

Meeting Minutes: BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

Venue: AES
Date: 11.09.23
Time: 6:00PM
Minutes: Rana/ Shaun

Attendees: Shaun, Claire L, Mike, Kelly, Rana, Claire D, Fiona, Greg
Big Local Friends: Tracey, Caroline Firth, Shafiq, Wendy, Shaun, Rob
Apologies: France-Leigh, Jo Beecroft, Hazel

Morning Meeting: Hamim, Halimah, Sue, Emma

Welcome to the meeting from Shaun.

Big Local Friends

A new standard item on the agenda is for each Big Local friend to tell us more about their roles. Shafiq introduced himself as Assistant Ward Officer for Keighley East and Central. He sits on the ward co-ordinating team and works on the ground, engaging around community development. Jo does more on strategic planning. Jo works half of the time working for Keighley East. Shafiq works full time and his time is split between Keighley Central and Keighley East ward. Shafiq talks to residents in the ward of what they can do in their area and then take ownership of that particular area with support from them.

Finance update

Wendy gave a finance update. Shaun will be updating the spend ready for the AGM. This will give the Partnership accurate figures and budgets so decisions can be made on future investment. Keighley on Aire is now dissolved. There is an interest in someone taking over the radio station. Star Centre. This project is now closed.

Worker

It has been discussed to employ a Big Local Project Worker to work alongside Shaun. Kelly, Jo, France-Leigh and Wendy who are in a sub-group to have a get together or meet via zoom to look at the job description. The cost will be £34K over 2years. A surveymonkey will go out in terms of agreeing how to use the under-spend: The post is 15 hours per week or 2 days per week.

Local Trust

Rob gave an update that Keighley Big Local will close on end of March 2026. There is support still available from Reflect and Recharge and Make It Happen. The close-out phase is when the partnership has the last £150k remaining. The moving on phase is when there is £75k remaining to spend. Once £75k is left, it is no longer required to report to Local Trust. As Big Local gradually pulls out, they are still supported. 8 areas have already spent Big Local funds. Membership review is to be completed by the end of January 2024.

Imagination Library

Caroline Firth gave an update of the Imagination Library. 1300+ under 5's in the Keighley East, Central and West wards have signed up and is going really well. £3k a month is spent on books that are posted out. If anyone can help fundraise for them or would like to join the steering group to let her know.

Round Robin

Claire D gave an update on Parkwood Play Day. **The Parkwood Community Group** raised more than last year and this will go towards planning for Halloween, school holidays. **Cafe Eden**. The group had

been out to St Mary's Primary School during the summer holidays with Get Out More. It was fantastic and really well attended. The families loved it. The monthly group at Keighley College has now been moved to Mondays instead of Fridays as Rachel from Aware doesn't work Fridays. Greg gave an update on **Hainworth Wood Campsite**. It was busy during summer. There a lots of fly-tipping. **Ma Kelly's Kitchen** is going really well and busy. They have been nominated for an Award on Saturday at Keighley Community Awards. Claire L. To get some plants and bark for the flowerbed at the end of her street, the project is called **Willow Garden**. Rana gave an update on **HWCC** which is going well. Lots of groups/activities currently running and there were cook and eat sessions as well as bingo and disco during the summer holidays. Mike gave an update on **Friends of Parkwood**. There are 5 members of the group and there a lots of children using the area. There will be a Bat Walk soon.

Summary

Shaun gave a presentation- a summary of where the Partnership should be going in the last 2 years of Local trust funding. A quick survey of past members showed many did not like the culture mat meetings and many found them loud. 5 members have left after missing 3 consecutive meetings. Since 2015, 11 people have left the partnership but all are welcome back- members can come and go.

Big Local Plan 2021-2026

All for Play

River Worth Friends

Ma Kelly's Kitchen

Imagination Library

KSET

Withdrawn from the Plan are:

Keighley on Aire £9k

Star Centre £20k

Plastic Free Keighley £5k

We will try to sustain

Library of things

Activities & Events

We will look at the feasibility of some new projects

Warm homes. Could develop project about insulating people's homes. To liase with Friends of the Earth.

Hainworth Wood Campsite. Who will manage it? How will it be developed?

Coming Up

Keighley Walks is on 23-24th September.

AGM will be the next partnership meeting and we will adopt the small charities constitution and open a bank account in the name of Keighley Big Local.

Next meeting

Monday 13th November 6pm AES