



WEM PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: 28th April 2022

Draft Minutes	Date: 28/04/22 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	✓		
Natalie Thomas		✓	
Others	Present	Apologies	Absent
Johnny Bean (Secretary)	✓		
Louise Bryning (Press Officer)		✓	
Sian Jay (Big Local rep)	✓		
Joe Robinson (Community Development Worker)	✓		
Clare Hodgson (New Leaf, New Life)	✓		
Linda Rutter (New Leaf, New Life)		✓	

Item 1.0: Welcome & introduction from the Chair

Discussion: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Clare Hodgson from New Leaf, New Life who are doing some project consultancy work on behalf of WEM.

Item 2.0: Apologies

Discussion: The secretary gave the apologies received from those not present. See above.

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

Discussion: The Minutes and Outstanding Actions of the Last Meeting were not reviewed in the meeting.

Decisions: The minutes to be approved via email.

Action: The Secretary to share the March Draft Minutes to the Partnership for approval via email by 13/5/22 and then publish the agreed minutes of the meeting on the WEM website.

Item 4.0: Public Realm feedback (Glen)

Discussion: Glen reported that he had recently met with representatives of the City Council to discuss public realm issues of interest related to fly-tipping in particular. LCC are interested in undertaking some Keep Britain Tidy project work in the West End, pending conducting some community engagement work. An information stall will be staffed at the upcoming West End Market.

Decisions:

Action: Please send any photos of West End problem areas to Glen for follow up with the City Council.

Item 5.0: NEF Meeting (Chris)

Discussion: The Housing meeting facilitated by the New Economics Foundation with invited delegates from locally interested organisations, has been set for Friday, May 13th at The Venue (Sandylands School) at 11.30 – 4pm). Lunch will be provided. Objective is to discuss the immediate issues, and identify projects that we could partner on to make a short-term big difference to. NEF have a potential £15k to invest in working in the West End with us.

Decisions:

Action: The Secretary to confirm the venue for the NEF meeting and send the invitations.

Item 6.0: Building Project (Clare)

Discussion: A lengthy discussion took place regarding the building project that WEM have asked New Leaf, New Life to assist with. Clare apologised on behalf of Linda Rutter of NLNL, who was unable to attend. 3 options were discussed:

- 1) Find an organisation to take on ownership of the building on behalf of the West End. WEM supply resources, would require some other wraparound benefits.
- 2) WEM enter into an active partnership with the current tenants.
- 3) The current tenants remain as building managers/anchor tenant, with other users alongside.

Outcomes: Clare asked that WEM consider:

- What do we want our role to be?
- What do the current tenants want?
- Who should own the building?
- Feasibility options?
- How to best retain the building as a community asset?
- Legal entity of the project? e.g. CIC or other?

Decisions: Clare to delve deeper into the feasibility options and feed back and arrange a visit to the see the building and the West End in general/meet/talk to various people. An away day to be set up for fuller discussion, explore other similar projects and create a brief/methodology/set of recommendations for moving forward. Timescale approx 8 weeks. Should allow plenty of time for WEM to spend the committed monies by year end.

If partnership members have questions for Clare, they can be emailed to: clare.hodgson65@hotmail.com.

Action: The Secretary to send the recording of this discussion and partnership email contacts to Clare.

Action: The Secretary to send a copy of the new action plan to Clare.

Action: Clare to talk with the current tenants.

Item 7.0: AOB

Discussion: Local Trust Chief Executive Matt Leach will be visiting WEM on 27th May.

Decisions: Matt's itinerary to potentially include visits to Eggcup, Centenary House, Stanley's.

Action: Clare to check if she can be here on the 27th May for Matt Leach's visit.

Action: Sian to confirm times and itinerary.

Action: Joe to identify any projects/people in the plan that might be good for Matt to meet.

Action: The Secretary to email all partnership members to ask if they can be available on the 27th to meet Matt.

Next Meetings: Venues TBC

- Monday 9th May, 6pm-8pm (TBC)
- Monday 13th June, 6pm-8pm
- Monday 11th July, 6pm-8pm
- Monday 8th August, 6-8pm
- Monday 12th September, 6-8pm
- Monday 10th October, 6-8pm
- Monday 14th November, 6-8pm
- Monday 12th December, 6-8pm

Summary of Actions:

- 1 The Secretary to share the March Draft Minutes to the Partnership for approval via email by 13/5/22

- and then publish the agreed minutes of the meeting on the WEM website.
- 2 Please send any photos of West End problem areas to Glen for follow up with the City Council.
 - 3 The Secretary to confirm the venue for the NEF meeting and send the invitations.
 - 4 The Secretary to send the recording of this discussion and partnership email contacts to Clare.
 - 5 The Secretary to send a copy of the new action plan to Clare.
 - 6 Clare to talk with the current tenants.
 - 7 Clare to check if she can be here on the 27th May for Matt Leach's visit.
 - 8 Sian to confirm times and itinerary.
 - 9 Joe to identify any projects/people in the plan that might be good for Matt to meet.
 - 10 The Secretary to email all partnership members to ask if they can be available on the 27th to meet Matt.