



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

## ATTENDEES

Chris Price (Chair), Johnny Bean (Secretary), Glen Duckett, Joe Robinson (Development Worker), Yvon Appleby, Jayne Safari, Janette Edwards, Angela (from Groundwork, guest).

### 1. APOLOGIES & WELCOMES

Apologies from: Viv Brunsdon, Kat Jaxon, Yak Patel (LTO Rep), Sian Jay (Big Local), Anna Simon (Big Local).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the Development Worker introduced Angela from Groundwork, who was invited as a guest, to talk about item 3 on the agenda.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING/MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**Discussion:** The January meeting was informal with basic updates only. No decisions required. No minutes were taken. It was proposed that we do not hold January meetings in the future as there is usually little business to discuss.

**Decision:** The proposal was carried.

### 3. PROJECT OUTLINE

**Discussion:** The Developed Worker went over the two outline documents that were circulated prior to the meeting, before handing over to Angela who introduced both herself and Groundwork.

**3.1: Environmental Project:** The Children's environmental project is a perfect fit with groundwork who were looking for a project in Morecambe. Groundwork have already inspected the potential site, and the space under discussion is ideal. The value of the land could possibly be used as 'match' funding. Project total could be significant with all match in place. A phased opening was discussed, which could potentially see the first part of the project up and running in Sept '23, with completion in '24.

- Yvonn asked for clarification of how match funding worked.
- Glen asked how Groundwork might leverage further match funding. Angela responded that Groundwork are keen to pull out all the stops.
- Eden Project will be approached as a potential partner.

- The project will have wider general public access inc. out of school hours.

A project plan to be ready for a coming meeting - Stage 1 will be consultation with school children (then potentially older children and the wider public). Stage 1 to begin in coming weeks. Stage 2 will see all funding in place, and stage 3 will be a full project plan with all costings. That latter stage will also present opportunity for final WEM sign off.

**Decision:** All present were in favour of the proposal going ahead as discussed.

### **3.2: Project X:**

The project outline gave a broad concept view of how WEM might acquire and develop a local piece of land according to local residents wishes. Concept could include a design competition, with a final shortlist taken to community vote. The proposal was discussed. If the proposal is approved, LCC can then proceed with the purchase. Timescale TBC, but will be kept well within Big Local guidelines/timescales. First question is can we acquire the land or not, after which other things will open wider conversation.

**Decision:** All present were in favour of the proposal going ahead as discussed.

It was noted that with the agreement of these two projects, we were now at almost 50% of our agreed spending as per the new action Plan.

Angela from Groundwork was thanked and left the meeting at this point.

## **4. AOB**

- Glen asked where we are at with project GANTT charts?

**Decision:** The Secretary to arrange a chat with Glen to discuss., and agree plan for monthly updates to partnership.

- Mental Health: A discussion took place about the current state of crisis in services locally. And how we would proceed as swiftly as we could but also working to improve the process of local commissioning. Our intent is to be very open and transparent. The Development worker has completed a draft commissioning project and will be circulating asap.

**Decision:** The Chair and Kat already act as sub-group to work on ideas (and Viv may input).

## **Date of the Next Meeting:**

- Monday, Mar 13th at 6.00 pm at The Venue/via Zoom