



## Minutes

### Big Local Central Partnership Board Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Big Local Base, Jarrow Hub

Chairman Roy Merrin

Minutes Anne Corrigan

#### Present

Anne Corrigan Project Coordinator  
Keith Hemmer Vice Chair  
Roy Merrin Chair  
Nicole Abbott LTO  
Cllr J Perry Resident  
Hannah Burham Resident

Cllr Ken Stephenson Elected Representative  
Chris Pickering Organisation Representative  
Sheila Spour Resident  
Julie Molyneaux Organisation Board Member

#### Welcome and Apologies

Julie Molyneaux Organisation Board Member  
John Drynan Resident Board member  
The Chair welcomed Hannah to the Partnership Board.  
Malcolm Walker Local Trust Representative  
Maddie Lynsley Resident Board member  
Mark Gibson Resident Board Member  
Shay Simpson Resident Board Member

#### Minutes from Previous Meeting

Agreed

#### Matters Arising:

Gateway Feature- The design and fabrication of the structure is in place. The hold up is with getting permission from the LA and STH. Julie and Ken to support Nicole to try and move this forward.

Jarrow In Bloom – Ready to be launched, a number of dates provisionally identified by the Lead for this project with judging to take place before the schools break up for the summer. T Cutter to run some sessions with planting up hanging baskets. The Board were encouraged to get involved with their own gardens/ hanging baskets/ communal areas. The prizes will be Post Office Vouchers which can be spent most places in the Jarrow area. Nicole to forward dates, and advertising materials as soon as they are

available.

The planter near the Vikings has been tidied.

A Whitaker to attend Board meeting in August re- Riverside Steps.

### **Credit Union**

Most people were aware of the report in the news in recent weeks of the South Tyneside Credit Union going into administration.

The Coordinator spoke with the Administrators and they had received the letters sent by the Board re repayment of unspent grant. The Administrator explained that we would be classed as an unsecured creditor and it was very unlikely we would get any refund. Groundwork will follow the official Administration Process as the LTO.

A letter has been sent to Local Trust to inform them of the situation.

### **Unltd**

Following the last Board meeting a letter has been sent to Unltd, explaining the Boards wishes that there should be an urgency re raising awareness and the profile of the project and that publicity materials should be made available. Also requested dates for quarterly reporting back to the Partnership Board.

At the time of the Board meeting there had been no response from Unltd.

### **Social Enterprise and Visit to Middlesbrough**

Keith, Hannah, Chris and Mark will be visiting Middlesbrough with Gateshead Big Local. To explore how they have set up "Social Enterprise"

*Actions Agreed: Feedback will be given at the next Board meeting and a way forward planned to start exploring "An Enterprise Hub" for Central Jarrow.*

*Those attending will submit mileage and subsistence claims forms for the day to the LTO.*

### **Local Trust National Event**

Information of the National Event to be held in June down in London were circulated with the papers. This will be open for any resident/ Board member and this year replaces the Regional Spring Events and is a good opportunity to meet residents from other Big Locals from across the country. All costs will be covered by Local Trust. Board members interested were encouraged to contact Local Trust to book a place. Mark, Hannah, Keith Shay and his mum have expressed an interest in attending.

*Actions agreed: Feedback will be given to the Board after the event by those attending.*

## Partnership with Jarrow Hall

Leigh Venus – Operations Manager for Jarrow Hall emailed to ask if the Partnership Board would like to consider a partnership with Jarrow Hall to subsidise the costs of entrance for residents living in the Big Local Area.

The Board discussed how this would operate and agreed that it was a good idea in principle, however, there was insufficient information to make a decision. The cost of the project would have to be a finite amount, it couldn't be finite, as this would be difficult to manage and monitor. The funding would have to be a new project plan agreed by Local Trust.

*Action Agreed: Coordinator to invite Leigh Venus to the next Board meeting to give detail of how the project will be managed and the costs involved.*

## UP Coming Events and Feedback from Spring Activities.

The Development Worker gave feedback of the activities over the Spring period. Little and Loud supported by the New Ideas Fund has taken off in the hub with on average 22 children and adults each Tuesday in the Hub.

A Science Buddies course for Junior Age Children took place over 3 days in the Easter holidays, with 20 children attending each day. Feedback from children and parents was very positive. The activity will be repeated first week of the summer holidays.

A craft session in half term was not well attended but 8 members of the PHAB Club came and enjoyed the activities.

The Open Door sessions continue to be successful and The Key project is beginning to establish.

The Diabetic Support Group took off really well but has not managed to be sustained.

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm we will support Mental Health Awareness Week, with hand massage tasters, Tai Chi Taster, cooking demonstration, advise and sign posting, refreshments and Free Goody Bags. Hannah suggested selling Green Ribbons at the event to fund raise for the mental Health Charity.

Picnic in the Park with Tony and the Community Choir will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1-3pm

Links have been established with the Care Homes in the area.

There is a steady increase in Facebook activity.

The Older people's Event will take place in October – date and time to be confirmed.

## AOB

The Youth Group with the YMCA are taking part in Hadrian's Wall Challenge and along with a number of groups will be walking along Hadrian's Wall. They are going to have sponsor forms and would like the money they raise to go to a charity in Central

Jarrow. They would like suggestions from the Board.

The following suggestions were given. The Young People to decide which of the three they would like to support.

- St Vincent De Paul
- The Food Bank
- Epinay School

The Young people decided to support St Vincent De Paul. The Partnership Board agreed to purchase T Shirts for the walkers to promote Big Local on the walk.

The deadline for Community Grants is 26<sup>th</sup> April, we will need to convene a panel to agree any allocations.

*Actions Agreed: Keith, Sheila and Chris to meet 2.30pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Hub to discuss the submissions.*

The Development Worker informed the Board about the work going on in Jarrow to make Jarrow “Dementia Friendly” – any organisation or Board member interested in an awareness session to contact Ros Taylor and she will put you in touch with Mark Overton to arrange a session.

Chris informed the Board that Community Homes can support individuals in need with furniture packs. Any organisation can make a referral with a letter or email to Community Homes requesting support for the individual or family.

Dates of future meetings to be held in Big Local Base , Jarrow Hub

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May AGM – 5pm  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Board meeting – 6pm  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July Open Meeting – 6pm  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August Board meeting – 6pm  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Open Meeting – 6pm  
 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October Board meeting -6pm  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November Planning meeting – 5pm