

## Minutes

### Big Local Central Jarrow Open Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Big Local Base, Jarrow Hub

Chairman Roy Merrin

Minutes Anne Corrigan

#### Present

Roy Merrin	Chair /Resident Board member	John Drynan	Resident Board member
Anne Corrigan	Project Coordinator	Chris Pickering	Organisation Board member
Malcolm Walker	Local Trust Representative	Cllr Ken Stephenson	Elected Representative Board member
Sheila Spour	Resident Board member	N Abbott	LTO
Shay Simpson	Resident Board member	R Taylor	Community Development Worker
Bev Cook	Organisation Board Member		
V Forest	Resident Board Member		
A Whittaker	Local Authority Officer		

#### Welcome and Apologies

Julie Molyneaux Organisation Board Member  
Keith Hemmer  
Cllr Perry  
F Hutchison

#### Minutes from Previous Meeting

Agreed

#### Matters Arising:

Landscape and Gardening –  
N Abbott informed the Board the final Gateway Feature is progressing and the delay was in final permissions from the Local Authority over the installation.

#### Update from A Whittaker

A Whittaker attended from the Local Authority to give an update on the Riverside. A position statement was given of where the Council are at with the Riverside. Surveys are being carried out re the stability and it has become obvious a number of sites along the river require monitoring. The final report will be due in March 2018, however, an earlier report has been requested with regard to the Jarrow site. Early

indication is that the condition of the river bank would allow a structure – but would be very dependent on the size. Costings would need to be carried out and then with support some funding bids submitted to cover the full costs of the work, it is very unlikely the council would be able to support any of the costs. The access would have to be gated for security and public access would have to be managed – with a deposit payable for keys.

**Introduction – things to consider and discuss**

1. What have we been funding so far?
  - a. What is the impact?
  - b. How can it be sustained/ developed?
  - c. How much spent/ how much left?
2. Are the priorities changing?
  - a. What does the consultation tell us?
  - b. Are we meeting the Big Local Outcomes?
3. Are there any new ideas to achieve the vision and Big Local outcomes?
4. What is the new plan and how to allocate the funding over the next 2 years?

The Partnership is charged with producing a plan to be approved by Local Trust. It must show the Board has listened to local residents. The current plan expires in March 2018 and the Board have agreed a total of 50k over the next three years to Unltd to support social enterprise.

**Priorities from Current Plan / Are Priorities Changing?**

A Short presentation was received reminding of the LT priorities and the current priorities in the plan.

- *Community* – Hub, workers, grants, new ideas fund, events, magazine, Facebook and website.
- *Children and Young People* – Youth Project, Peer Mentoring, Grants, New Ideas Fund, events, delivery of magazine by sea cadets, apprenticeships.
- *Health* – supporting change for life network and health initiatives in hub, diabetes clinic, open door sessions with MIND.
- *Environment* – landscape and gardening project and apprentices.
- *Communication* – press releases, magazine, leaflet drops, flyers, posters, Facebook, website, face to face in the community.
- *Economy* – Apprenticeships, New Ideas Fund, promotion of local Jarrow activities and events on Facebook, financial inclusion.

A discussion took place around the priorities in the plan and the results of the ongoing consultation. The consultation would suggest that the biggest priorities for local residents is:

- Environment
- Children and Young People
- Community

There is a strong sense of community pride and spirit beginning to emerge from the consultation with good access to shops amenities and the Big Local Hub, but also in the local parks but in particular West Park. The consultation does not focus on Health,

Communication or the Economy.

### What's Working Well?

A discussion took place based on the evaluation reports circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Youth Project** – the Board agreed this is an excellent project and has created many opportunities for the young people of Central Jarrow to broaden their horizons. There was a lot of discussion with regard to sustainability past the 10years of Big Local. It was acknowledged that nationally funding for youth work has been greatly diminished. There was some suggestion that what was being offered wasn't enough and that more provision be made for young people in Central Jarrow. It was agreed that this could be something that may come from the work with Unltd with services for children and young people being a priority. The Board agreed to continue with the project, Coordinator to meet with YMCA to build into their work over the next year a study to establish the need and review the provision with the requirement to develop a sustainability plan for 2019 to show how in the long term they may become sustainable.

**Peer Mentoring** – for a small amount of money this project has changed the lives of some of the young mums in the area and ultimately will improve outcomes for the children of the young mums. The Board agreed to discuss with Brightfutures continuing the project over the next two years supporting other young mums to become peer mentors.

