



MINUTES – 9th August, 2021

Draft Minutes	Date: 09/08/21 6pm-8pm
Chaired by: Chris Price Minuted by Johnny Bean (Secretary)	Location: Zoom

Present and Apologies	Present	Apologies	Absent
Partnership Members			
Philip Blundell		Resigned	
Carolyn Downs			✓
Glen Duckett		✓	
Kat Hilton	✓		
Yak Patel (LTO)	✓		
Chris Price (Chair)	✓		
Lee Reeve	✓		
Jayne Safari	✓		
Dan Spencer	✓		
Natalie Thomas			✓
Others present	Present		Not Present
Johnny Bean (Secretary)	✓		
Louise Bryning (Press Officer)		✓	
Sian Jay (Big Local rep)	✓		
Joe Robinson (Community Development Worker)	✓		

Item 1.0: Apologies

Discussion: The secretary gave the apologies received from those not present. The Chair reported that he had recently received a resignation email from Philip Blundell who had now moved out of the district.

Action: The Chair to follow up with an exit interview for Philip.

Item 2.0: Introductions from the Chair

Discussion: The Chair welcomed everyone to the group.

Item 3.0: Review/approval of the draft minutes of the last meeting and outstanding actions

Discussion: The Minutes of the Last Meeting were circulated prior to the meeting and discussed. A short

discussion too place re item 6.2 in the July minutes regarding Enable.

Decision: The July minutes were accepted by those present. The Previous actions were all completed bar one re Eggcup which is carried forward. The Development Worker has confirmed with Enable that they will come back to us with a revised plan of how they will spend the grant monies previously agreed but not spent as planned due to Covid.

Action: The Secretary to re-circulate the July draft minutes to those partners not present for agreement via email.

Action outstanding: The Development Worker to ask David at Egg Cup to put together an A4 note on ideas discussed for a future partnership discussion.

Item 4.0: The new plan

Discussion: Discussion on what items to take forward into the new plan, focus on Housing/Mental Health/IT. The Development Worker gave a short slide presentation and a discussion followed.

Item 4.1: Housing

Discussion: 5 previously discussed options for action related to Housing were discussed. The Chair briefly updated the room on his discussions with Lancaster City Council and Calico, LCC's preferred deliverer of social housing. Further talks are planned. The Big Local Rep presented the latest illuminating figures on Housing from the Local Insights data report, which supported the need for Housing to be a big part of the new plan.

Decision: We look forward to receiving data from the Good Things Collective survey into Housing, but also need to carry out some more survey work, for example in the next WEM newsletter.

Decision: We would like to invite Calico to talk informally to the partnership at some point about their social housing plans in the West End. We would like to consider organising a wider Housing conversation with specific invited guests and influencers.

Decision: Partnership must decide very soon on their preferred aspect of Housing for putting into the new plan.

Action: The Big Local Rep to approach a contact in Blackpool who might be able to share her experience in a similar capacity.

Item 4.2: Mental Health

Discussion: A discussion took place around the issues of Mental Health in the West End and how we might address this in the new plan. Several major issues identified: a) what are the 'real' mental health needs of residents in the West End? b) how to bring the disparate community and voluntary groups together to work collectively for more impact, c) how do we gather the voices of decision makers, community groups, residents, front line NHS workers etc. together for an open conversation to help define potential activity?

Decision: We will need to find a way to create a narrative describing the issue and our intent for the plan. A suggestion was made that we could bring in a journalist to present resident's voices and stories. A journalist, or similar, might then link up the stories around Mental Health and Housing for the plan narrative. It was noted that anyone brought in should be fully trained in mental health working.

Decision: A small task group to be set up to follow up on the ideas raised. Group to include Chris, Joe, Kat.

Item 4.3: Community Property Investment

Discussion: A short discussion took place around a community property investment idea that was being looked into. All present were in favour of taking a tentative first step to progress the idea.

Decision: To look into appointing a solicitor.

n.b. Yak had to leave the meeting for another engagement after the Mental Health discussion.

Item 5.0: Quick updates

Discussion: The Secretary noted receipt of the recent report from LDCVS on the Covid Urgent Response Fund and how the £10,000 (funded by WEM) was used to support the West End. There was no time left to discuss other updates.

Decision:

Action: The Secretary to add Quick updates to the next agenda.

Item 6.0: Co-op building update

Discussion: The expected update report from The Good Things Collective had not yet been received.

Decision: To allow some extra time.

Action: The Development Worker to follow up on the Co-op building update with the GTC.

Item 7.0: Building Project

Discussion: There was no time left to discuss this item.

Decision:

Action: The Secretary to add Building Project to the next agenda.

Item 8.0: Frontierland

Discussion: There was no time left to discuss this item.

Decision:

Action: The Secretary to add Frontierland to the next agenda.

Item 9.0: AOB**Item 9.1: Community Fund feedback**

Discussion: The partnership discussed some recent feedback from a previous community fund recipient.

Decision: A response was decided upon, which the Development Worker will follow up on.

Item 9.2: Litter & fly tipping

Discussion: There was no time left to discuss this item.

Action: The Secretary to add Litter and fly tipping to the next agenda.

Next Meeting:

- Monday 13th September, 6pm-8pm via Zoom

Summary of Actions:

1. The Chair to follow up with an exit interview for Philip.
2. The Secretary to re-circulate the July draft minutes to those partners not present for agreement via email.
3. The Development Worker to ask David at Egg Cup to put together an A4 note on ideas discussed for a future partnership discussion.
4. The Big Local Rep to approach a contact in Blackpool who might be able to share her experience in a similar capacity.
5. The Secretary to add Quick updates to the next agenda.
6. The Development Worker to follow up on the Co-op building update with the GTC.
7. The Secretary to add Building Project to the next agenda.
8. The Secretary to add Frontierland to the next agenda.
9. The Secretary to add Litter and fly tipping to the next agenda.