Partnership Meeting – 30.01.25

----[Dom Tristram, Bev Craney, Ron Hopkins, Andrew Morley, Sally Bailey, Liam Kirby, Angie Seaman Moss, Robin Moss, Janine Woodward-Grant, Jon Fisher]

Present: Marlene Morley, Rob Wicke, Lavinia Corrick, Sue Hill. Apologies: Becky Brooks

1. **Timeline Overview** — close out is imminent. Between £21,073 and £34,861 left to allocate.

	2024	Jan-Feb 25	Mar-Apr 25	May-Jun 25	July-Aug 25	Sept-Oct 25	Nov- Dec 25	Jan-Mar 26 All BL grants must have been completely spent by 31 st Mar26.
		Close out phase.	Impact asses	ssment	l <mark>oan</mark> comes back	aim to have spent all BL grants		Celebrate end of programme with community
Changing facility Westhill (£10k left to pay on completion)		Monitoring and reporting of grants						
Little Lost Robot Youth Space (£10k structured left to pay)								
Dragons' Den		Deliver No12 £10.5k Monitoring and reporting of grants						
Resilience: Small Fund, Big Fund, Upscaling successful projects	 Identification of Big Fund candidate 	7.09 to be tapered in from contingency budget) nall Fund up to £1k per grant. es, to deliver projects where opportunities and gaps in service provision are identified. n to be successful can be identified and upscaled.						
Delivery + contingency		Worker + CIC-LTO Operational £56,875 + Worker redundancy up to £8k committed. + £13787.09 contingency (to be tapered into Resilience budget.) In discussion for TUPE of worker (to include terms to continue the work of the Partnership and CIC until at least March 2026) Worker to help the group identify funds for further work, consult on what area priorities are, monitor investments, transition to CIO/large membership CIC or simply partnership join as directors, measure and report change/impact, provide CIC-LTO support (inc. contract with Local Trust). Worker to support Ptn with incoming loan return, new community dev project, close out and celebrating-communicating success. Worker to support individuals, community groups and local charities to benefit the community.						

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2. Loan:

- Committee has agreed the proposal from MM for the purpose and custodian of the loan (9 yes, 0 abstain, 4 conflict of interest).
- Next step is to inform Local Trust of the decision + await approval.
- Discuss partnership joining the CIC to make it more representative of the community, and more resilient. This will help future-proof the organisation, making it better able to secure and distribute funds.

3. Funds:

- £10.5k DDen Fri 25th April. ASK BOTH THE ROTARIES FOR CONTRIBUTION? TWO DRAGONS FROM THEM?
- £21073.96k (plus up to £13787.09 from contingency) Small/Big Fund
 - Discussion of grant vs investment for return

4. Existing Projects

- Next report due soon from Little Lost Robot. Robin has requested headline figures.

Applications:

Big Fund application:

- Natural Theatre. Still waiting to hear back from our request for further info.
- Small Stuff Baby Bank. EMERGENCY GRANT further info sought.

Small Fund applications:

- Creative Roots. £1k for Forest School continuation in Southfields, 10 sessions from post Easter hols to beginning summer hols.
- Chat E Cycle. £1k for supporting mobility, community engagement and transport access.

5. Ideas for the remainder of the funds we have available:

• Discussed options for investments that will bring a financial return for us (that we can contribute towards Dragons' Dens beyond the Big Local programme, as per the Partnerships aim), vs grants that will only last as long as our programme.

6. Impact Assessment:

Rob met with Tim Temple and Katherine Newbigging from Locality to discuss how they can support with the impact assessment. Rob will provide a number of documents (reports, plans etc) that they use to provide a public facing impact document, supported by a word document that can be used for funding applications and similar. The public facing impact document will be visual and relatively brief, word doc will have

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more of the detail and wording that funders like to see. They will send a first draft for us to discuss and provide feedback, and a few iterations will be allowed within the timescale (completed by end of March).

7. AOB: