

Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Partnership Board meeting held 5th October at Ansley Community Centre.



Social Investment meeting started 19.15

Virginia welcomed Margaret Jackson (our Social Investment Rep) who led a discussion in ways we can make the money work for the community using our feedback sessions as the catalyst for the ideas in which we can support and invest in the community.

Topics covered included Social investment and loans where there is a return on the money used rather than a simple grant with no return. Investing some money via Local Trust to generate an income to be used for grants, perhaps for educational purposes. Supporting the creation of social enterprises where ownership and profit are controlled by a co-op rather than an individual. Consider a pilot social prescribing project as a method to make more use of the Sports Centre. The possible transfer of local assets but must ensure that it is an asset not a liability. It was also suggested that Councillor Colin Hayfield be invited to our next meeting.

Main Meeting opened at 20.25

Present:

Jo Gosling, Gill Hutchinson, Davina Key, Mark Limb, Carolyn Painter (Secretary) Paul Reader, Jim Rowe (Support Worker) Trevor Tennant, Eric Fellows, Virginia Tennant (Chairperson), John Underhill

1. Apologies for Absence:

Ellen Charles

2. Minutes of last meeting:

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

3. Matters arising

Jim apologised for not doing a press release or devising a leaflet on how to make a scarecrow. It was suggested that maybe this could be done for next year in readiness.

4. Event Group report

Very good feedback from residents on the Scarecrows and the workshops were very well attended and approximately 80 Scarecrows were displayed all around the villages. They were of a very high standard and the villages should be very proud. Jim posted a thank you letter to all those who made scarecrows.

A discussion took place concerning the Lantern Trail and due to the original suggested date of the 20 December clashing with the carol service it was agreed that Saturday 19th would be the agreed date. Lantern making sessions to be arranged and to include making Christmas wreaths. Are there any residents who could help with the making? A booking has been made with the Golf Club for refreshments.

We will have a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence's church in Ansley. It was suggested that we decorate the tree with cut out shapes listing the projects from the feedback sessions for our Plan and other things we have done.

A musical event for children next summer was suggested as an idea for a new event.

5. Comms Group report

A leaflet for the lantern trail will be required, perhaps based on last year's. The submission for Arley and Ansley news need to be written by Nov 15th. Big local website and face book to be updated with the details. Jim to organise various ways of publishing the groups for example key rings, pens, trolley tokens etc.

The Quick Wins portion of the Pathway funding has not been used yet. At the next meeting the criteria needs to be drawn up so people can bid for the money.

6. Big local profile update

Draft 8 has been distributed for comment. This will be up-issued to include community asset maps, photos, references and any changes in new 2015 Deprivation Indices.

The plan writer funding has been applied for to Local Trust. We are going to advertise for a Plan writer with the aim of getting the plan submitted to Local Trust by Christmas. A maximum budget of £3,000 will be available for the plan writer.

7. Results from feedback sessions

These were discussed and explained. Six sessions were held in total including the village halls, outside the school, the community cafe, Messy Church, with Peter Allan and some residents.

We need to develop a Vision Statement for the 10 years that is short and measurable to be included in the plan.

8. Any other business

Trevor attended the 'Our Bigger Story' multimedia course and was shocked at the amount of resources that the 15 areas chosen for the project have been given and felt the treatment to the rest of areas was very unequal and unfair. Resources were discussed and how social interaction can be encouraged.

Information and training costs from Jo regarding the use of some Quick Wins money to provide a Paediatric First Aid course in the village. This could engage parents with Big Local particularly with the possible provision of childcare while the courses took place. Once trained the people could help at events.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th November at New Arley Community Centre 7:00pm (revised from original November 3rd date)

Signed

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