

Partnership Meeting – 26/09/24

Present: Marlene Morley, Dom Tristram, Lavinia Corrick, Rob Wicke, Jon Fisher

Apologies: Sue Hill, Becky Brooks, Sally Bailey, Liam Kirby, Angie Moss, Robin Moss, Bev Craney

Dden:

We have 6 pitches at the moment:

1. Off The Record - LGBTQ+ outreach project in schools
2. Fosseway School – Growing fresh vegetables project
3. Writhlington Action Group – Rubber Stamp Trails
4. Trauma Breakthrough – Health sessions at Hope House
5. SWALLOW – Swimming sessions
6. Westfield Community Centre – Patio for centre and park users

Need at least 6 more... expecting from schools, YCSW. Got a month left, please do spread the word.

Dragons: Angela Emms, Quartet; Toni Green, 3SG . Need one more.

(can't make it: The National Lottery Fund; Medlock Trust, Sperring)

Have asked Radco and Radstock-MSN Rotary, no response as yet. Next will ask Bath & West Community Energy and John Reynolds (a previous winner). Lavinia suggests a business person, perhaps via Lions.

Food: Cakes provided by SWALLOW; juice, tea, coffee free from WCCentre.

Projects+Applications:

- Little Lost Robot CIC – Gardening project and Young Women Support – Report received on the first quarter and circulated. Discussed participation numbers and how they might be increased.
- Natural Theatre submitted a Small Fund application to continue the creative wellbeing group they started in Hope House with Dragons' Den funding. Discussed how participation might be increased.
- An individual is working with Rob to learn the process of creating community projects and how to fundraise and connect with stakeholders. She was a chef and cooking instructor before she retired, and is hoping to create cookery projects for local people, free at point of access. She is likely to apply to the Small Fund to run a pilot project to test the waters. Potentially she will link into include the Trinity Hub (might not be ready for some time), Food Insecurity Network (BANES), Hope House (and possibly use Big Local Space), and schools (possibly using their kitchens).
- Anticipating a Big Fund application from Westfield Parish Council of £25k towards building changing facilities. The LTO have given them feedback on the due diligence requirements. Have asked for assurances on how the grant will be safeguarded if costs rise, or the project can't be completed.

- Learn to Lead – the lead has been ill during the summer. Awaiting info on next steps.

Community support:

- The chair (Jane) and treasurer (Simon) of Writhlington Action Group have met with Rob to discuss the pros-cons for creating a constitution and setting up a bank account, which would enable them to access more grants than they currently can. They are going to consider this as a group in October.
- On this topic, Rob met with the lead (Rhea) on the Avon Wildlife Trust project in Writhlington to discuss the legacy they hope to leave behind when their funding finishes in March '25. Manor Copse woodland and play park have been a focus of their work. They have helped to create a more engaged population of people who are interested in working together to make Writhlington an even better place to live. WAG considering how they can support in future.
- The manager (Terry) of Westfield Community Centre has met with Rob a number of times to learn how to make applications to grant funds and to understand what's possible. They're applying to a number of them to raise funds for a patio that will back on to the park, and will provide sheltered seating to centre and park users throughout the year. (The patio will be built on land that was given them as part of a swap with Westfield Parish Council, who aim to build changing rooms).

Finances discussed.

AOB:

Jon highlighted the staff changes happening within Local Trust as we move towards the end of the Big Local Programme. A gentle reminder that things are moving on quickly.