



MINUTES – 13th September, 2021

Draft Minutes	Date: 13/09/21 6pm-8pm
Chaired by: Chris Price Minuted by Johnny Bean (Secretary)	Location: Zoom

Present and Apologies			
Partnership Members	Present	Apologies	Absent
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.
Item 2.0: Welcome & Introduction from the Chair
Discussion: The Chair welcomed everyone to the group, and began the meeting
Item 3.0: Minutes of the Last Meeting/Outstanding Actions/Matters Arising
Discussion: The Minutes of the Last Meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.
Decision: The minutes were agreed by all present. The actions were reviewed.

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

Action c/f: The Development Worker to ask David at Egg Cup to put together notes on ideas discussed for a future partnership discussion.

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

Item 4.0: The New Action Plan

Discussion: Joe, Kat and Chris are still to meet and discuss topic of mental health. Sian has spoken to Cathy Shimmin of DSC to see if she can help with a possible commission re having your voice heard and will be having a more detailed follow up conversation shortly. Discussion took place on the Plan topics. Carolyn interested in adding 'mentoring' and 'employment'. Possible partnership with University or L&M College to provide a West End job club? Kat keen to be more involved in Mental Health and Housing.

Decision: Need to concentrate on developing the narrative of the Plan. Any partners wishing to be more closely involved in drafting the plan or with particular topics in the Plan to contact the Chair. Sian is going to make contact with Jen Nichols (private housing manager in a housing strategy team) who she's worked with before and see if she can come and talk to us.

Action: Sian to contact Jen Nichols.

Action: Carolyn to check if University are still looking at having a Morecambe annexe.

Item 5.0: Quick Updates

Discussion: The Chair had attended a City Council 'vision group' meeting recently regarding the Eden North project (which has now formally submitted plans to LCC). No news to report at this stage.

Item 6.0: Co-Op Building

Discussion: Niamh had contacted Jo earlier today to enquire regarding a business plan status update. A short discussion took place. Jo was advised that it would be preferable to send a partially completed plan for review than no plan at all, otherwise time is running short to include it in the new Plan.

Decision: We need to reiterate that we must have a business plan by the 18th even if only partial.

Action: The Development Worker to contact Jo B re need for a business plan.

Item 7.0: Property Project

Discussion: Currently looking to contract a solicitor, to formalise agreement with the buildings owner. We have two options for the project: a) create a Land Trust or similar legal entity or b) find a partner (e.g. Calico) to manage it. We will also need someone to oversee the legal agreement on our behalf.

Decision: Discuss further at next meeting.

Item 8.0: Frontierland

Discussion: LCC have now purchased the land, and will be putting ideas for usage out to open public discussion. Discussion took place about how best to engage with the City Council on this to best effect the 'community benefit' aspect for the West End. Dan declared an interest in this topic as he works at the Council and cannot get involved in detailed discussion on this subject.

Decision: Agreed we would do well to engage with LCC at the earliest possible stage, as to how we might help them with their community involvement discussions and add value as a potential partner.

Action: The Chair to arrange a meeting with Economic Development and Planning

Item 9.0: Litter & Fly-Tipping

Discussion: A discussion took place about this increasing problem in the West End, and is a constant hot topic amongst residents. Should WEM begin conversations around Pride/Placemaking?

Decision:

Action: Dan to share his paper on "Place-making in the West End".

Item 10.0: AOB

Discussion: Dan and Sian attended a (Big Local) Planning and Infrastructure event, and Dan will soon be giving a talk on the same subject at another meeting.

Action: Dan to write a brief summary of his talk for WEM.

Next Meeting:

- Monday 11th October, 6pm-8pm via Zoom

Summary of Actions:

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