



WEST END MORECAMBE BIG LOCAL

WEM PARTNERSHIP MEETING 12/05/25

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

Present: Johnny Bean (Secretary), Viv Brunsdon, Glen Duckett, Yak Patel, Chris Price (Chair).
Joe Robinson (Development Worker).

Item 1. Welcomes/Apologies/Matters Arising/Minutes of the Last Meeting/Conflicts of Interest

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Yvon, Janette, Kat, Charlotte, Victoria and Chris G.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising not already on the agenda.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The Minutes of the Last Meeting were reviewed, and approved.

Action: The Secretary to publish the Minutes of the Last Meeting on the WEM website.

Conflicts of Interest: No Conflicts of Interest were noted.

Item 2: Housing Project

Discussion: The Housing document sent out beforehand was presented and discussed. Discussion took place around using a video documentary approach, but one that didn't duplicate that work being done in the unity project.

Decision: Proposal to follow up with Calico agreed. Delegated to Chris with Joe's support to sort the details with Calico. Agreed that the results could also be used to feed into the Unity project and also to CAB/LCC etc.

Item 3: Environmental project update

Discussion: Carried forward to next month's meeting.

Item 4: Horizon initiative

Discussion: The aim is to deliver a mini Area Action Plan with up to date data/surveys etc that can be shared with other project data and live as a legacy document. The plan can also be shared with the local councils etc.

Decision: There was general consensus with the idea. Joe delegated to deliver, and a note made about extra time being paid for, if needed, as with the Action Plan.

Item 5: Credit union

Discussion: Joe has talked with staff at Morecambe Bay Credit Union who have around 200 members in the West End. An interesting potential way to support them, which was timely for both CU and WEM, who have looked to support the CU since an earlier Action Plan.

Decision: Question was asked about credit checks on people as is reportedly happening in other Credit Unions.

Action: Joe to follow up on the credit checks enquiry for continued discussion at the June meeting.

Item 6: Recognising the completion of Big Local

Discussion: Some ideas for recognition projects were discussed, including (1) a stills photography project; (2) an art competition with primary schools and a publication; (3) an open call to local artists to submit artwork celebrating the West End to be used in reports; (4) a completion report and (5) a volunteering celebratory event.

Decision: After discussion (2) approved, (3) approved, (4) approved.

Item 7: Review on remaining mental health project

Discussion: Yak gave an update on the project progress and developments. There have been some positives, but progress is such that the recommendation is made that we complete the initial 8 sessions (3 already done), but not continue with the second 8 sessions. This is in line with February's meeting. Discussion then took place regarding any underspend. Previous suggestion had been to ringfence for mental health.

Decision: Joe/LDCVS to calculate underspend and do the necessary admin, then approach Enable and Youth Grants to discuss how they might utilise some additional spend. Suggestion was 50/50 split.

Action: Joe and Yak to action the decision.

Item 8: Capacity/unity project update

Discussion: Workshop dates confirmed for 11th and 12th June 9am - 3pm. Yak has sent email invites to the 2-day workshop at The Alhambra to a long list of groups and residents. Good response so far. Face to face sessions are planned to take place in advance of the workshops with residents to explain the idea and get commitments.

Action: Johnny to drop in on the workshops to get some photos.

Item 9: AOB

Staff loyalty incentive

Discussion: Some discussion, Yak will talk directly to the workers to discuss.

Stanley's opening

Discussion: Stanley's grand re-opening takes place on May 22nd.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- June 23rd **5.30pm** at The Venue, Sandylands School