

Minutes of the Leys Millionaires Partnership Board meeting held on 4th December 2017 at Arley Community Centre



Carol Musgrave from Citizens Advice in Atherstone came to talk to the Partnership Board about the work that they do in North Warwickshire. Their work is focussed on helping residents with financial issues often related to debt, council tax arrears, ensuring people are getting the correct benefits, lowering utility costs, access to grants and legal issues. They had dealt with around 1000 issues in the Arley & Whitacre ward last year with a financial benefit of around £85K to the residents. Carol suggested that a service that provided a mix of centre based drop-in and home visits was the most effective way of reaching people. They are also running a new outreach service in Coleshill Town Hall for the Town Council.

Partnership Board Meeting opened at 7:45 pm.

Present: Jodie Gosling, Gemma Greenfield, Mark Limb, Carolyn Painter, Jim Rowe (Support Worker), Pamela Simms, Virginia Tennant, Trevor Tennant, Jean White, John Underhill.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Davina Key, Gill Hutchinson, Eric Fellows

2. Election of new Partnership Board officers

Chairperson – Virginia has decided to step down from the role. Trevor was proposed as the new chairperson by Carolyn and seconded by Jean and duly elected.

Vice Chairperson – Mark agreed to continue in the role.

Secretary - Carolyn has decided to step down from the role. As there were no volunteers for this role Jim agreed to take on the role.

3. **Minutes of last meeting.** No changes were proposed to the minutes. Mark proposed that they be taken as true record of the meeting and seconded by Virginia.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

Some of the Partnership Board had recently been to Nuneaton Town Hall to apply for a concessionary bus pass but had had difficulty in providing the documents required to confirm their address and wondered how many others were in this situation.

The AGM took place on the 28th November with 10 residents present in the audience. Whilst we reported what the Partnership Board and workers had done it was suggested that next year more use is made of the opportunity to ask the audience what they thought of the work that had been done and ideas for future work.

Action points and deadlines need to be added to the minutes to keep track of progress.

5. Updating our Big Local Plan.

As a result of the recent Plan review meetings the Partnership Board agreed that in future all project workers should be given explicit work plans and timescales to deliver the items in the next Plan.

We need to use display boards at forthcoming events such as the Lantern Trail to allow residents to easily use Post-it notes to suggest ideas.

Feedback from the recipients of the Community Chest grants during 2017 needs to be collected and presented to the Partnership Board – Action for Jim

- 6. Lantern Trail event.** Jim reported that he thought most things were in hand for the event. It was suggested that we should have high viz vests, glow sticks and some music at the start point on the Fir Tree island – Action for Jim

7. Event / activity requests.

Following on from the discussion at the Partnership Board meeting in July Trevor submitted an activity approval form for a budget of £200 to build two model aircraft for use at the Festival of Flight next year. The application was approved by the other members of the Partnership Board.

Following on from the large numbers of families attending the recent Saturday afternoon Lego workshops Trevor submitted an activity approval form to purchase enough equipment to run a regular model slot car event. The application was discussed amongst the Board but it was concluded that a pilot event should be run first using borrowed equipment to gauge interest before any purchases are made. The application was thus rejected.

8. Questions on worker reports.

Craig Sweeney has resigned as Lead youth worker on the project and will finish working for the Partnership at the end of December 2017. Our Locally Trusted Organisation WCAVA have said they will endeavour to keep the two youth clubs running utilising their staff together with Amy (local volunteer) and Brian (our CDW) for the time being.

9. Any other business.

Copies of the finance report to the end of November were distributed to the Partnership Board members present. No questions were raised.

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

Signed



dated

16. Jan 2018