



Gaunless Gateway Big Local Monthly Meeting
Date Tuesday 26 April 2022
Time 6:00 pm Location: Woodhouse Close Church
Community Centre



Present

Decision Makers (DMs) Alan Anderson (AA), Ann Williams – Maughan (AWM), Rupert Wansbury (RW), Lynn Rielly (LR), Pauline Hunt (PH), Maxine Hymer (MH), Marion Hodgson (MH), Anne Ramshaw (AR), Lynn Rielly (LR)

In attendance: Susan Graydon (SG), Barbara Slasor (BS) Jeanette Harold (JH), Steve Robson (SR), Jane Crawford (JC), Clare Hodgson (CH), Gaby Bushbye (GB), Grace Jayne (GJ), Jo Grant (JG), Alison Curry (AC), Maxine Jordan (MJ) and Cathy Hunt (CH).

House Keeping / Health and Safety AA gave directive on both

1. **Welcome and Introductions** AA welcomed everyone as acting Vice Chair and acknowledged appreciation to the outgoing Chair Lee Brownson for his service to Gaunless Gateway Big Local (GGBL) on behalf of the partnership and wished him well

Apologies Cllr Joanne Howey

2. **Declaration of Interest** No one in attendance declared a financial/ non-financial interest in any of the agenda items
3. **Community voice Daisy Arts CIC – Jane Crawford** shared a presentation and discussed some of the wonderful projects to date including the 1st summer school GGBL funded through Covid, this brought about a rich discussion in the room. One of the area's covered was the emotive and thought-provoking the **B.U....be who you are** that was funded by BA&SAAP, the accompanying book and postcards were circulated to those present. For further information click here: [Daisy Arts CIC](#)

4. Election of the GGBL decision making officers and roles

Decision makers name's	Area Representative of as individuals	Proposed by	Seconded
Alan Anderson (Chair)	Cockton Hill	AR	LR
Ann Williams – Maughan (Vice Chair)	Cockton Hill	LR	AR
Vacancy	Cockton Hill		
Gaby Bushbye	Henknowle	AR	LR
Grace Jayne	Henknowle	AR	LR
Pauline Hunt	Henknowle	AR	LR
Anne Ramshaw	Woodhouse Close/Tindale	AA	LR
Marion Hodgson	Woodhouse Close/Tindale	AA	LR
Maxine Hymer	Woodhouse Close/Tindale	AR	LR
Rupert Wansbury	St Helen Auckland	AR	LR

Vacancy	St Helen Auckland		
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Lynn Rielly	West Auckland	AA	AR
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Kelly Rutherford and George Smith did not stand for re-election, and the partnership would like to thank them for all support given in their roles. There are current vacancies available to be filled. If you would like to express an interest to the decision makers for consideration, please email susan@gaunlessgateway.co.uk

- 5. Minutes of the previous meeting: Matters arising / action points:** No matters arising, accuracy agreed.

Previous action taken forward:	By whom:	Date to complete:
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Arrange a meeting to review the Memorandum of Understanding	BS	After the AGM
Circulate Declaration of Interest form for a new Decision Maker	BS	Before the AGM
Introduce CH to Alison Curry	BS	Before the next FPMM
Information from Jayne Entwistle about proposed change in JH's role to be cascaded to the dm's	SG	Before the next FPMM
Information on how to access Local Trust's (LT) workplace	SG	Before the next FPMM
Circulate an expression of interest in attending a Children & Young People's group	SG	Before the next FPMM
Circulate an expression of interest in attending a Learning Hub group	SG	Before the next FPMM
Deliver a formal induction to the decision makers about Big Local and Local Trust and their roles.	JH	Ongoing
GGBL email address going forward	AA	Before the next FPMM
Circulate the information on Local Trust 2022	SG	Before the next FPMM
Circulate the Skills Audit template	BS	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)

- 6. Frequency, days and times of future meetings review-** the Chair asked to review individual availability. It was agreed to circulate a 'doodle poll'. It was agreed to maintain 4th Tuesday in each month until this is complete.

- 7. Financial report Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO) Steve Robson** (a GGBL financial breakdown is circulated to the decision makers and is available on request)
- Decision makers agreed to extend the current agreement for the employing agent contract to 2026 and asked AYCC to submit updated payment profiles
 - Decision makers agreed to allocate £2,500 community chest budget to Auckland Youth and Community Centre (AYCC) as a grant which will be subsequently used by GGBL staff to support local needs
 - Decision makers agreed to request the next payment profile from Local Trust (LT) which was circa £81k

- A discussion to look at a treasurer role at future meetings took place and GJ is considering the position.

