



WEM PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: 21st February 2022

Agreed Minutes	Date: 14/03/22 6pm-8pm
Chaired by: Chris Price Minuted by Johnny Bean (Secretary)	Location: Zoom

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

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 meeting.

Item 3.0: Minutes of the Last Meeting/Outstanding Actions/Matters Arising

Discussion: There were 3 outstanding actions from the February meeting:

- Partnership members to email **JB** with 100 words about themselves and why they choose to give their time and energy to WEM asap. **Action c/f**
- Partnership members to submit photos of themselves for inclusion in the plan. **Action c/f**
- GD to feedback on public realm talks at next meeting. See item 9

Decisions: The minutes to be reviewed via email.

Action: The Secretary to share the draft February meeting minutes via email, and publish on the WEM website once agreed.

Item 4.0: David Foulds

Discussion: David introduced himself and gave a short talk on his work as a consultant/mentor for Bedale Consulting. David is currently providing services to both Stanley's and Eggcup, and we may look at using his services more. A short discussion took place following David's presentation.

Decisions: David was thanked by the Chair for his time.

Action:

Item 5.0: Plan

Discussion: The Action Plan is now almost complete and will be ready for submission by Wednesday this week.

Decisions:

Action:

Item 6.0: Centenary House

Discussion: The Chair, The Development Worker and Niamh Goggin met with 2 councillors and officers from Lancaster City Council re the Centenary House project. Acknowledged that not much can be done till we know if the Arts Council bid for £600k is successful or not. Niamh noted that the next step is likely to be a meeting of all funding partners to agree a common approach to the varying issues, then meet with Good Things Collective.

Decisions: Awaiting Arts Council notification.

Action:

Item 7.0: Creative West End

Discussion: Creative West End have made no formal comeback on the letter updating them of WEM's position.

Decisions:

Action:

Item 8.0: Housing

Discussion: The Chair and The Development Worker met recently with 2 representatives from the New Economics Foundation (NEF), who are interested in doing some work in Morecambe and partnering with WEM. NEF have offered to facilitate a long afternoon event in Morecambe with any housing-related partners. If goes well, they would then be looking at bringing 2 staff and funding (equivalent to that earmarked by WEM), and would likely commit to doing work for a year, or possibly two years in Morecambe.

Decisions: Another meeting to take place with NEF at the end of March. Agreed we should plan to hold an event towards end of April. Need to decide on a venue and include something in the Action Plan to show that the first foundation is in place and ready to go.

Action: The Development Worker to include a short line about the NEF event in the Action Plan.

Item 9.0: Public Realm

Discussion: Glen emailed an update on his conversations with Lancaster City Council Public Realm officers prior to the meeting.

Decisions:

Action: The Secretary to carry the 'Public Realm' discussion forward to the next meeting.

Item 10.0: Future Meetings

Discussion: An idea was presented that if WEM are considering investing in kit to facilitate the move to hybrid meetings, we could possibly avoid the demands on The Secretary to lug equipment round each month and having to tackle all the potential tech issues each time, by buying good quality hybrid meeting kit to be installed permanently in one venue, and made available to all organisations in the community. A short discussion took place.

Decisions: Look into costings and discuss at next meeting.

Action: The Secretary and The Development Worker to look into the potential costs of hybrid meeting technology.

Action: The Development Worker to discuss the hybrid meeting idea further with The Venue.

Item 11.0: New Members

Discussion: The Development Worker reported that we have interest from a potential new Partnership Member, a resident in the West End, and a trustee at Stanley's, which could make for an excellent formal link between WEM and Stanley's as the project moves forward, enabling clear lines of communication. It was made very clear however, that if any topics relating to Stanley's and finance came up they would of course, step out of the meeting and/or conversation (which is in line with our conflict of interest rules).

Decisions:

Action: The Secretary to invite the potential member to the next meeting as an observer.

Action: The Secretary to ensure all partners sign the updated code of conduct.

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Discussion: The Chair noted that Eggcup have been participating in a government scheme offering people free 8-week memberships funded via the local council. This has seen a big uptake in memberships and they are likely to easily exceed their target of 350 memberships. It is creating pressures on the organisation and capacity is becoming an issue for them at the moment. A brief conversation took place.

Next Meetings:

- Monday 11th April, 6pm-8pm
 - Monday 9th May, 6pm-8pm
 - Monday 13th June, 6pm-8pm
 - Monday 11th July, 6pm-8pm
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Summary of Actions:

- 1 **C/F:** Partnership members to email The Secretary with 100 words about themselves and why they choose to give their time and energy to WEM **asap**.
- 2 **C/F:** Partnership members to submit photos of themselves for inclusion in the plan **asap**.
- 3 **C/F:** GD to feedback on public realm talks at next meeting.
- 4 The Secretary to share the draft February meeting minutes via email, and publish on the WEM website once agreed.
- 5 The Development Worker to include a short line about the NEF event in the Action Plan.
- 6 The Secretary to carry the 'Public Ream' discussion forward to the next meeting.
- 7 The Secretary and The Development Worker to look into the potential costs of hybrid meeting technology.
- 8 The Development Worker to discuss the hybrid meeting idea further with The Venue.
- 9 The Secretary to invite the potential member to the next meeting as an observer.
- 10 The Secretary to ensure all partners sign the updated code of conduct.