



**Minutes**

**Big Local Central Partnership Board Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Big Local Base, Jarrow Hub

Chairman Roy Merrin

Minutes Anne Corrigan

<b>Present</b>	
Anne Corrigan Project Coordinator Malcolm Walker Local Trust Representative 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 John Drynan Resident Board member Sheila Spour Resident
<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
Julie Molyneaux Organisation Board Member The Chair welcomed Hannah to the Partnership Board.	
<b>Minutes from Previous Meeting</b>	
Agreed	
<b>Matters Arising:</b>	
<p>Gateway Feature- The design and fabrication of the structure is in place. The hold up is with getting permission from the LA and STH. Highways are Ok with the site and installation. Andrew Watts CEO Groundwork is intervening to try and progress. Cllr Stephenson asked Nicole to email him the details so that he can ask questions with LA officers.</p> <p>Jarrow In Bloom – to be launched immediately after Easter 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.</p> <p>J Drynan raised concerns re the state of the planter next to the Vikings, the weeds are growing through and the decorative pebbles need topping up. N Abbott to ensure this is put onto the maintenance schedule for the volunteer sessions.</p>	

**Credit Union**

Following on from the discussion at the last meeting; and a request from the Credit Union to discuss the project with the Board, invitations were extended to attend this Board meeting both via email and written letter to the point of contact and the CEO. There has been no response to either form of communication, either to confirm attendance or decline the invitation. The Chair proposed any monies from underspend should be repaid, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson and K Hemmer. Matter agreed.

*Actions Agreed: The Chair to write to the Credit Union to request a refund of unspent monies. The Board agreed it was important that we acknowledged this is no way a criticism of the volunteers running the collection point on a weekly basis; it has been the weakness of direction from those paid to deliver the service.*

**Unltd**

The first drop in session took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> March with 5 individuals attending and making links with Amjid. It was a very positive session.

Chris informed the Board he had met with Amjid to discuss how to involve the Young people from catch 22.

The Board discussed the need to get the project off to a good start and that the delay in publicity materials etc seemed to be an issue. Unltd have known they will be delivering this project for a year. The Board discussed the best possible outcomes would be for the majority of the funding being allocated in the first two years, this would allow successful recipients to have at least one year's full support after the allocation of the funding.

The Board discussed involving the Viking Centre in the project, maybe empty shops could be used.

Malcolm confirmed that any unspent monies from the 50K would be returned to the Partnership Board.

*Actions Agreed: The Chair to write to Unltd to stress the urgency of kick starting and publicising the project.*

**Development Social Enterprise Hub**

Discussed the need to get back on track with the sub group interested in setting up a Social Enterprise Hub. The Project Coordinator met with C Higgins from the LA to outline "Big Local" and the interest to develop a social enterprise hub to last beyond the 10 years of Big Local Project and express an interest in the Library building and enquiring about any other premises which may become available in the area.

Malcolm informed the Board that Gateshead Big Local would be visiting Middlesbrough Big Local on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11am to see how they operate their Social

Entreprise Initiatives. An open invitation was extended to any Board members who would like to come along on that day.

Chris informed the Board of another funding stream from Unltd – Spaces for Change – aimed at young people which will provide additional funds to renovate a space.

*Actions Agreed: Coordinator to email all Board with the information of the Middlesbrough visit and a sub group meeting to be organised after the visit.*

**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.

**Volunteer First Aid Training**

Nicole informed the Board of a First Aid Course which is being offered free to volunteers. Any Board members are welcome to attend this training on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Jarrow Hall. Anyone interested to contact N Abbott.

**AOB**

Riverside Steps : No feedback had been received from A Whittaker. Cllr Stephenson to invite A Whittaker to the June Board meeting.

It was raised that one of our priorities is “Increasing the Economy” the signage around and coming into the Centre of Jarrow is very poor.

There is nothing pointing to the Viking Centre or Jarrow Hall, could the roundabouts be utilised more?

It was pointed out that South Tyneside Business Forum were looking at signage, but that for Jarrow the Partnership Board also need to be thinking about this. The company that own the Viking Centre should support this, it needs to be a Partnership between the Local Authority, The Viking Centre and Big Local.

The underpass leading from the transport system and into the Town was discussed as in need of some rejuvenation.

*Agreed Actions: To write to the Local Authority – Highways with regard to any plans/ actions for the area – request a meeting with representatives from the Board.*

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



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Open Meeting – 6pm  
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