budget earmarked for young people. Even with YP Dragons' Dens, there is now an anticipated underspend because the intended expansion of Learn to Lead to all the schools is unlikely, and uniformed group take up probably wouldn't be as much.
- Request for colleagues on the Partnership to put forward ideas to benefit young people.
- Ideas generated in this meeting: Is this something sports groups may be interested in (Writhlington Sports Centre, Haydon Football)? Also, the Youth Section of the Brass Band? Choir? Arts and craft? Food? How to support mental health, e.g. through service providers. Can projects be repeatable and sustainable?

- Transportation to venues, events, highlighted as potential barriers to access.
- Also highlighted was the new Cultural Programme Co-ordinator at Radstock Town Council – May be arranging a xmas party for young people, alongside the existing xmas meal for senior citizens.

ACTION: The worker will support a working group to explore new options/opportunities further. Group currently those present.

- **Update on Sustainability/Post Big Local, next steps**

CIC are developing some options, based on the Theory of Change. Will be presented to the Partnership when they are ready. Locality will be on hand to support us through the process.

- **Dragons' Den 10**

Agreed that we would use the 24th Nov meeting to determine the theme, location and date of the next Dragons' Den.

Aim to open to applications start of Jan.

- **Next Partnership meeting: Nov 24th, 1:30pm**