

Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Partnership Board Meeting Held on Monday 9th January 2017 at the Methodist Hall, Old Arley



Meeting opened 7.00 pm

Present: Eric Fellows, Gill Hutchinson, Brain Harley (Community Development worker), Davina Key, Mark Limb (Vice Chairperson), Carolyn Painter (Secretary), Jim Rowe (Support worker), Craig Sweeney (Lead Youth worker), Trevor Tennant, Virginia Tennant (Chairperson), John Underhill and Gemma Greenfield (visitor).

1. **Apologies** Ellen Read and Jo Gosling
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** No changes were proposed to the minutes of previous meeting. Adoption of the minutes proposed by Mark, seconded by Eric
3. **Matters arising** The date for the Festival of Flight was confirmed as Sunday June 25th. Trevor mentioned that Keith Wedgebury, from Coventry & Warwickshire Radio, who came to last year's event, had expressed an interest in attending this year. Craig to liaise with Trevor regarding the BFMA model aeroplane kits.

The planned meeting with Springhill Medical Centre took place and it was agreed that Craig would run a six month trial of a sexual and mental health Drop in sessions for young people aged 12 to 19 at the medical centre. Craig showed the meeting the small foldout flyer incorporating this and other youth related items.

4. **Report from Community Development and Lead Youth workers**

Youth Work The Senior youth group did not take up the offer of a Christmas meal, there were a number of possible reasons. It is suggested the £150 allocated be kept open and offer another date in January.

The Juniors have said they would like to undertake some First Aid training. Craig to consult with St John's Ambulance to see if a suitable course is available. Environmental activities are also something the younger groups are keen on and Craig has applied for some trees from the Woodland Trust for Gun Hill recreation ground. Arley Parish Council has agreed to the tree planting and Craig will also liaise with the Friends of Daffern's Wood group.

The juniors have also said they would like a new games console and some new games. It was agreed that Craig should look to purchase a good quality second hand or refurbished unit with a warranty.

Craig submitted two requests for budget approval. The first was for £380 for a trip to Jump Nation trampoline park in Tamworth. The use of a deposit for the trip from each child was discussed to ensure attendance. The budget request was approved unanimously.

The second request was for a portraiture art project. Craig and Brian described their ideas for the portraiture project for the young people consisting of six workshops lead by an artist using a variety of medium. This could potentially lead into a mural project at a later date. Discussion also on how the Ansley Art group and the youth groups could both be involved in an intergenerational project leading to an exhibition. Craig requested to provide samples of the proposed artist's work for the next Partnership Board meeting so the decision was deferred.

Community Development Brian discussed various up and coming events including the rebooked film night and the initial work on the study regarding shopping in Old Arley. Brian has a number of residents who have shown an interest in becoming involved in the Partnership Board and sub groups.

Brian submitted a budget request to start a Podcast network. The request was for equipment, hosting/licensing fees and training to allow residents to create podcasts (interviews published on the internet). Brian has a core group of young and old residents who are keen to make the podcasts about life in the three villages. After discussion about the project a sum of £1200 was approved by the Partnership Board.

5. **Sessional youth workers recruitment** Both the interviewees for the Youth Worker position withdrew at short notice therefore nobody was appointed. As there appears to be a general lack of youth workers available Brian will assist Craig with the Youth work for the time being to reduce the use of contract staff. There was a discussion on how we might 'grow or own' youth workers. There has been a good response to Craig's call out for volunteers to help at the youth sessions. A training plan has been put together to enable volunteers to help at the youth sessions.
6. **Community Chest – second round** There are two candidates still to be interviewed from those that applied at the end of 2016, meetings to be arranged ASAP. As agreed last year the chest will be opened again for applications in January. It was agreed that the grant values would be the same £300 for individual / unconstituted groups and £500 for constituted groups and businesses. The conditions are also the same except if an applicant has successfully applied at the end of 2016 they cannot apply in this January round. However applicants from earlier rounds can apply again but will need to show the benefit of the earlier grant. Jim to update the web site re-open the scheme.
7. **Events & Communications sub groups** New members have come forward. A comms group meeting is planned for late January.
8. **Finance report** Jim distributed the summary of the project spend against the Plan to the end of November. A more detailed report was also provided to those that requested a copy.
9. **Dates for Partnership Board meetings** A discussion took place on potential change to the frequency of Partnership Board meetings. Also the worker's reports need to be submitted a week before meetings so that the board have time to read and raise questions before the meeting. This is to allow the length of the meetings to be reduced and to allow other activities to happen in the second hour.
10. **Any other business.** Letters of thanks have been received from Arley Parish Council thanking us for arranging the Scarecrow Festival and Litter picks.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7th February at Ansley Village Hall**

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