

BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING 21.01.19

Venue: KEIGHLEY COLLEGE at 6PM

Attendees: Shaun, Ahmed, Greg, Mike, Annie, Jack, France-Leigh, Claire L, Rana, Fiona, Davina, Kelly & Greg.
Apologies: Muppett, Ian, Sue, Wendy

Today's meeting was dedicated to "legacy"; Shaun said it was an opportunity to start a conversation and identify opportunity for long term financially supported community activity beyond the Big Local programme.

Shaun talked about how there are 150 Big Local areas in the country. Each Partnership has until 2026 to spend £1m and determine its own legacy. By legacy, we mean what remains when the Big Local £1m is spent. A Presentation on activity in Big Local areas took Place; all case studies focused on income generating activity with social purpose.

Local Trust has made available a further £100,000 to the Partnership to develop and deliver the legacy. Further support is likely. The legacy could be an extension of project activity the Partnership is already undertaking, a new idea or a different methodology for delivering future Big Local Plans.

Example included: In Birchwood, Lincoln, BL have bought land, created a Land Trust and now have houses to rent. There are 62 houses. In Whitley Bay, they have a BL shop, a shop window for BL activities. The shop has a café and hosts activities throughout the day for residents. In Gaunless, Durham, BL have bought a double decker bus and converted it into a mobile play area. They rent out the converted vehicle to families and groups. The vehicle is owned by them and partners - the Parish Council. In Salford, Start Creative - a charity that supports people with learning difficulties offers services and products to the general public, this includes selling items made in crafts sessions and services such as Forest Schools and Garden Design. In Dearne, Barnsley the BL has bought 4 houses, young apprentices refurbish the houses to provide low rent opportunity to residents. In Aberfeldy Estate, London, they have a community pub, with space rented out for community activities outside of pub hours.

Ahmed gave the Partnership an overview of Social Enterprise and the different ways social purpose can be achieved. Partnership members were then asked to present ideas for Keighley's legacy. Each member wrote of what they would like. Ahmed gave a presentation of the acronym SUN. Suspend the judgement. Understand other people's ideas. Nurture it. Shaun advised to concentrate on the idea and make it a strong one, we do have to consider legalities and systems needed to implement the idea yet.

Suggestions: [Edited for anonymity]

[1] There is massive expanse of land in the Big Local area. This could be used as demonstration woodland, areas leased out, developed for growing/ orchards. [2] Develop existing woodland to providing income through sport, environmental activity, leisure learning and formal teaching. [3] Well Being Sensory Garden. A Dementia friendly Garden [4] Play Bus. Hire it out. Subside to Big Local areas and charge outside of the Big local area. [5] Create a café/takeaway/Restaurant to provide training, meet food poverty objectives and link educational bodies and training providers. [4] Support / keeping established sports organisations trading and expand education opportunities. Raise BL profile through sponsorship. [5] A multi-purpose building- a community hub. Apprentices refurbish. BL 'home' and meetings. Hire space as incubator rooms, conference space and office space. Shared working space. Crowd funded page could be explored for further community 'buy in' Big Local matches fundraising. If anyone paid £1, then with the money, work on a project at a time.

Ahmed talked about when other people are giving ideas, not to judge them but listen to what they are saying first and understand their ideas. He talked about what makes money.

To allow the conversations to continue, 'Legacy' will be included as an item on the agenda for future meetings of the Keighley Big Local Partnership.

Next Partnership meeting: Monday 11th February 2019 at 6pm, Airedale Enterprise Services