



## Minutes

### Big Local Central Jarrow Review Meeting

31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Jarrow Hub

Chairman Roy Merrin

Minutes Anne Corrigan

#### Present

Roy Merrin	Chair/Resident Board member	Nicole Abbott	Local Trusted Organisation
Anne Corrigan	Project Coordinator	Cllr Jim Perry	Resident Board member
Malcolm Walker	Local Trust Rep	Julie Molyneaux	Organisation (STH)Board member
Norman Graham	Resident Board member	John Drynan	Resident Board member
Keith Hemmer	Resident Board Member	Vivian Foster	Resident- non voting
Mark Gibson	Resident Board member		
Sheila Spour	Resident Board member		
Cllr Ken Stephenson	Elected member		
Board member			

#### Welcome and Apologies

Vicki McGowan Durham University

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### Minutes from Previous Meeting

Agreed

#### Matters Arising

No matters arising other than those covered in the minutes

#### Riverside Steps

Andy Whittaker contacted and if not out of area on business intended to be present at the meeting. No apologies received, however, a member of the Board had been contacted to say he was not able to attend a meeting the following day.

#### Recap from Planning Meeting

The Board recapped the discussion and decisions from the planning meeting.

#### Our Partnership

The Board discussed the Partnership Board, how well it works, any improvements, representation.

**Representative of the community?**

- could we involve local health worker/GP?
- would be good to have more younger people involved
- should we incentivise younger people to get involved?
- could we involve College student(s) or School rep(s)
- could we involve local business owner(s)
- our current resident reps are from a good spread across the area
- good to have older residents with experience and can see local needs

**Engaging the wider community?**

- we are involving other organisations already in the area
- could we work more closely with the town centre manager?
- is there a role to involve the local emergency services?
- we need to continue to raise awareness and the profile of Big Local
- visit other local groups to see where Big local can offer support
- feed into other networks around Jarrow
- consider mentoring for local groups/residents
- review where Big Local fits with Council and CCG strategic priorities

**Partnership support?**

- we have a good level of support
- access to education and training(not sure whether this comment meant we need more?)
- our community development worker is pivotal to community engagement-need to make sure she does not get too tied to the building following move to 'The Hub'

**Working together as a Partnership Board?**

- attendance is good
- people are listened to and feel they can have a say
- need for more opportunities for Board member feedback

**Looking to the Future**

**By 2013 the Central Jarrow community will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them.**

**What do we need to do to make this happen?**

- We need to think about how Big Local can achieve self sustainability
- We need agencies and organisations to work differently with residents at the heart of everything

- We need collaboration and genuine partnership working between organisations and with residents
- We need better communication between agencies (including the Council) and residents
- The community needs more information

**What barriers might we face?**

- Lack of funding
- Ever changing local and national context and strategic priorities
- Lack of transparency and limited access to information

**By 2023 residents of Central Jarrow will have increased skills and confidence to respond to community needs**

**What do we need to do to make this happen?**

- We need more training for local residents
- We need capacity building for local groups and organisations
- We need to reach all parts of the community - e.g. the new build areas
- We need to promote existing opportunities more
- We need to explore how we can better share skills in the community
- We need to explore opportunities for mentoring(e.g. like Bright Futures)

**What barriers might we face?**

- Apathy - how do we understand this more (i.e. is it apathy or lack of awareness?)-and how can we address it?
- How can we future proof our projects/community to enable sustainability?
- Too many groups/agencies working in isolation(no joined up thinking)
- Lack of funding
- Losing skills (when people leave the Board or move from the area)

*Actions Agreed*

*To revisit some of the themes and issues across the year as we build the plan for future years.*

**Budget**

Deferred to next meeting

**AOB**

1. NG raised a possible project opportunity to engage schools in creating a profile of armed forces personnel from Jarrow killed in World War 1 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the conflict. The Board had an in depth discussion around some of the possibilities.

*Action Agreed: NG to explore further as to how easy it would be to access this information. Coordinator to contact Richard Barbour and Paul Baldesera form the LA.*

2. Training application from resident involved with the Brightfutures Young Mums Group. The Board discussed possible implications moving forward, but that it was a very good application and the applicant had shown progress through her involvement with Brightfutures to fund her own further education and improve her employability to improve her life chances and that of her daughter.  
*Action Agreed: To agree the funding request.*

**Date and time of next meeting: In Jarrow Hub**

- Open meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 6pm
- Board meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6pm
- Open meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017at 6pm
- Annual General meeting Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017time to be confirmed
- Board meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017at 6pm
- Open meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 6pm
- Board meeting 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017at 6pm
- Open meeting 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 at 6pm
- Board meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at 6pm
- Planning and review meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 5pm