

# **Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Steering Group meeting held on 5th January 2015 at Ansley Village Hall.**

## **Present:**

Mark Limb, Joe Gosling, Trevor Tennant, Virginia Tennant (Chairperson), Jim Rowe, Gill Hutchinson, Katherine Jakeman, Paul Reader, Jane Cobbald, Ellen Charles.

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

Davina Key, Eric Fellows, Karen Barber, Alison Bowen, 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 Jane.

## **3. Matters Arising:**

Jane said she had not managed to progress her suggestion of a Choir festival since the last meeting. Discussions on the topic suggested that an event in mid June / July would be best and came up with a name of "Songs of Summer in the 'Leys". The activities group would need to make a list of potential choirs / groups and see which of them were interested. It was mentioned that Peter Allan was keen to have a singing group that would continue after the event.

Jim to put some photos from the Lantern Trail and Christmas tree festival on our web page.

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

Jim updated the group on the Partnership document progress and took further comments from the group. Gill suggested that we need to add a procedure to support the Code of Conduct describing what happens if someone is judged to have gone against the code.

Jim agreed to update the document and distribute the latest draft around the steering group and that people should make their comments and get the document back to Jim in the next fortnight.

## **5. Consultation Update:**

Jim has started to group the ideas and suggestions into themes. From the themes we will need to set up working groups that involve all the interested parties and agencies. Two consultation meetings one during the day and one evening are to be called to allow the steering group to work through the themes and develop possible solutions. Gill said that we also need to identify 4 or 5 topics that would allow us to set a Vision of how the villages should look in 10 years time.

There was some discussion on footpaths as this is one of the topics raised by the residents. It was also commented that pop-up swimming pools can be hired.

When we have sorted the ideas we need to have feedback meetings in the three villages along the lines of "You said – We could do X, Y, Z" and to try and encourage residents to help deliver the ideas.

## **6. Lantern Trail update:**

The lantern trail on 20<sup>th</sup> December went well with around 36 adults and 25 children, about 2/3 from Arley and 1/3 from Ansley. The lanterns included ones they had made at the workshops, together with other homemade styles ones they had bought. People liked the refreshments at the Gold club to help warm up before the singing. Thanks to Joe for all her work on this event.

## **7. Community Chest:**

The three applicants that were interviewed on 10<sup>th</sup> December and the panel (Jim, Carolyn, Paul and Katherine) agreed to approve all three applications. Subsequent to the interviews the grant to the Netball group was modified to include the Leys Millionaires logo on their dresses.

Some discussion took place on the use of the very small amount of money left in the chest but no conclusion was reached.

## **8. Finance update:**

Our current Getting Started funding expires at the end of January. However we are allowed to apply to Local Trust for a small amount of funding from our £1M to keep the project going, create the Partnership and write our Plan and get it approved. We need to decide what we need and complete the application to Local Trust for them to consider as soon as possible.

## **9. Learning Activities:**

Gill is organising a Learning Day with the Big Local Group from Hill Top and Caldwell probably for a Saturday towards the end of the month at Ansley Village Hall.

## **10. Meeting dates for next year:**

Jim to organise and distribute the calendar of meeting dates using the same venues as last year.

## **11. Any Other Business:**

Mark presented a request on behalf of Ansley Parish Council for help in funding the siting of half a pit head wheel from Daw Mill on Ansley Roundabout as a mining memorial. The principle of Big Local is that money can only be spent on things that the residents have told us they want. The evidence to date, from the questionnaires and standing outside the school and shops asking people for their views on what the Big Local money should be spent on to make a difference to the villages, does not show a Mining Memorial as a significant theme and thus we cannot support the request.

There was some discussion on perhaps providing future events that were aimed at older people and what they want who were less mobile. Suggestions included a village history project to perhaps record older people's memories or a "create something beautiful project".

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

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Coffee Lounge at Arley Community Centre.**