



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

ATTENDEES

Chris Price (Chair), Johnny Bean (Secretary), Joe Robinson (Development Worker), Viv Brunsden, Yvon Appleby, Jayne Safari, Yak Patel (LTO Rep), Sian Jay (Big Local), Anna Simon (Big Local).

1. APOLOGIES & WELCOMES

Apologies from: Glen Duckett, Kat Jaxon, Janette Edwards.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING/MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Discussion: The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.

The Secretary to arrange a chat with Glen to discuss updates to the partnership.

3. BRIEF UPDATES

Discussion: The Developed Worker gave a quick round up of the project updates.

3.1: Environmental Project: Ground work have begun talking with local schools, made visits and are drawing up an outline for a full proposal to be presented to us soon. They will be making an approach to the Eden North project team when appropriate.

3.2: Project X: The Development Worker has been talking with Tom Brown (at Lancaster City Council) who will be making enquiries about what steps can next be taken regarding acquiring the land.

3.3: Stanley's: The project is moving ahead as per the outline timetable. A good meeting has been had with Calico and a proposal is expected at the April partnership meeting for us to discuss. David Foulds has been providing very positive support on the project. Sian asked if David could attend the next meeting? It was noted that the 19th May is Stanley's 10th anniversary and this may be an excellent time to announce the project to the public.

3.4: Capacity Building: Work has been quietly progressing on conversation over building capacity between West End organisations, which could potentially become something of a legacy project for WEM.

4. **ONGOING BUDGET:**

Discussion: Apologies for this item, which has been delayed by the arrival of new data received by the LDCVS Finance Officer.

Action: The budget update to be sent via email.

5. **AOB: 5.1: A reminder was given that the next Big Local Connects conference takes place in Nottingham on 27th-28th October. 3 partners may attend.**

Requests should be made to the Chair.

5.2: The idea of adding a digital game to the website was discussed, featuring images of the West End. Low cost (£500?) generating high engagement. The Development Worker will share some game ideas.

5.3: The next issue of the WEM Newsletter is in the draft/proofing stage. It will centre on the Mental Health commission and the Action Plan. Future discussions to be had re other ways to use the newsletter going forward.

6. **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION:**

Thanks was given to everyone for the feedback and input on the commission draft, which was circulated prior to the meeting. The commission now includes a "smaller ideas" form for organisations who may not have the capacity to deliver a large scale project but may still have ideas. A proposed timeline for approving and making the commission live was discussed. An amendment to be added to say that "we welcome joint applications".

Decision: The commission page on the website to go live by March 20th, followed up with a MailChimp campaign to selected organisations/individuals. Johnny will track the campaign responses.

Decision: Chris, Viv and Yvon to take a look at the scoring sheet. Staff will collate and amalgamate submissions.

Decision: Submissions to be reviewed on 15th May meeting.

Action: Please send your mailing list suggestions to Joe or Johnny for circulating the commission.

Action: Chair to approach Louise Bryning regarding a press release.

Date of the Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be April 17th at 6pm