

Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Partnership Board meeting held on 7th March 2016 at the Methodist Hall Old Arley.



Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present:

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

1. **Apologies: None**
2. **Minutes of previous meeting.** No changes were proposed to the minutes of previous meeting Paul proposed that they be taken as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Jo
3. **Matters Arising** Trevor advised he had looked into several sources of Balsa wood but the one at Southampton despite the postage still offered the best value for money but as he had 2 other projects of his own to also source the postage would only cost a 1/3.
Trevor to advise and keep the events committee updated
4. **Update on Our Plan application.** Virginia has received a letter to confirm our plan had been approved by Local Trust and that WCAVA has been approved as our Local Trusted Organisation for the duration of the plan.

Processes need to be put in place to document and monitor all spending, including evaluation sheets to assess the impact in the community. It was proposed that we have a regular quarterly agenda item to evaluate the use of the money and how it aligns to the four Big Local outcomes. Any money that is proposed to be spent should be included in the minutes of the Partnership meetings. The new workers will have budgets set against proposed activities for them to manage
5. **Events Group** The Ansley Parish Council litter pick on March 5th was well attended with increased numbers attending (13) compared to previous years and with 20 bags of rubbish filled. The four Big Local sessions for the weekend of 12th and 13th March are on track, litter pickers, gloves etc will be picked up from NWBC on Thursday, the final set of leaflets is being distributed this week. Jim has completed the Risk Assessment and has sent it to the WCAVA's insurance company. Jim will give a safety talk prior to each session starting.
6. **Communications Group** Nothing to report

7. **Quick Wins** Four groups had come forward to apply for money for local projects. Discussion took place on the submitted applications and the following were approved.

| Group | Purpose | Amount | Notes |
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| Arley FC | New goal nets and footballs. | £270 | Quotations for football kit bearing our Logo to be obtained – for discussion at next PB meeting |
| Wagon Load of Lime Bowling Club | For grass seed, sets of bowls in different weights and club T-shirts | £600 | Bowling club to be invited to a meeting to discuss request for further funding |
| Stroke Club | For purchase and installation of a dishwasher at Rowland Court | | Proposed to investigate joint funding with Arley PC – for discussion at next PB meeting |
| Literacy Group | To improve the reading and writing skills of local residents | £500 | |
| KASCO | For banners, leaflets, room hire, phone and running of the Keep Arley Sports Centre Open campaign | £250 | |

8. Any Other Business

The job descriptions for the Community Development Worker and Youth Worker posts to be finalised and advertised widely for 3 to 4 weeks once WCAVA have received the funding from Local Trust. Members of the group were invited to sit on the interview panel, other relevant members of the community to be invited to be on the panels.

A discussion took place concerning the proposed closure of Arley Sports Centre. Partnership members who are also associated with the campaign to keep the sports centre open declared their interest. The group were unhappy that information about Big Local and from the Big Local questionnaire that had been given to NWBC had been included in the NWBC document describing the options considered by the council for the future of the sports centre. Our concern is that this will give the impression that using the Big Local fund is an option for the future of the sports centre. This was not the intention of sharing the information with NWBC, it was proposed to write a letter to NWBC. **Jim and Carolyn to draft a letter**

A discussion took place as to the line the Leys Millionaires should take as a group if approached about the possible closure of Arley Sports Centre. From the information published by NWBC stating that the centre requires a subsidy of £100K per year it would not be sensible, if the centre continues in its current form, to use the Big Local fund to delay any proposed closure of the centre. Using the money in this way would not create

any lasting improvement in the facilities in the area.

Local Trust Spring events – Jim distributed copies of the agendas and asked people to get in touch by the end of the week to co-ordinate who wanted to go to which session.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th April at Ansley Village Hall at 7:00 pm

Signed

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