



WEST END MORECAMBE BIG LOCAL

## PARTNERSHIP MEETING 8/7/24

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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), Chris Greenwood, Chris Price (Chair), Joe Robinson (Development Worker), Lucy Reynolds (Green Rose), Becky Davenport (LMC).

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

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

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

**Matters Arising:** Our Big Local Rep Sian Jay has emailed and formally ended her tenure with WEM. The partnership offered their thanks to Sian for all her work over the years.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** **Action:** The draft Minutes of the Last Meeting to be agreed via email as meeting not quorate.

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### Item 2. Reminder on Conflicting Interests

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

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

**Discussion:** Lucy Reynolds of HEAT gave an update on how the HEAT project went. She shared the volunteer-made brochure which has been distributed widely across the West End and at community venues. Target sessions were exceeded, 223 LEAP referrals were made, over 1000 people received advice, 277 Energy Champions were trained (mostly West End residents), 10 volunteers trained to do LEAP referrals for local organisations, £1k of easy energy measures provided (draft excluders, chimney balloons etc). All targets reached/exceeded. Lucy will continue working till June '26, mostly in the West End, which is a nice WEM legacy.

**Decision:** A final follow up report is due.

**Action:** Johnny to request a PDF copy of the HEAT brochure from Lucy.

**Action:** Johnny to publish the HEAT report doc to the WEM website.

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### Item 4. Digital Inclusion Project Update

**Discussion:** Becky Davenport from Lancaster & Morecambe College gave an update on the progress of the Digital Inclusion project. They have now launched 'The Link' office on West Street, a shared space with LDCVS, Stanley's and the Morecambe Bay Poverty Truth

Commission. The tutor John Goodrich is working from there all day Tuesday and Thursday. 4 qualifications are being offered, including some which will be free to most people. Also offering one to one support. Very positive response so far. A short discussion followed.

**Decision:** WEM to consider ways of aiding the sustainability of the project.

**Action:** Becky to be invited back in 6 months to give an update.

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### Item 5. Future Scoping for WEM Update

**Discussion:** A report was shared prior to the meeting. David Foulds has completed and summarised his conversations with partners and workers. A short discussion on the soft and hard options followed. The Development Worker reminded everyone that big Local require us to spent up by September 25 for the final closure of West End Morecambe Big Local in March 2026.

**Decision:** Further discussion on ways forward needed.

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### Item 6. Children's Environment Project Update

**Discussion:** After a couple of meetings, it was agreed that we should sever the connection with Groundwork, and they have been informed. No response has been received. Several solutions for moving on are in planning, and we can expect updates on the meetings with schools at the next meeting in September.

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### Item 7. Other Updates

**7.1: Stanley's Project:** Final tweaks are being made to the contract wording before sign off takes place, which could happen any time now.

**7.2: Empowerment Project:** The project details are still being worked through with David France and Lancaster University.

**7.3: Eggcup Shop:** A discussion about how WEM might help Eggcup financially with their recent vandalism and redecorating costs.

**Decision:** Proposed that we give £1k to Eggcup now for repairs in the summer. To be agreed by partners via email.

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### Item 8. AOB

**8.1: Partnership Members:** It was proposed that Lancaster & Morecambe College take a non-voting seat on the partnership.

**8.2: Sandylands Event:** Sandylands school is planning an Autumn Fair event which could be an opportunity for WEM to link up with our own plans for a health fair. **Decision:** It was proposed that WEM give £500 to Sandylands, against their budget of £600, leaving them to find £100 match. To be agreed with partners via email.

**8.3: Careers Project:** A possible careers day for 2 local primary schools, focussing on innovative career options is being discussed. Lancaster & Morecambe College to run it. Budget of up to £1k likely.

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## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

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- Johnny to request a PDF copy of the HEAT brochure from Lucy.
- Johnny to publish the HEAT report doc to the WEM website.
- Becky to be invited back in 6 months to give an update.

## **DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

- No Meeting in August
- Monday 9/9/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 14/10/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 11/11/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 9/12/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm