

Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Partnership Board meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016 at the Methodist Hall, Old Arley.



Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present:

1. Eric Fellows Jo Gosling, Gill Hutchinson, Brian 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) and John Underhill
2. **Apologies:** Ellen Read
3. **Minutes of last meeting** No changes were proposed to the minutes of previous meeting Trevor proposed that they be taken as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Virginia.
4. **Matters Arising** The Ansley Craft Fayre went well with a mix of families from the three villages attending, though the YMCA who we had booked to run an up-cycling activity let us down on the morning of the event. Unfortunately the Cinema evening had to be cancelled a couple of hours before the start as Live & Local, who were running the event, could not get the equipment to us in time due to their vehicle breakdown in Yorkshire. A new cinema date will be arranged in the New Year.
5. **Report from the Community Development and Lead Youth Worker.** Brian and Craig had previously submitted written reports to the Partnership Board.

As it was proving difficult to recruit youth workers for the two available posts various options were discussed including changing the role to a Community Development worker with youth experience, approaching local uniformed groups or finding suitable people who we could train up for the roles. This seems to be a common problem in Big Local areas

Craig and Davina have a meeting planned with Springhill Medical centre to discuss running sexual health and pregnancy prevention drop in sessions for young people.

To make the young people in Arley feel more involved in the Community Centre the displaying of their art work has been agreed with the centre so long as it can be removed when the room is being used for other event if required.

A Christmas meal for the senior youth group with a budget of £150 was approved this includes the meal and transport as this may be something different for the young people. The meal will probably take place at The Lord Nelson after a discussion with the proprietors. The junior group will have a Christmas party at the Community centre where

the parents will be invited.

Craig outlined his proposed changes to the youth meetings including the new intermediate youth group for 11 to 13 year olds. All Craig's proposals were passed unopposed by the board and the money agreed.

Brian has also met a lady who is interested in starting a children's playgroup in Ansley Village, a meeting to be arranged with the lady and Sarah Murray to advise on potential grants.

Brian explained about cinema event being rescheduled to a different day. The afternoon tea, cake and singing event in Old Arley will take place on the 18 February with a budget of £200 as agreed in the November meeting.

To make it easier for the residents to meet the workers it is proposed to hold drop in sessions on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at Arley community centre at a cost of £135 for a 3 month trial. This will also allow residents to access the NWBC Hub at the centre. The proposal was agreed unanimously by the board. There is no Hub at Ansley Village or Old Arley.

6. **Community Chest.** Of the seven applicants five have attended a meeting with the grants panel of which four are recommended for approval as listed below. The remaining two applicants were not available at the time of the original meetings and will be invited to a meeting as soon as convenient. The Partnership Board approved the four grants listed below.

Group / Business	Purpose	Amount
Arley Craft group	Purchase of two sewing machines and accessories. This will help the group make more complex items and help people with dexterity issues.	£300
Ansley Parish Council	Contribution to the capital cost of two new benches at Ansley roundabout to replace the old wooden benches.	£500
Grace's Rest	Purchase of a quality video camera to enhance lectures, presentations and video blogs on animal welfare and the local environment. Also to allow interviews with experts to be added to their web site.	£500
Pooch Parade	Cost of attending an advanced canine behaviour training course, branded uniforms and promotional leaflets for the business.	£500

The panel also proposed specific conditions to be associated with each grant relating to what happens if a group ceases operation within 2 years, bench installation & maintenance and completion of the training course.

7. **Events group report** The lantern trail leaflet is being finalised with the new cinema night on the reverse. The lantern trail will start at 4.30 with refreshments and mince pie at the golf club before singing carols. Jodie agreed to attend the youth club to make lanterns.

Trevor asked for a date for next year's Festival of flight and the date of 25th June was agreed also Craig asked that the youth group be included in the event planning. Trevor mentioned that the BMFA (British Model Flying Association) has an educational officer who may be able to bring along plane kits that could be made and flown on the day.

Brian commented that several people had asked if a carnival could be reinstated after many years of absence. Brian will make further enquiries into the viability.

8. **Finance report** Jim distributed the report on the expenditure to the end of October and answered questions from the Partnership Board.
9. **Any other business** A further discussion took place on what could be done relating to an Honesty shop / Food hampers before Christmas. NWBC are proposing to work with Hubs to arrange a local Christmas meal. Brian to contact the Borough council regarding their plans for vulnerable people but in general the food only becomes available on Christmas Eve which for most families is too late. It was suggested to hold food demonstrations showing how to make cheap and tasty meals and provide people with ingredients and recipes.

There are some residents who have expressed an interest in becoming Partnership Board members but due to child care issues the evening meeting were not suitable. Jim to look into holding a daytime meeting 2-3 times a year so people were not excluded for this reason.

It was proposed that we re-look at the issue of installing a defibrillator in New Arley.

The next meeting will take place on **Monday** January 9th 2017 at the Methodist Hall, Old Arley at 7:00pm

Signed

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