**Landscape and Gardening** – The Board agreed this was a worthwhile project. One last gateway feature to be installed. It was pointed out that it was imperative that moving forward all the sites adopted must be maintained to a high standard. It was agreed that apprenticeship opportunities should be maintained and the weekly volunteer session alongside 4 community events each year.

**Evaluation /CAPNE-** Some lovely videos/ recording have been produced across the last 18mnths for evidence. The Board agreed they may want to pay for specific timely recordings in the future.

**Grants** –The small grants have been very successful in supporting local community groups and to encourage engagement with the Big Local Project. The Board agreed to maintain these across the next two years.

**New Ideas** –These were established to fill the gap during the period there were no Unltd Star People Awards. The Board agreed they had been very successful in getting new projects off the ground but New Projects will be sign posted via Unltd.

**Events** –These were seen as a means to bring the community together whilst raising the profile of Big Local Central Jarrow. The Board agreed to continue with a range of small events in the Hub and a maximum of 5 larger events and to continue the support of Jarrow Festival

**Magazine-** Discussed the value of the magazine and whether the production should be continued or flyers produced to advertise up and coming events for delivery to all households. Agreed to continue the discussion in January 18

**Facebook** – to continue to promote Big Local and Jarrow through social media  
**Hub and Workers** (A Corrigan and R Taylor left the room at this point) The Board agreed to continue the employment of the Coordinator and the Development Worker. The Chair and Vice Chair to meet with LTO to negotiate the management fee.

**Financial Inclusion** –Repeated requests have been made for progress and spend to date. These have not been received. In the New Year Letter to be drafted with Chair asking for the total amount spent and an agreement on the amount to be returned to the Partnership as per the terms of the contract

### **New Ideas and Opportunities**

The Board discussed new opportunities and ideas that have been proposed throughout the last two years.

A number of the Board are interested in exploring social enterprise and asset transfer. The initial idea would be to have a hub that could generate an income by renting out space to new social enterprise businesses and a hub as a drop in for young people to meet and hang out. The discussions are in the early stages.

The Board agreed to allocate a sum of money to support the progression of this idea through capacity building, expert advice and mentoring over the next two years.

The Board also decided it would be an opportunity to excite the community about the development of the Riverside.

### **Proposed Budget and Plan**

Initial outline budget and plan for further discussion and agreement at January Board meeting.

<b>Project</b>	<b>2018/19 Y5</b>	<b>2019/20 Y6</b>
Detached Youth	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>
Landscape and gardening	<b>26 300</b>	<b>26 300</b>
Small Grants	<b>6000</b>	<b>6000</b>
Capacity Building	<b>2500</b>	<b>2500</b>
Peer mentoring	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>
Jarrow festival	<b>3000</b>	<b>3000</b>
Partnership Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries with oncosts</li> <li>• Management fees</li> <li>• Resources, Insurance, equipment, postage, publicity</li> <li>• Additional Hours</li> </ul>	<b>39000 to be negotiated</b>	<b>39800 to be negotiated</b>

to cover holidays, sickness and weekends	5000	5000
Community Events	6000	6000
Big Local Base	21000	21000
Support to develop a social enterprise hub	10000	10000
Evaluation CAPNE or in depth evaluation	3000	3000
<b>Total</b>	<b>158800</b>	<b>159600</b>

In addition over the next three years £50k has been committed to Unltd for Social Enterprise.

#### Budget Position

1 million over ten years

22k added for training capacity building over ten years.

105K interest added 2018

Total budget: £1127000 over ten years plus one further payment of interest in future years.( this will be a smaller amount)

#### Spend to date:

Year 1: £81,803.42

Year 2: £130,031.90

Year 3: £102,884.70

Year 4 estimated spend: £130,000

Committed to UNLTD - £50k

Estimated remaining budget: £505,280

#### AOB

The Board congratulated Shay on his nomination and award for Young Leader of the Year at the YMCA Awards.

The Board considered two late applications for Community Grants and agreed the following:

# JARROW

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- £73 for tables for Clervaux Nursery Toddler Group
- £400 for Community Homes to arrange and host a Christmas Party for local residents in Central Jarrow with Catch 22.
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Dates of future meetings to be held in Big Local Base , Jarrow Hub

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January to finalise plan 6pm

Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting – 6pm

Tuesday Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting – 6pm

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