



## **Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Steering Group meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at Arley Community Centre.**

### **Present:**

Paul Reader, Gill Hutchinson, Alison Bowen, Davina Key, Mark Limb, Joe Gosling, Philippa Parkinson, John Underhill, Ellen Charles, Carolyn Painter, Trevor Tennant, Virginia Tennant (Chairperson), Jim Rowe

### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

Eric Fellows, Karen Barber, Sheena Baird

### **2. Minutes of last meeting:**

No changes were proposed to the minutes. Jim proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Ellen.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

As Jane has left the steering group the Activities group will need to take on the "Songs of Summer in the 'Leys'" event suggested at the last meeting. Joe, Ellen and Alison agreed to be part of the Activities group, if anyone else wants to help please get in touch with Jim.

Katherine has regretfully decided to leave the group due to the pressure of other commitments.

### **4. Partnership Development / Code of Conduct etc.:**

Jim updated the group on the Partnership document changes since the last meeting arising from comments made when the document was circulated for review. Jim to add a procedure to support the Values and Code of Conduct describing the process if someone is viewed to have gone against the code. Jim to distribute Draft 5 of the document.

### **5. Consultation Workshop Update:**

We have had two meetings so far to work through the themes and develop possible solutions. More meetings are required to complete the work and will be arranged in the near future on the same day time / evening basis as before to allow as many people as possible to get involved.

### **6. Finance update:**

The Getting Started funding has now come to an end with about £45 remaining unspent. To keep the momentum going and to continue working towards the Plan we need to apply to Local Trust for some of the Pathway funding as soon as possible. Local Trust normally turn the application around quickly. We need to decide what our planned expenditure will be including summer activities and if there are any 'quick wins' from the consultation that we could deliver. Davina, Gill and Jim to work on the application.

## **7. Learning Activities:**

The Learning day with the Hill Top & Caldwell Big Local group (HTC) will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. The aim is to share our experiences so far, find out what has worked for each group, learn about different consultation methods and developing our Plans.

## **8. Mining Memorial:**

Since the last meeting Mark has received a petition organised by Ansley Parish Council showing that there are people who want the mining wheel on the Ansley roundabout. A lot of discussion took place but the conclusions were that the Steering group do not have the authority to give money to this project on the basis of a submitted petition and that the topic would need to be raised as one of the items at the Consultation Feedback meetings in the villages for the residents to decide. It was also commented that there are other sources of funding that the Parish Council might be able to access as any funding from Big Local would not be available for several months.

The discussions also suggested that rather than just placing the half wheel on the roundabout that we should encouraged residents to start a Heritage project, as mentioned in the last minutes, that captured the memories and history of the three villages in some form such as a book, sound recordings or short videos.

## **9. NWBC Thrift Week:**

NWBC are organising a Thrift Week from 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March and asked if we were interested in doing something in our area. The idea of the week is to share skills and knowledge to save people money, this could be making and recycling items, helping with IT skills, swapping items, cooking lessons, plant swap, bicycle repair etc. If anyone has any ideas of what we could do get in touch with Jim.

## **10. Article for Spring edition of Arley News / Ansley News:**

The submission date is 15<sup>th</sup> February for the Spring editions. Jim to write a draft and send it around the group for review early next week.

## **11. Any other business:**

One of the topics highlighted in the questionnaires was the need for childcare in the villages. It is understood that there are a number of 2 year old children in the villages that are entitled to free childcare and early education but there is nowhere locally to deliver the service. Joe is setting up an action group to find out resident's needs and what might be done.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Methodist Hall at Old Arley.**