



WEST END MORECAMBE BIG LOCAL

PARTNERSHIP MEETING 24/4/24

At The **Venue, Balmoral Rd**, Morecambe / Via Zoom / 6 PM

Item 1. Present, Apologies & Welcomes/Minutes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising

Present: Yvon Appleby, Johnny Bean (Secretary), Glen Duckett, Chris Greenwood, Yak Patel (LTO Rep), Chris Price (Chair), Joe Robinson (Development Worker) and Catherine Westwell (guest).

Apologies: The Secretary gave the apologies from Viv Brunsdon, Kat Jaxon and Janette Edwards.

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chris Greenwood was welcomed as a new partnership member.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The Minutes of the Last Meeting were agreed to be sent out.

Matters Arising: There were no Matters Arising.

Item 2. Reminder on Conflicts of Interest

Discussion: The Secretary gave a routine reminder on the matter of reporting conflicts of interest. No Conflicts of Interest of significance were noted.

Item 3. Youth Mental Health

Discussion: An outline document was shared prior to the meeting. Catherine Westwell of LDCVS gave a presentation on the main points of the proposal which aims to recruit a diverse group of young people to form a grants panel to decide on allocating £20k on West End projects to benefit young people's mental health. The project will deliver training to the young people. The fund will likely be open to applications from organisations, groups or individuals. The size of grants will be decided by the young people, and they will establish the scoring criteria. Catherine then left the meeting for a discussion to take place.

Decision: It was unanimously agreed to approve the project and sign off on the funding.

Item 4. Stanley's Report

Discussion: The 210pp report on the project has now been completed and the summary version was circulated prior to the meeting. The Development Worker gave a precis of the project and Yak gave a synopsis of the report which proposes LDCVS purchasing the building for community ownership. A full discussion then took place on the risks involved and details

of the purchase. Capacity building within Stanley's and a full handover plan require future development and are not a part of tonight's decision. Yak reminded the room that the project had already attracted an additional £75k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for building repairs. Approx £11k of the initial £20k that WEM put towards developing the project remains unspent and will be held by LDCVS for any additional costs etc.

Decision: It was unanimously agreed to approve the project and sign off on the £150,000, which will now need to be forwarded to Local Trust for approval.

Item 5. Family Support and Mentoring

Discussion: A scoping document was circulated prior to the meeting and the Development Worker gave a precis of the document. Lancaster University are now fully involved and will be providing an evaluation of the project for free. Some additional match funding may be available from the University, and their involvement will also lend kudos to the project. The Action Plan initially allocated £50k to the project, but it is suggested a revised figure of £63k would be likely. A full discussion took place, and several questions were raised, but the agenda was already over running.

Decision: Agreed for questions to be sent to the Development Worker to respond or resolve.

Action: David France and representatives from Lancaster University to be invited to a future meeting.

Item 6. Big Local update

Discussion: It was reported that David Beuzeval's contribution was now completed and this has been agreed by Vicky at Local Trust. An overview of the Big Local/Local Trust support was given for the benefit of the new partnership member. The Chair reported that we now have a much clearer and confident relationship with Big Local/Local Trust via Rachel. Our new area rep has agreed to be present when required. Agreed that WEM has moved on a great deal, and felt that oversight of a rep/advisor at every meeting was no longer the way forward. However, we would readily seek their/Big Local involvement when needed.

Item 7. Future WEM scoping

Discussion: It was confirmed that David Foulds will be working with us to evaluate the potential future of WEM beyond 2025 and he will soon begin contacting partnership members, staff and anyone else we would like him to speak to for 1 hour conversations.

Item 8. Underspend update

Discussion: A document outlining the current projected underspend was circulated prior to the meeting.

Decision: the Development worker will produce a more extensive underspend list for the next meeting, and the item to be given 20-30 mins on the next agenda for further discussion.

Item 9. Projects update

Discussion: A brief discussion took place about repeating the Christmas support via two local food support outlets as in previous years.

The Development Worker briefly mentioned two potential ideas being worked up for a) a community fair and b) a young people's conference. All other project updates carried forward to the next meeting.

Decision: It was unanimously agreed to continue the Christmas support and sign off on the expenditure. Yvonn to give an update on the Children's Environmental Project at the next meeting. The Community Network and Unity Project to be carried forward to the June meeting for further update. All other updates to be added to the May agenda.

Item 10. AOB

10.1: New partnership members

Discussion: Chris Greenwood is now a member of the partnership, and a few other people are currently being approached.

10.2: Project X closure

Discussion: Sadly, lack of contact on our Project X means the project cannot proceed. We knew this was a 50/50 opportunity, and the summary will be passed onto the council. If something happens in the future we could always pick it up again, but without current funding.

DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

- Monday 13/05/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 10/06/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm