

Meeting Minutes: Big local Partnership

Venue: AES
Date: 25.03.2024
Time: 6:00PM
Minutes: Andy/Shاون

Attendees Claire I , Mike, Kelly, Fiona, Greg, Andy, Annie B, Claire D, Rob, Wendy, Caroline, Shaun

Apologies Tracey, Sue, Rana, France-Leigh

Finance

Mike, Sue and Rana met up earlier in the month to go through the finances and provided an update at this meeting. Monitoring on previous grants has now been completed and underspend from the star centre project was brought into the community pot. The community fund now stands at £21,936.70 of unrestricted available funds with £11,000 committed, some of which is likely to be transferred to the community fund.

Forest School Training

Annie discussed the options for the funded forest school qualifications at level 2 and 3 for those that had already completed level 1, along with available places for the level 1 qualification. The decision was made to offer the courses out to big local residents via social media and community group information sharing. The applicants would need to submit an expression of interest for a place on the course with an interview process being implemented to screen the candidates in favour of those currently involved in community work or those likely to become involved in community work where these skills would be put back in the community. Annie to arrange interviews and process the applicants the general feeling was that this was a good idea to avoid places being wasted as a cv filling exercise by people with no interest in giving back to the community.

Street Play

The idea of Street play events was brought up by France leigh and Shaun however Annie felt that whilst previous street play events had gone down well this would veer away from the mission statement for Get Out More, as the focus is more on natural environments

Area Advisor

The Area advisor Rob has announced that this will be his last meeting as big local advisor with Kate Lightstead as an area co-ordinator taking over in a more light touch role for the big local partnership 'close out' period. Rob has offered to continue helping Keighley Big local as a big local friend as there is currently a vacancy in this role. Rob had some good things to say about Keighley big local and has enjoyed his time here. A big thankyou was said from all attending for Rob's contributions over the years.

Big Local Worker

Andy the new big local worker had an appraisal following a 3 month probationary period prior to the meeting, in the appraisal Andy was offered the position on a permanent basis and has accepted this role. As part of this, regular online catchup zoom meetings will be arranged to discuss and inform about work being done.

Political restrictions

Caroline firth brought up a reminder that at this time due to the upcoming elections it is important for big local workers to avoid being in pictures with any of the candidate and ensure neutrality is maintained in social media posts and when out in the community.

Update on recent activity

Shaun presented a short slide show with pictures and information relating to Big local events over the last couple of months including Several litter pics organised by the new big local worker Andy. The picks have resulted in a lot of litter removed from the streets.

Collaborations with local community groups including Keighley lions, Bricktopia, football coaching, and grants given for local Social Enterprise Town business start-ups launch of the river worth friends catchment plan literacy tour bus went well along with reminder that

Update on subcommittees

An update on the current subcommittees including

Library of things with a visit to be arranged to Ilkley library of things shortly, and ongoing ideas and possibilities being looked into. Bumps & Babes community café proposal is having a first meeting to discuss possibilities and options in the upcoming weeks. Events & Activities is going well with discussions with CBMDC and Keighley Town Council.

Survey Monkey

A proposal was put forward to publish the survey monkey results of the votes on the website along with the minutes, a brief discussion on this to be followed up by a vote as to whether this is needed. General consensus was that it was not required.

Coming up

The literacy tour bus will be setting up at Cliffe Castle with transport from various locations in the big local area to be arranged by big local on the 4th April 11am-3pm. A shuttle bus will run from Keighley East. Easter gala held at Parkwood Recreation Ground 30th march

Hainworth Wood Campsite

The subcommittee discussing the possible purchase of hainworth wood campsite have decided not to go ahead with this due to the possible issues arising of managing the land, along with the close out phase of big local meaning there would not be enough certainty on how this could be managed in the future after big local comes to a close

Keighley Social Enterprise Town

Big Local is working with Participate Bradford to formulate a plan and 2nd stage application to SEUK to recognise Keighley as a Social Enterprise Place.

Date of next meeting set for May 13th venue TBC