



PLAN REVIEW MEETING NOTES

At The Venue, Balmoral Rd, Morecambe / Via Zoom

These 2 meetings took the place of the routinely scheduled partnership meetings for September and October 2023, and the notes are a summary of the decisions taken.

Notes from the first review session 25th Sept 2023, 6.00pm

Present: Chris, Glen, Janette, Viv, Yak, Sian, Joe, and David Beuzaval. Yak left the meeting at the start of item 7.

Apologies: Yvonne, Johnny.

Any conflicting interests were noted, and Janette stepped out during items 1 and 3. Glenn confirmed he would have no future interests in item 7.

Chris summarised the purpose of the meeting, as laid out in page two of the review doc.

1. Mental Health work.

- Will begin reviewing existing projects in due course.
- Agreed proposition on Young Person Mental Health Worker. Also, recommendation of part time for two years, and additional budget up to £27k. Viv and Kat's proposal will be sent out with others before the next meeting.
- Discussed points on two previous projects of interest. Agreed to link Kirsten Freiesleben's group with existing mental health activity and offer to cover payment for a bespoke session. Also, to offer up to £1000 to match fund any grant application which supports the group. We will give feedback to White Shed that we might like to use them for some WEM activity in 2024.

2. West End Digital Inclusion.

Agreed this looks very interesting. The college's proposal will be sent out and partners to consider any issues.

3. Stanleys Community Centre.

General update on project and proposal that David Beuzeval will come on board as Big Local Advisor to help pull together the work necessary to push the project through. View is to have it ready for Big Local assessment by December.

4. Food Poverty Project

- Our initial support is complete and Eggcup have done really well.
- There may be other opportunities for follow-up work in future.
- Point was raised about winter season and potential crisis needs. Will ask Eggcup if there are identifiable crisis needs that may occur over Christmas. If so we can pre-assess these if WEM felt it could support it.

5. Family Mentoring Support Scheme

General feedback on status. Aim is to have a scoping complete by the end of Oct so we might consider in the Nov meeting.

6. Housing

Agreed to move this to the second review session.

7. Community Networking and Unity.

- Broad discussion on this proposal. It has some key aims, but its delivery is still yet to be clarified. However, we can give this project a little more breathing room for agreement – possibly up to March 2024.
- Affirmed that this project is about encouraging some change in voluntary sector dynamic rather than more idealistic notions of how things stand.
- Glen expressed an interest in being more involved in project conversations.
- As the project is likely to fall into LDCVS's remit it was agreed to ask Yak how it might work at the second review session.

8. Children's Environmental Project

General update on new timeline.

9. Celebrating Community

Agreed to move this to the second review session.

10. HEAT project

- Noted the update and end of current project in December.
- Discussed extension as laid out in review. Agreed to offer 6 months extension as is. Then offer of a second 6 months if Green Rose can match that second support with an equal amount.

Meeting closed at 8pm

Notes from the second review session 9th Oct 2023, 6.00pm

Present: Chris, Glen, Viv, Yvonne, Yak, Sian, Joe.

Apologies: Janette, Jayne, Kat.

Any conflicting interests were noted, and Johnny stepped out during item 4 on illuminations.

We briefly revisited projects from the last session for updates before reviewing other projects.

- Young person's mental health brief has gone out. Need comments in next week and will sign off project at Nov meeting.
- Digital inclusion. Brief gone out. Charlotte Rawes from college to attend Nov meeting to discuss.
- Food poverty. Agreed seasonal support for both Eggcup and Stanley's food club projects (using £5 per head ratio).
- Family mentoring and support. Request for Sian as BL Advisor to see if there was a link at Local Trust to high up in DWP.

1. Housing

Agreed outline in summary, basic premise of worker, and budget increase to match another project's worker. Discussion on who would host the worker and some suggestions made, including LDCVS. Question of add on costs for activities the work may develop, but nothing agreed.

2. Community Networking and Unity

Discussed this in more detail with Yak highlighting potential of work done elsewhere. General agreement on direction and to move forward. There is slightly more time set to develop this project but aim is to have something solid by December to consider.

3. Celebrating Community

Agreed basic premise set out in review document. Agreed the time limit for this project as a go / no go. Depending on circumstances this may be one for Plan B consideration.

4. Frontierland / Horizon

- Frontierland may be doing some community engagement, if so, we may wish to get involved.
- Alternate is to do our own local mini plan for the West End. Something that considers some big unanswered questions: Frontierland impact, long term influence of BID boundary, focus of energy locally on Regent Rd or Yorkshire St etc. Agreed to take forward.
- Illuminations. Agreed premise and that partnership wanted sustainability and legacy beyond its own support. Agreed to support and Sparkle people will present 3 or 4 options to choose from at Nov meeting.

5. Additional Projects

- (A) LDCVS into West End. Agreed as per outline in review document.
- (B) General agreement about community fair for 2024. Also that Chris Greenwood might support with health angle.
- (C) Agreed need and details to be worked up.

6. WEM Organisation

Some discussion on various aspects. Sian gave a summary of close-out changes that Big Local have introduced at £150k and £75k spend thresholds.

Agreed to work up Plan B's between now and New Year. Then start to consider future of WEM post Big Local in January.

7. The Vole Project

Felt this project too important to discuss tonight, and probably needed its own meeting to cover it.

8. A.O.B

Agreed that the partnership had come on a long way since previous difficulties. Felt suitable to have a Christmas meal in lieu of December meeting. Suggestions for venue to go to Johnny. Agreed WEM would pay for meal but not drinks.