

Meeting Minutes: Big Local Partnership

Venue: AES
Date: Monday 11th November 2024
Time: 6PM
Minutes: Rana Begum, Fiona Thompson

Attendees: Wendy, Sue, Claire L, Mike, Rana, Kelly, Fiona, Claire D, Greg and Andy P
B L Friends: Shafiq, Tracey

Guest: Andy Wade (Men of Worth)

Apologies: Shaun, Cllr Firth

Fiona chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Andy Wade from Men of Worth gave a presentation of the history of the men who fought during the first world war and where they lived in the Parkwood area. This was a very informative session about the people who lived there in the 1900's.

Wendy gave a finance update. Prior to this, the finance team Mike, Rana, Shaun and Wendy met up to discuss the finances. Wendy said there is about £30k of big local funding left to spend by December 2025. Spreadsheet of the live projects/expenditure/closed projects was handed out around the table and discussed further.

Cafe Eden has a poor attendance since Covid. It was suggested that December session might be the last one but the partnership has suggested to help out advertise this where possible and support it so more people are aware of it.

Andy has set up a project with Radio on Aire with David from One in a Million. He is working with Sue Belcher Centre, Highfield Centre and Hainworthwood Community Centre in the next few weeks. He is talking to residents about how to get involved with the litter picks etc.

Christmas Charity Forest School is on Sunday 1st December in the woods. Flyer was given out. Funded by Big Local. Booking required.

October half term activities took place at Hainworthwood Community Centre. The sessions included cupcake baking/decorating, craft session, Halloween party funded by Big Local and Family Bingo. The sessions were well attended and everyone enjoyed it.

ABCD training. This was previously discussed by Cllr Firth who asked for Big Local to fund around £1000 for council staff. The surveymonkey was sent to partnership members to vote on this and it was agreed that Big Local will fund this. This has now been arranged for 2 days workshop on Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November 10-4pm at Hainworthwood Community Centre. Booking required. Shafiq said it was not for council staff but for the Keighley East residents to go on this course as he was told he wasn't allowed as he's a council staff. Partnership members raised concerns that this was not how Cllr Firth said at the previous meeting and felt they had been misinformed.

Get Out More application funding. They applied for a celebration party next year for the end of Big Local programme. A surveymonkey was sent out to members but members discussed this at the meeting and agreed that we should have one big local party next year and invite all the groups the funding was given out to. 6 voted yes and 1 voted no.

Ma Kellys application for £3,450 for winter warm bags to be given out to the elderly this winter with match funding from Keighley Towns Fund. The winter warm bags will contain fluffy socks, hot water bottle and thermos cups. Ma Kellys will identify who live alone, vulnerable and elderly and hand it to them. The application is to have a proper breakdown and proof of receipts. 6 voted yes, 2 non-vote as conflict of interest so this will be sent via surveymonkey.

Fiona has asked twice previously to see the statements of the big local funds. Fiona to speak to Wendy about this so this can be arranged.

Future training courses members would like to attend. Fiona would like to do a traffic management course. Claire L would like to do a First Aid Course and BSL course. Rana would like to do a BSL course. This was previously arranged by Shaun but due to low numbers, it did not take place.

Christmas meal in December. Monday 9th December. Rana asked for suggestions of where to go for a meal. Majority of the members suggested Toby Carvery. Rana to find out availability and book if possible. A survey monkey will go out to confirm who can/can't go.

Added: Fiona raised concerns that training is not inclusive as a large number of the Partnership work full time and don't get the opportunity to attend training opportunities, the Partnership discussed having Saturday as a preferred/alternative training days to ensure no one is disadvantaged by their work commitments

To discuss in January's meeting;
Library of things
Big Local one BIG celebration.

Next meeting Monday 13th January 2025
Time & venue tbc