

PARTNERSHIP MEETING 10th Oct 22

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

ATTENDEES

Johnny Bean, Chris Price (Chair), Joe Robinson, Yak Patel, Sian Jay, Viv Brunsdon, Janette Edwards, Jayne Safari, Gina Sommerville (guest)

1. APOLOGIES & WELCOMES

Glen Duckett, Kat Hilton, Nat Thomas.

The Chair welcomed Gina Sommerville of Green Rose Lancashire to the meeting. Also welcomed were Viv Brunsdon who is returning to the partnership after a period of sabbatical leave and Janette Edwards who is observing tonight with a view to joining as a new partnership member.

Action: The Secretary to send new member forms to Janette for completion and return.

Kat has sent apologies and a note that she has been promoted at work and will be extra busy up to Xmas. She will struggle to attend meetings till then but is committed to meeting all responsibilities. Our congratulations to Kat.

News was received this morning that Lee Reeve, who had been a member of the partnership for some years, has sadly passed away. His contribution was acknowledged by all the partnership members and staff.

Action: A brief acknowledgement of Lee's passing will be included in the forthcoming newsletter.

2. MATTERS ARISING/MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

There were no matters arising.

Action: The Minutes of the last meeting to be reviewed and agreed via email by the Secretary.

3. FUEL POVERTY

Gina Sommerville of Green Rose Lancashire had been invited to discuss the potential project with WEM. The work will provide some urgent energy saving solutions for West End residents to help with the ongoing fuel crisis. Gina gave an overview of what services Green Rose currently provide, and presented two options (circulated in advance).

Gina left the meeting and a discussion took place.

Decision: All present (plus Kat and Glen who had expressed their preference in advance of the meeting) agreed on the larger option 2. The £1000 for physical measures is ok'd if needed and the £2600 is to be an earmarked budget (if a free venue is found) for additional project elements if needed.

Action: The Secretary to start a Project Form.

4. STANLEY'S PROJECT

The item was moved to the end of the meeting, as the item is confidential and not for discussion with non-partnership members.

The Development Worker gave an update on where the project was at. The written report from Claire Hodgson has now been received. The Chair gave further updates and thoughts as the report was still felt to leave some issues unanswered.

Decision: A special meeting to be set up to discuss the issue on a single item agenda.

Action: A report, and additional email from the consultant, to be circulated to partners to read before the next meeting.

5. MENTORING STANLEY'S

Action: The item to be carried forward to the next meeting

6. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Our new Action Plan includes a concept project with local schools/young people on an environmental theme. Need an environmental partner with community project and environmental experience to help manage the project. Groundworks have been approached, and they have been looking to do something in Morecambe. Agreed to develop the discussions with Groundwork, and potentially inviting them to a future meeting.

Our rep declared a dual interest as she sits on the board of Groundworks regionally, and did not participate in the discussion.

Action: The Development Worker to share details of Groundwork.

7. LOCAL TRUST VISIT

The CEO of Local Trust, Matt Leach will be visiting Morecambe at the end of November. A discussion took place re the format of the visit and potential invitations for project partners who could join us.

Decision: Everyone to familiarise themselves with the plan and send in suggestions for whom to invite, to the Secretary.

Action: Sian to confirm train arrival/departure times at Lancaster station.

8. RECRUITMENT

We have 2 potential new partnership members (Janette and Yvonne), and 1 returning partner (Viv).

Decision: Additional recruitment activity to feature in the forthcoming newsletter, the rebooted website, any events, and as a general part of any activity we do.

Action: The Secretary to invite Yvonne to the November meeting.

9. AOB

1. Frontierland Survey: Results have been sent to the council, and The Development Worker will be writing something for the newsletter.
2. Illuminations: Morecambe Sparkle (a new cic) have plans to bring back a reimagined Morecambe Illuminations and take over Xmas lights delivery from Morecambe BID. We could link up with that (but would need to discuss the area being expanded to cover along to the Battery). In the meantime, West End Traders are looking to do a reduced scale xmas lights (reduced in response to the energy crisis). Cost is £2k and WEM proposes to meet half of that budget (£1k) as part of the "Horizon Initiative" budget and ask Morecambe Town Council to match.

The Secretary noted a dual interest as he is working for Morecambe Sparkle, so did not participate in the conversation.

Decision: Agreed, on the basis that match for our £1k is found.

3. Regent Road/Yorkshire Street Corner: The Development Worker gave a quick update - owner of the land has been discovered, but wants full money asked

or is happy to sit on the undeveloped land. City Council would consider managing the site if bought for the community. Groundworks could possibly help to facilitate a community discussion?

Decision: Agreed that the Development worker should work up an Outline to take forward.

4. Mental Health:

Action: To be added to the agenda of the November meeting for fuller discussion.

Date of the Next Meeting:

- Nov 14th 6.00 pm