

## **Notes from Partnership meeting 26.01.2024**

**Present:** SH, MM, LC, KM, DT, RW, RJ

**Apologies:** HA, BB, LK, BC, AM

### **Small Fund:**

- Just a mention that the Youth Connect Radstock Photography Group Exhibition that we funded launches on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. All invited to attend.
- We have received a Small Fund application from Norton Radstock Swimming Club. They're the only swimming club in the Somer Valley. They have 31 people from our patch on their books. They've applied for £500 towards diving blocks, which should last many years and benefit many more of our residents over time. Most of the cost of the blocks will be covered by the club and other funders. The LTO see it as an application that meets the requirement of Local Trust and fits the Partnership's plan.

**ACTION:** RW to circulate for consideration and decision via email.

### **Children and Young People Budget:**

Report from Working Group – we visited the old print work buildings that are behind the museum to learn about the creative youth focused space that is developing there. We spoke with Ruby Sant, director of Little Lost Robot, who are making the building fit for purpose and setting up projects. There is an opportunity to invest to make it even better, including in the green space.

**ACTION RE + The working group** will come up with a proposal for next month's meeting.

### **Sustainability:**

The CIC are investigating an opportunity for working with 3SG that would guarantee the employment of the worker for the duration of the Big Local Programme, and should create favourable conditions for further work in the area beyond the programme. Further update once a solid proposal has been developed.

### **Dragons' Den:**

Application process under way. 4 applications in already! (Fosseway School polytunnel; Off The Record Listening Service; Survivors Art Therapy Sessions; Norton Radstock Boxing Club Equipment.

Somer Valley Rotary putting £500 in again.

Dragons confirmed: Phil Edmonds, SV Rotary; Angela Emms, Quartet Community Foundation.

Other dragons - Can't get hold of right person at Medlock Trust yet. SWAN Transport are putting an application in so can't be a dragon.

**ACTION: RW** to see if R+I Trust would provide a dragon (they are trying to advertise their funds), perhaps go through Thatcham solicitors who manage the fund.

### **Local Trust Review:**

Ruth Jones took us through the review process, looking at how involved we are as a group with the community and what we could do be more inclusive.

**ACTION: RW** to add reaching more people on the next agenda.