



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), Viv Brunsdon, Yak Patel (LTO Rep), Chris Price (Chair), Joe Robinson (Development Worker).

**Apologies:** The Secretary gave the apologies from Sian Jay (Big Local), Glen Duckett, Janette Edwards and Kat Jaxon.

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

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The MOLM were agreed and accepted.

**Matters Arising:** There were no Matters Arising.

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## Item 2. Reminder on Conflicts of Interest

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

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## Item 3. Future WEM

**Discussion:** Partners had received previously circulated notes from Glen, and a more recent proposal from the Development Worker. Future role for WEM needs to look at several big questions: Role, Structure, Sustainability etc. But noted that different partners have different feelings toward a possible future. Any proposal needs to have a solid backing, and likelihood is Local Trust will be keen to see something thoroughly done. It is important that such work doesn't distract from delivering Big Local.

Agreed to invest in this properly. Take on D. Foulds to do a scoping document-via interviews with members and some key partners, and present a range of options to us.

**Decision:** Dev Worker will draw up a brief with D. Foulds.

**Action:** The Secretary to add Future WEM as an agenda item when relevant.

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## Item 4. Family Support and Mentoring

**Discussion:** The document circulated before the meeting was discussed. David French has said he will need a couple more weeks to toe down some meetings. Lancaster University are

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very excited to get involved. David has not yet found an organisation with delivery capacity, although everyone approached is interested in helping to facilitate. As a potential Plan B, if no delivery partner can be found, David French will look at what other possibilities have come out of the talks.

**Decision:** To review at the next meeting.

**Action:** The Secretary to add Family Support and Mentoring review as an agenda item for the next meeting.

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### Item 5. Project X update

**Discussion:** The Development worker reported that we are close to getting a "yes/no" on moving forward and we should review at the March meeting.

**Decision:** To review at the next meeting.

**Action:** The Secretary to add Project X review as an agenda item for the next meeting.

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### Item 6. Stanley's update

**Discussion:** The Development Worker and The Chair met with Yak and David Beuzeval last week. Yak Patel has brought in someone new to help. David Beuzeval will continue to help Stanley's with aspects of the report.

**Decision:** The Stanley's report aims for completion by the end of February, ready to bring a draft to the March meeting.

**Action:** The Secretary to add Stanley's review as an agenda item for the next meeting.

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### Item 7. Local Trust visit

**Discussion:** We have had a request from Rachel Rowney, Chief Operating Officer at Local Trust who has requested a meeting with the Partnership at the March meeting. The Chair and Development Worker will hold a zoom meeting prior to that taking place.

**Decision:** Partnership to be updated as and when.

**Action:** Rachel Rowney to be sent information on the venue for the March meeting.

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### Item 8. Projects update

#### 8.1. Illuminations Launch

**Discussion:** The installation of the West End Regent Road festoon lighting by Morecambe Sparkle took place last week, with a successful test. The switch on will take place on Thursday 15th February to tie in with the Baylight '24 event. Viv will be a participant in the parade. The lights will be then switched off after the event.

**Decision:** Discussion to take place with Morecambe Sparkle re next switch on times.

**Action:**

## 8.2. Children's Environmental Project

**Discussion:** Yvon gave an update on the current status and developments in the project. Last week all schools were involved in a full day assembly last week in which ideas were shared and collated. Angela at Groundworks has had made a successful contact with West End Primary school who have indicated they would like to join the project, and a similar day will be arranged with them and Pupil Parliaments from both schools will talk to each other.

**Decision:**

**Action:** The secretary to see if any photos are available for use in the next WEM Newsletter.

## 8.3. Digital Inclusion

**Discussion:** All paperwork has now been signed off with Lancaster & Morecambe College. Their hub in the West End (on West Street) has been selected and will be opening soon.

**Decision:**

**Action:**

## 8.4. WEM Area Plan

**Discussion:** The Development Worker has prepared a draft contents list of what the plan might include and is putting out feelers amongst people who could help. It was noted that there is already a Lancashire County Council highways review of West End roads in progress. The WEM Area Plan would help to identify what local residents and businesses see as the priorities for the area, and will eventually form a part of our legacy.

**Decision:**

**Action:**

## 8.5. Young Person's Mental Health

**Discussion:** Following the unsuccessful recruitment, Yak has mentioned a worker at CVS who is focussing on young people, whom the Development Worker will talk to to see if we can work together.

**Decision:** To be reviewed at the March partnership meeting.

**Action:** The Secretary to add Young People's Mental Health as an agenda item for the March meeting.

## 8.6. Underspend

**Discussion:** The Development Worker aims to provide a full update on all current projects for the next meeting to include identifying potential underspend areas. Lots of Plan B options already exist if required.

**Decision:**

**Action:**

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**Item 9. Partnership**

**Discussion:** The Chair reported that we are currently 1 partner short of our requirement and a discussion of potential new members took place, in which several names were mentioned.

**Decision:** The Chair and The Development Worker will follow up on the names proposed.

**Action:** The Secretary to add Partnership as an agenda item for the March meeting.

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**Item 10. AOB**

**10.1 West End highways consultation**

**Discussion:** See item 8.4 above.

**10.2 Bradford Big Local connection**

**Discussion:** A group visiting Morecambe, are funded by their Big Local and wanted to see if we could build any links. Agreed it sounds like a good idea, several suggestions were made and the Development Worker will follow up.

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**DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

- Monday 11/03/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 08/04/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 13/05/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 10/06/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm
- Monday 08/07/24 at The Venue, Balmoral Road, at 6pm