



WEM PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: 6th December 2021

Draft Minutes	Date: 06/12/21 6pm-8pm
Chaired by: Chris Price Minuted by Johnny Bean (Secretary)	Location: Zoom

Present and Apologies			
Partnership Members	Present	Apologies	Absent
Glen Duckett	✓		
Kat Hilton	✓		
Yak Patel (LTO)	✓		
Chris Price (Chair)	✓		
Lee Reeve			✓
Jayne Safari	✓		
Dan Spencer	✓		
Natalie Thomas			✓
Others	Present	Apologies	Absent
Johnny Bean (Secretary)	✓		
Louise Bryning (Press Officer)		✓	
Sian Jay (Big Local rep)	✓		
Joe Robinson (Community Development Worker)	✓		
David France (Eggcup)	✓		
Linda Rutter (New Leaf, New Life Business Solutions cic)	✓		

Item 1.0: Apologies/Introductions
Discussion: The secretary gave the apologies received from those not present, and The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Item 2.0: MOLM/Outstanding Actions
Discussion: The Minutes of the Last Meeting/Actions were circulated prior to the meeting and reviewed. Decision: Item 7 on the November minutes (Creative West End) incorrectly stated that the item had been discussed earlier in the meeting, but should have said, there was no time to discuss the item and it was to be carried forward to a future meeting. The Secretary to amend the minutes and publish.

Item 3.0: Eggcup Potential New Project Discussion

Discussion: David France from Eggcup presented an idea he has been discussing with our community development worker, and wished to present to the partnership. The idea being a pilot for a direct support scheme, where help goes directly to the person/s in need. Pilot would work with 5-10 households/families, and a full-time assistant selected by the participants to support them. Potential cost would be around £50k. If WEM were interested a partner would need to be found, as the idea is not for this to be an Eggcup project. A short discussion took place after the presentation. The partnership thanked David and also asked if he could attend a future meeting to talk about Eggcup wraparound services.

Decision: Idea well received by all present. Some time and money needs to be spent on scoping the idea. Scoping costs estimated at £1000 - £1500. David can assist with the scoping if needed. It was agreed to discuss this further. David left the meeting at this point. Yak also had to leave at this point.

Action: The Secretary to share David's slide presentation to the full partnership.

Action: The Secretary to invite David to a future meeting to discuss Eggcup wraparound services.

Item 4.0: Building Project

Discussion: Linda Rutter (of New Leaf New Life Business Solutions cic) joined the meeting and was welcomed. Linda has been recommended to WEM by Niamh Goggin to potentially help us with due diligence on the project. Linda gave a short presentation on herself and her business and a positive discussion took place.

Decision: The possibility of asking Linda to assist with a visioning exercise on the project was discussed. Agreed that WEM should set aside an initial budget of £5k (10 days of Linda's time) and draw up a list of what might be done with that to assess viability of the project. Dan and Glen both keen to participate in the project in some way.

Action: Sian to follow up with Linda Rutter.

Item 5.0: Centenary House

Discussion: The Chair outlined the current situation and recent events regarding the £100k fund set aside for the Good Things Collective on the project. Niamh had not reported that the business plan as presented by GTC was not sufficient for WEM to release the funds. WEM remained keen to support the project and a vote was taken between meetings to approve the release of funds to LCC (a partner in the project) and this was welcomed by the GTC. Sian noted for the minutes that Carolyn had chosen, as a result, to resign from the partnership as she felt unable to work within the Big Local decision making methods. Dan noted that he had felt some reservations about the discussion process, but this had been followed up on with clarifications and he was happy with the decision. A short discussion took place about the need to grow the partnership and broaden it.

Decision: It was agreed we should start to plan around growing the partnership, with some public events in the coming summer (pandemic allowing).

Item 6.0: The New Plan

Discussion 6.1: Vision: The Secretary presented some initial thoughts about the vision statement for the new plan and a discussion took place.

Decision: It was agreed that we were narrowing the vision statement down, but it still needed more work.

Discussion 6.2: Projects: The projects list was shared with the partnership before the meeting and it was briefly discussed.

Decision: Needs more thinking about.

Action: The partnership to revisit the projects list and consider which elements of it are the most important and the easiest to deliver.

Discussion 6.3: Consultation: A draft consultation survey was shared before the meeting, but time excluded it from further discussion.

Action: Any comments to be made asap to the Development Worker.

Discussion 6.4: Reflection: The item was not discussed due to lack of time.

Decision: Discuss next time. It was agreed that the plan still required more time before submission to Big Local and that Sian should advise Local Trust that we are requesting to submit at the end of January, with a

plan start date of Mid-March 2022.

Action: "Reflection" to be added to the next agenda.

Item 7.0: Return to Physical Meetings

Discussion: The issue of returning to face to face and/or hybrid meetings was briefly discussed, but owing to the recent pandemic developments, was shelved for review in the next meeting.

Decision: "Physical meetings" to be discussed at a future meeting when appropriate.

Item 8.0: AOB

Discussion 8.1: Creative West End: The £50k previously earmarked to Creative West End was briefly discussed and the clarification from the February 2020 minutes was noted.

Next Meetings:

- Monday 10th January, 6pm-8pm via Zoom (with zoom room open from 5.30pm)
- Monday 14th February, 6pm-8pm via Zoom (with zoom room open from 5.30pm)
- Monday 14th March, 6pm-8pm via Zoom (with zoom room open from 5.30pm)

Summary of Actions:

- 1 The Secretary to share David's slide presentation to the full partnership.
- 2 The Secretary to invite David to a future meeting to discuss Eggcup wraparound services.
- 3 Sian to follow up with Linda Rutter.
- 4 Any comments to be made asap to the Development Worker
- 5 The partnership to revisit the projects list and consider which elements of it are the most important and the easiest to deliver.
- 6 "Reflection" to be added to the next agenda.