8. Local Trust Representative (Rep) Jeanette Harold

Jeanette reported changes to the rep role as we move towards the end of the Big Local programme and she would be applying, for a position of Area Advisor which will, along with a Co-ordinator's role, will replace the current rep role. She also reported that Chairs had received an email in respect of changes, which she suggested be shared with the partnership decision makers. She would keep the partnership up to date with developments.

9. Gaunless Gateway Big Local Worker Reports Barbara Slasor and Susan Graydon- Barbara gave a verbal update, no combined worker was submitted over this period.

- Decision makers present agreed the '**Just Ideas**' support offer from Local Trust date for attending an initial meeting as part of the pilot scheme offer will be circulated via email and take place as soon as possible. (Information document was circulated in the meeting)
- Decision makers present agreed the 'Design Council' funded project AA, BS, AC and SG were taking part of on behalf of GGBL in the first instance via zoom as the skills could be shared in the area. **The 'Design Differently' programme** - by to working together – communities, design practitioners and councils – and by being part of the movement of Design, differently you'll be contributing to a new way of thinking about and using design that is more collaborative, inclusive and democratic than ever before.
- Health and Wellbeing, especially mental health was discussed often and the young people in the partnership area were spotlighted. Two groups have been identified to try to offer initial support Children and Young people and a Learning Hub, if you would like to be involved contacted SG.
- **Handcraft Project** met BS to discuss how their CLLD funded activity could support plan delivery, via their Slow Cooker 4- week cooking accessing individual homes and their group woodworking activity.
- **St Helen allotment group** invited BS to attend a committee meeting Sunday morning 24 April to advise on potential funding and capacity building opportunities.

10. Project Updates / Progress report

- **Play Bus** The vehicle is currently off road and hopefully will be up and running soon, updates to follow. Dave McCreedy from AYCC has reduced his hours from full time to part time but this will have no effect on the delivery of our project.
- **Street Games** No updates to report.
- **Youth Initiative** the youth workers from AYCC gave a passionate, positive overview of the delivery of their work from the base at West Auckland Working Men's Club and demonstrated it was quality not quantity and this has been captured, HC Horizons has offered to support in developing evaluation tools, as a legacy for all.
- **Creative Collective** - (Alison Curry submitted this overview) - Partner organisations, Creative organisations, funders & other people including individual independent artists have been contacted and initial conversations held. The project is still with the research & development stage of delivery. There have been a variety of ideas and information points discussed allowing for next steps to be collated and explored. A large number of representatives from these groups met for a 'Race to Regeneration' convening at The Manor House West Auckland, facilitated by Stalemate Ltd information from this will feed into the full report and more details will be circulated to participants shortly (delayed due to illness and family circumstances). Discussions were held with independent artists and organisations following this and have shown great interest in being involved and the group is gaining momentum. Plans are being pulled together to begin sessions with residents to gain feedback on what is needed creative/culture wise from their perspective. The next steps will be

pulling all this information together to see how it moves forward.

- HC Horizons are arranging to meet plan delivery partners as part of their SLA agreement to form project review groups (PRG) and would liaise with BS

11. Any other business:

Cllr Cathy Hunt has suggested that GGBL may add value as a representative for the partnership on the new Bishop Auckland Stronger Towns Strategic Advisory Panel which will have an overview of key developments in B/p Auckland and the surrounding areas, with the aim of ensuring community engagement in the agreed programme. The panel, which will also provide advice and input into issues affecting the town, has been set up following feedback from communities and local stakeholders after a public meeting around the securing of the Stronger Town Funding. The bid was based on agreed projects, securing £33.2 million. DM's agreed that wherever possible someone would go along to future meetings.

12. Date of next meeting Tuesday 24 May 2022 6 pm Tindale Working Men's Club Institute Tindale Crescent, Lounge area, DL14 9SX. Car park or on- street parking available.

Future Full Partnership Meetings in 2022 will be kept to our usual 4th Tuesday of each month.

Dates in the following year: Tuesday 28 June 2022, Tuesday 26 July 2022, Tuesday 23 August 2022, Tuesday 27 September 2022, Tuesday 2 October 2022, Tuesday 22 November 2022 and no December meeting. Venue will be circulated with agenda and minutes.