

Partnership Meeting Agenda 04.04.24

Present: Marlene Morley, Lavinia Corrick, Sue Hill, Liam Kirby, Becky Brooks, Rob Wicke

Apologies: Helen Robinson, Sally Camac Bailey

Notes: RW

1. Finance:
 - Anticipated Road Map to Completion was discussed, and acknowledgement that risk mitigation is important.
 - The group felt that the grant limit for Small Fund and Dragons' Den should be increased to £1k, both with respect to inflation, effort-benefit for people making applications, and requirement to spend out.

2. Funding Proposals were discussed at depth, with the group agreed that both the Green Spaces and Children and Young People had their support. The views of other partnership members will be sought so as to be quorate.
 - There was a £200 grant underspend at DDen 10 due to YCSW only requiring £300. Agreed by the group that this should go to the Small Fund pot.

3. Comms:
 - Journal adverts up for renewal, the new costs and current situation at the paper were discussed and it was agreed that we don't renew at this time, to be reconsidered later in the year.
 - Group acknowledged that we will soon need to decide on how to tell our story next year, and for what purpose? This relates to our longer term strategy (see agenda point 5) that we are in the process of developing.

4. Longer term strategy:
 - Group acknowledged that next on the horizon is the need to continue our exploration of where are we going next year and beyond. Following on from our Theory Of Change session (pt1) we are working towards continuation of community development work, potentially into the wider area of Somer Valley. We will also have £127,200 coming back from loan to Radstock Town Council soon after 30th June 2025. Does our group continue in order to understand the needs, strengths and opportunities for the area, and attract funding into the area beyond Feb 2026? Two hour session to be set up for April/May, with a requirement for it to include the CIC directors also.

5. AOB