



MINUTES – 11th October, 2021

Draft Minutes	Date: 11/10/21 6pm-8pm
Chaired by: Chris Price Minuted by Johnny Bean (Secretary)	Location: Zoom

Present: Johnny Bean, Sian Jay, Chris Price (Chair), Joe Robinson, Jayne Safari, Natalie Thomas

Item 1.0: Apologies
Discussion: Apologies were received from Glen Duckett, Carolyn Downs, Dan Spencer, Kat Jaxon, Yak Patel and Lee Reeve.
Item 2.0: Welcome & introduction from the Chair
Discussion: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Item 3.0: Review/Approval of the draft minutes of the last meeting and outstanding actions
Discussion: The Minutes of the Last Meeting were circulated prior to the meeting and reviewed along with the actions. Action 7 (The Chair to arrange a meeting with Economic Development and Planning re Frontierland) was felt to be premature and is to be carried forward to a more appropriate time.
Decision: Item 4 in the September included an error. Nat to be removed Nat from the item. Need to find out who Cabinet member with responsibility for Frontierland project is.
Action 1: The Secretary to amend the minutes re item 4 and publish to the website.
Item 4.0: The New Plan
4.1 Plan Updates
Discussion: Working party have been meeting regularly to carry out the current plan review and flesh out the structure of the new plan. We currently have 5 themes in the new plan: Housing, Mental Health, Centenary House, Food Poverty and IT. Carolyn has suggested adding Employment/Jobs as a key issue.
Decision: Need to get a draft of the plan together to share with the partners.
Action 2: Joe to get a list together of all current project ideas for the new plan, and provide a short rationale/tentative budget for their inclusion.
4.2 Legacy
Discussion: A new legacy statement has to be submitted to Local Trust by the 31 st October.
Decision: The current statement is mostly still valid but needs tweaking to emphasize the big idea for the final years. Sian offered to work on it and share. A short discussion took place about renewing consultation of what locals perceive as priorities, building community spirit/pride in the West End, and potential initiatives

that could help do that e.g. neighbourhood street clean-ups and parties after.
Action 3: Sian to circulate the Legacy statement to all and submit.
Item 5.0: Development Worker Updates
5.1 Co-Op Building (Centenary House)
Discussion: Good Things Collective have now submitted a business plan to Niamh.
Decision: Some decisions will need to be made soon and 30 minute interim meeting (before November meeting) might be needed to make quick decision). Responses needed from the partnership.
Action 4: Joe to prepare a synopsis before the next meeting for partnership members who can't make the meeting.
5.2 Enable
Discussion: Enable would like to use the previously agreed grant money, which went unspent because of Covid on some essentials and replicating a previously-run course on empowering individuals with professional trainers.
Decision: The request was approved.
5.3 Building Project
Discussion: A solicitor has now been chosen and is in the process of talking with all parties and preparing the 'option agreement'. All looking very positive and could move ahead quite quickly.
Decision: Need to find someone to work on the more detailed discussions, preferably someone known and trusted by Local Trust.
Action 5: Sian to talk to her Niamh's contact and put him in touch with Joe if he is interested.
5.4 Fuel Poverty
Discussion: A short discussion took place considering the recent fuel problems nationally considering a unique emergency fund (similar to the Covid emergency fund). Should Joe put more work into it?
Decision: Details of how to identify people in need will need to be worked out, using partners like Food Bank and Egg Cup, and need to see what government/local government are also planning. If it could be tied with giving advice/help with budgeting/reducing bills etc. this could be very good. Agreed that Joe should spend some more time on this.
Item 6.0: Chair Updates
6.1 Movement Building
Discussion: Chris had recently had some interesting conversations about "Movement Building", and will be feeding back at a later time.
6.2 Morecambe Vision Board
Discussion: Chris has been attending the "Morecambe Vision" meetings, which are being arranged by Tom Brown and Tricia Heath at Lancaster City Council. Conversations included discussion of Lancaster & Morecambe College showing interest in having a College annexe in the West End. A short discussion took place.
Discussion: A short discussion took place to remind the partnership that Skills Development is encouraged by Local Trust for all Big Locals. Funds can be spent on training for partners or the community, plus Local

Trust have a list of Local Trust-funded activity that partnership members are invited to attend at no cost (childcare costs etc. can be covered). More information can be found on the Local Trust website.

Decision: Chris is arranging a meeting next week with LMC. All partners to consider what training they might find useful for personal development.

Item 7.0: Mental Health

Discussion: Currently looking to arranging a meeting with Chris Greenwood to further our discussions on mental health in the West End. Joe presented a slide with questions from Yak about Health Inequalities in the West End for discussion. A discussion took place.

Decision: Joe to get a list of options sketched out for all to consider, potentially a chunky project and 2 or 3 side projects.

Action 6: Johnny to write up the responses from Yak's questions for Yak.

Item 8.0: AOB

Discussion: Joe reported that Robyn at Stanley's had been finding the mentoring encouraged by WEM had been going really well, and was "immensely useful". The mentor also runs a trustee academy to help build skills in guiding organisations. Not expensive and might be something we would be interested in having for the Partnership?

Decision: To ask the mentor about doing some work with the Partnership on Legacy in the first instance.

Action 7: Joe to follow up with the Mentor re trustee academy training for the partnership.

Next Meeting:

- Monday 8th November, 6pm-8pm via Zoom
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