

## **Big Local Partnership Meeting, 28.06.24**

**Present:** Marlene Morley, Liam Kirby, Becky Brooks, Rob Wicke

### **Dragons' Den.**

- We intend to have two more DDen before the end of the Programme. The earlier the better from Local Trust's perspective so they can see we are on the way to spending out. It also suits us to keep the money flowing and projects developing. So one more for this year and one for early 2025.

*Total amount:* £10,500 (includes up to £500 for room and food hire, printing etc).

*Per winner:* up to £1,000

*Number of winners:* 10

*Number of available pitches:* 15

*When:* Proposed November on a Fri - need to pick a date

*Where:* Proposed R.Methodist-Community Space

*Theme:* General or focused?

*Any other comments:*

### **Project Reports:**

*Park facilities (£15.5k):* Regarding both Tom Huyton toilets and Westhill changing rooms, the cost and timings may not suit us. Our contingency ideas include improving green/play space in Tynning park and in a Writhlington park or Manor copse – **are we happy to focus our attention on these contingencies as priority?**

*Background info...*

*Tom Huyton toilets:* It was discussed at our Future Planning meeting that the cost of the toilets is possibly around £100k and that our funds wouldn't be able to contribute much of that amount. Also possible that RTC will be able to find the funds from elsewhere. Also that the timings might not work for us, as they have other projects they're focusing on first (due to capacity).

*Westhill changing rooms:* It was discussed at our Future Planning meeting that the cost of the changing rooms is possibly between £75k to £250k and that our funds wouldn't be able to contribute much of that amount.

*New projects (£):* The Future Planning meeting identified a number of ideas we could invest the remainder of our funds in - Youth Theatre; Community transport; Social prescribing; Radstock Fayre; Sporting activities; Upscaling existing projects; Volunteer fayre.

**Proposal: for worker to contact the relevant organisations and encourage them to apply to our Small Fund for projects that match our aims.**

Successful projects could potentially be funded to upscale in 2025.

*Learn To Lead:* Their second visit to Writhlington Combined Cadet Force went well. Report was circulated. They have hit a challenge to the momentum due to exam season and summer hols coming up. Also worth mentioning is that the Writhlington lead has left his post at Writhlington School, but will continue with the Cadets. It's thought that a new lead from the school will come forward at some point.

*Little Lost Robot:* Have recently heard from Ruby just briefly to say it's going well but early days. She may give us an informal update soon.

**Conflicts of interest:**

It's important to keep in mind and to inform the group when it comes to discussion and decision about funds that could go to organisations that are connected to people on the partnership – including to the CIC. Especially as we have the large amount from the loan to allocate in 2025.