



WEST END MORECAMBE BIG LOCAL

# PARTNERSHIP MEETING 10/6/24

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

## Item 1. Welcomes/Apologies/Matters Arising Not on the Agenda/Minutes of the Last Meeting.

**Present:** Yvon Appleby, Johnny Bean (Secretary), Viv Brunsdon, Chris Price (Chair), Joe Robinson (Development Worker)

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Glen Duckett, Janette Edwards, Chris Greenwood, Kat Jaxon, Yak Patel (LTO Rep).

**Action:** Kat Jaxon has not attended recently, the Secretary will endeavour to contact her.

**Matters Arising:** There were no Matters Arising not on the Agenda.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The draft Minutes of the Last Meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

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## Item 2. Reminder on Conflicting Interests

**Discussion:** No Conflicts of Interest were noted.

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## Item 3. Review of WEM's HEAT Project

**Discussion:** Lucy Reynolds of HEAT was invited to give an update, but unfortunately was not able to attend at the last minute for family reasons. A report from Lucy was shared before the meeting by email and was briefly discussed.

**Decision:** Lucy may be invited to a future meeting.

**Action:**

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## Item 4. Empowerment Project

**Discussion:** Viv reported that she has followed up on her action from May and written up a project methodology document, which has been shared with David France.

**Decision:** We will await a response.

**Action:**

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## Item 5. Children's Environment Project

**Discussion:** Yvon reported that a design had now been received from Groundwork, but sadly it does not meet expectations, and bears no resemblance to the work put in by the

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children and has not delivered on any of the key points at all. A meeting is taking place with Groundwork on 11th June. The Development Worker is exploring alternatives. Potential to pull in additional match funding from various sources.

**Decision:** An update on the meeting on the 11th is awaited. Agreed in principle that if needed to save the project and make it work that funding from the underspend could be allocated.

**Action:**

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### Item 6. Local Trust Update

**Discussion:** Local Trust's reply to our clarification request suggested confidence in the partnership, confirmation that David Beuzeval's assignment has ended. Only concern was to keep them up to speed on project delivery and spend, and the need for Local Trust to monitor that closely. Rachel has indicated she would like to visit again, and it was discussed tying this in with the event to celebrate the Stanley's building purchase.

Separately, Sian has informed Yak that she is stepping back from direct involvement with WEM.

**Action:** Follow up with Rachel when Stanley's purchase is complete.

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### Item 7. Updates

**7.1: Stanley's Project:** Nothing to report.

**7.2: Digital Inclusion Project:** The Development Worker has invited Caroline from Lancaster & Morecambe College to update us in depth at the next meeting in July. Recruitment has now begun, and an office ("The Link") has been set up in the West End as a teaching base. They will be advertising in the next WEM newsletter. Partners are all invited to an opening on Fri, 21st June at 12 noon.

**7.3: Young People's Mental Health Project:** Recruitment has now begun and some appointments have been made. We will invite to a future meeting to give an update. They are also working up plans for a Young People's convention, and a careers day for years 5 and 6 looking at non-standard job routes.

**7.4: WEM Future Scoping:** David Foulds has now spoken with almost everyone and there are lots of diverse opinions. We will get a full update next month.

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### Item 8. AOB

**8.1: Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be out in summer.

**8.2: Eggcup:** Eggcup have been experiencing vandalism on their van and shops lately, and have set up a crowdfunder appeal. A brief discussion about possibly supporting them either with either some underspend or in some other ways took place. No decision taken.

**8.3: Partnership Members:** It was agreed we should invite someone from Stanley's to attend the board after the purchase is completed.

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**8.4: August Meeting:** It was confirmed that we will not have a meeting in August, except in the case of any emergency need.

**DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

- Monday 8/7/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- No Meeting in August
- Monday 9/9/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm