

Partnership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 18th June 2014, 7.30pm, St Martins Centre

Present: Keith Allum, David Boyce, Angela Bright, Neil Graham, Nick Heard, Sue Heard, Robert Macey, Pat McGuinness, Glenn Pennington, Sue Schofield, Bridget Laraway.

- 1) Apologies for absence: Steve Davenport, Helen Fairweather, Laurel Roberts.
- 2) Declarations of interest: none
- 3) Minutes of the meeting of 20th May and matters arising:
 - SS reported that RJ and RM had met with the Canal's Trust concerning the towpath. The costs that were quoted were extremely high, between £100k and £200k for the stretch of towpath from the World Heritage site to St Martins.
 - BL reported that the executive summary for the Community Profile has now been re-written and approved. BL is still working on the more detailed history of Weston Rhyn and a short discussion about this took place with AB and PM after the partnership meeting on 18th June.
 - No partners attended the Rose Queen event in Gobowen due to bad weather.
- 4) Co-ordinator report
BL reported that informal approval of the £18k Pathway funding application and the Partnership Endorsement had been received. Formal approval is expected in the next few days.
- 5) Report from Communications group meeting
BL gave a report on the communications group meeting that took place on 12th June 2014. Partners were asked to agree a delegated single project expenditure limit to the communications group. This was discussed and a limit of £300 was agreed, to be reviewed at a later date. Partners were also asked to review and agree a proposed twitter and facebook usage protocol that was distributed at the meeting. This was discussed and agreed.

6) Youth / Community worker

An outline of the Youth and Community worker role and costs was distributed and discussed. This was adopted subject to the following amendments:

- To include schools as one of the agencies to be involved.
- To ensure that wording reflects the need to work with current volunteers and current provision.

A concern was raised that the Youth and Community worker will tailor activities to the needs of each parish as they do differ. This was discussed and agreed that the worker would deliver appropriate provision within each parish.

7) Report on Credit Union discussions

BL gave overview of a meeting that Nick, Helen and Bridget attended with Karen Farrow of Just Credit Union Ltd on 2 June. Since the meeting, a proposal to deliver a savings club in schools and an outreach personal finance service has been received. BL explained the content of the proposal and associated costs as it has been included in the Community Plan. Just Credit Union Ltd can only deliver services to individuals and community groups; they cannot support loans to social enterprises. A concern was expressed about the delays that have been experienced in past dealings between JCU and Three Parishes and about mitigating this risk if we move forward with them. HF has identified an alternative credit union, Fairshares, who may be able to deliver loans to social enterprises as well. BL to make contact with Fairshares.

8) Community Plan

NH, SS, AB, RM, PM and BL met to discuss the first complete draft of the community plan on Friday 13th June. Changes agreed at that meeting have been made to the document. Still to be included is an illustration of the Community vision and photographs. BL distributed copies of the second draft of the plan after the meeting with a request for feedback by Friday 27th June.

9) Community plan budget approval

The budget for Years 1 & 2 was distributed and the reasoning behind the figures discussed. The committee discussed and agreed the following figures:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Community led project funding	£25k	£25k
No interest loans scheme	£5k	£5k
Car Sharing database	£1k	£1k
Social investment – Social businesses and entrepreneurs (loans)	£80k	£20k

Including these figures, the total budget for Year 1 is £171,179 and Year 2 is £101,514.

10) Project Champions

PM agreed to be Business Champion

SH agreed to be Youth Champion

11) Community Chest – grant and application process

It was agreed to have this as the main agenda item at the next partnership meeting. BL to distribute information to partners in advance of meeting.

12) Social entrepreneurship – new Local Trust Programme

BL gave details of a programme that Unltd are running on behalf of the Local Trust that we can apply to be part of. The Partners agreed that we should apply. Paper copies of the application form were distributed at the meeting and feedback to BL requested by Monday 23rd June. BL to distribute copy by email.

13) All Saints Church Summer fete 28th June & Big Tea party Chirk Bank 29th June

RM is attending the All Saints Church fete, and AB is attending the Big Tea Party. BL to arrange promotional material for each event.

KA mentioned a football charity event happening soon. KA to provide details to BL to co-ordinate.

14) Publication of partners' names & confidentiality

It was agreed that partners names can be included in the Community Plan and published on www.big-local.org, and can be given out by BL if requested, but no personal or contact details will be published or divulged.

15) A.O.B

- Concern was expressed that Gobowen isn't as represented on the partnership as Weston Rhyn and St Martins. RM reported that he may have identified someone from Gobowen who would be interested in joining the partnership. If this is unsuccessful, it was agreed that the partners, particularly the Communications Group would be tasked with actively recruiting a partner from Gobowen.
- DB highlighted the need to start the due diligence process for Just Credit Union Ltd. BL to progress.
- The need to introduce projects that support getting young people into work was discussed and agreed.

16) Next meeting:

Wednesday 16th July. 7:30pm. Weston Rhyn Institute.