



Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Steering Group meeting held 30th March 2015 at the Ansley Village Hall.

Present:

Jim Rowe, Davina Key, Virginia Tennant (Chairperson), Trevor Tennant, Paul Reader, Sheena Baird Carolyn Painter, John Underhill, Eric Fellows, Ellen Charles, Philippa Parkinson, Joe Gosling, Mark Limb,

1. Apologies for Absence:

Karen Barber, Alison Bowen, Jenny Hainsworth, Pat Hunt, Gill Hutchinson

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 Carolyn.

3. Matters Arising:

- Jim has met with the Questionnaire prize draw winner and explained how the money can be spent.
- Jim has submitted the 'Our Bigger Story' form and has the acknowledgement back Birmingham University that it has been received; we will have to wait and see if we are selected as one of the 15 areas.
- Jim and Pat are going to the Big Local Spring event in Birmingham on 23rd April.

4. Partnership Development / Code of Conduct etc.:

Jim has still to circulate the draft with the update relating to members who want to join the Partnership Board.

Jim proposed that as described in the Partnership document the members of the existing Steering group would become the interim Partnership Board at the Steering group meeting in June. Members of the group need to think if they wish to stand as officers on the Partnership Board. Jim reported that Gill had said that the functions of the secretary could be delegated to the support worker if the Steering group agreed this, though any paid workers do not have any voting rights.

There was a discussion on when the first AGM should be held and it was felt that in order to get people to attend and be signed up as members of the Partnership, who could then vote at the AGM, it should be held in late October so that it was 30 days after the Scarecrow Festival had taken place. This gives us a few months between the feedback meetings and the AGM to sign up members.

5. Consultation Update:

There was a discussion on what the leaflet required to invite people to the feedback meetings and to encourage them to become Partnership members. It was felt that it should be graphical with not too many words as this may put people off becoming members.

It was suggested that in addition to the feedback meetings aimed at residents we should have a meeting where we specifically invite the village stakeholder such as the community groups and businesses from the villages that may not know about Big Local to give them the opportunity to be involved. Jim to start a list of the groups and contact details and pass it around the group to add other people / groups they may know.

It was suggested that this wider involvement might stimulate a LETS (Local Exchange Trading System) scheme in the area in a few years time.

6. Finance update:

The Pathway funding application has been approved by Local Trust. Recruitment for the six month Support Worker contract will be handled by WCAVA.

There was some discussion on printing T Shirts and jute bags with a stylised logo as part of the promotional items.

7. Quick wins:

Jim asked that the group think about the criteria we want to use for the Quick Wins fund as it will be different to the previous Community Chest. We need to think about the outcomes we want from the fund and if Match funding should be a criteria.

8. Activities:

Though advertised in several places the Thrift Week events on 28th March in Ansley Village Hall and Arley Community Centre did not attract many people. Tony sorted out about eight bikes and some cheese straws and buns were made but nobody joined us for any sewing. As a result of the lack of attendance there was some discussion on whether we should target particular groups with our events in future such as older people or youth groups.

It was suggested that Songs of Summer idea be moved to an autumn event perhaps associated with the Scarecrow weekend as it was thought it would be difficult to find choirs that were available for early summer.

It was decided that the Scarecrow Festival should be held on the weekend of 19th September.

Trevor suggested that from his contacts in the BMFA he could arrange a model aeroplane flying demonstration on the football field.

There was some discussion about what should be done in the summer as September is long time off for the next event. It was felt that Scarecrow making and craft / art classes as last year should be considered.

9. Training Opportunities:

Jim said he was going to the Local Trust Spring event in Birmingham and anyone can sign up for any of the events and training sessions in the Local Trust leaflet. The events are free and Local Trust will pay for travel and childcare. They also provide a good opportunity to talk to other groups.

The group had received an invitation from UnLtd to apply to be one of 15 areas that would receive intensive support for if there are a number of people or groups who wanted to start their own social enterprises or business in the area. However the group decided not to apply this year as we are not aware of enough interest locally.

10. Any other business:

Joe reported that she had had some interest from people on her Childcare Action Team.

It was mentioned that there will be two new PCSO in the area.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 7:00 pm in Arley Community Centre