

## Meeting Minutes: Big local Partnership

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Venue: Strong Close Training Room  
Date: 13.05.2024  
Time: 6:00PM  
Minutes: Rana/ Shaun

Attendees Fiona, Claire L, Rana, Mike, Andy, Wendy, Sue, Shaun, J, Caroline, Hazel, Tim Rogers, Alice Perkins

Apologies Claire D, Helen, Hamim, Halimah, Emma, Kelly, Greg, Tracey, Rob

A welcome from Fiona and Helen Jones [Head Teacher of Strong Close]

We were joined by Alice Perkins who is interviewing people involved in Keighley Big Local as part of her PHD studies. She was here to observe a partnership meeting

Jo Rule talked about an application she will submit to the Partnership for Community Funds. ABCD training for Partnership Members, Councillors and Wardens. Jo said it is an opportunity to learn and further support Big Local projects and activity after the Local Trust funded Big Local. The training costs £1,250 and is for up to 20 people for a 2 day course. Jo will be putting an application in and Shaun will send this to members via SurveyMonkey with all the details.

Tim Rogers from Future Transformation, a not for profit organisation came to talk about a potential purchase of Dalton Mills. An in-depth discussion took place around this and Tim gave detailed information about Dalton Mills, the vision and the plans as well as where he is applying for funding and how many other people/organisations can get involved. Most of the funds will come from Historic England. Edison Commercial Properties valued it at £20. It is a long term plan. It is in the early stages of this and Tim would like Big Local to be involved in this. Dalton Mills will be used by everybody in Keighley and will create job opportunities and apprenticeships. Once the legal ownership takes place, Tim suggested consultations with the public ideally lead by Keighley Big Local. Tim sees KBL as the ideal group to kick-start a "conversation" that will give Dalton Mills the best chance of being regenerated. Tim will provide drawings to be shared with the partnership only. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION BEYOND THE BIG LOCAL GROUP YET. It was discussed at the meeting that this discussion will continue at the next meeting or a separate meeting if required as to how Big Local can get involved.

Wendy gave an update on finances. There is £21,850 left until the end of December 2025.

Andy gave an update on Regency Care Home and how the residents very much enjoyed the Alpacas visit to the Home, funded by KBL. There were about 20 Big Local residents and Andy said he would support them where needed. Also he is supporting litter picks and suggested a joint venture with the Sue Belcher Centre. Andy is also helping to deliver Food Hygiene training to residents.

Shaun gave an update on legacy projects: Keighley Walks is the basis for the new Keighley walking festival which is taking place on 9-22nd September 2024. This will also be part of the KSET campaign. Keighley Social Enterprise will be organising itself with a new steering group including former regeneration manager Elaine Applebee- this will help set out the activities for the campaign to get Keighley "social enterprise town" status. The party day will be supported by BMDC sports and Leisure. Green Drinks will continue after 2025 with KSET.

All for Play has secured lottery funding to continue to deliver free play in Keighley and the Imagination Library and Bumps & Babes Café have subgroups developing ideas.

Shaun, Sue, Rana and Mike attended the *Ilkley Thingery* in Ilkley and it was very enlightening to see what they do and how they have achieved a thriving Library of Things. Shaun will look at arranging a trip for the subcommittee to Skipton. The committee will then share their thoughts and ideas at the next Partnership meeting

Hazel gave an update on All for Play. It is very positive with forest schools, trips, Saturday sessions and school holidays.

End of meeting.