



## Gaunless Gateway Big Local Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday 22 February 2022

Time: 6:00 pm Location: Henknowle Community Centre



### Present:

**Decision Makers (DMs):** Alan Anderson (AA), Ann Williams – Maughan (AWM), Kelly Rutherford (KR), Rupert Wansbury (RW), Lynn Rielly (LR), Lee Brownson (LB), Cathy Hunt (CH) and Sam Gallilee (SG)

**In attendance:** Susan Graydon (SG) and Barbara Slasor (BS)

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** LB welcomed everyone

**House Keeping / Health and Safety:** LB gave directive on both.

**Apologies:** Anne Ramshaw, Steve Robson, Alison Curry and Jeanette Harold

**Declaration of Interest:** No one in attendance declared a financial/ non-financial interest in any of the agenda items

**Community Voice:** Rescheduled

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

LB & BS had attended an online meeting with the 'Just Ideas' team in relation to a localised support offer from Local Trust, dates for partnership members to attend a series of meetings and be part of this initial pilot scheme offer will be circulated and take place after the AGM.

Previous action taken forward:	By whom:	Date to complete:
Circulate the Skills Audit template	BS	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)
Action:	By whom:	Date to complete:
Circulate the previous AGM slides	BS	Before the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
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
Circulate invitations to delivery partners and grant recipients to the AGM	BS	Before the AGM
Introduce CH to Alison Curry	BS	Before the next FPMM
Spend review to date on Youth Initiative and Street Games and feedback	BS	Before the next FPMM
Circulate version 1 – GGBL Locally Trusted Organisation SDEA Financial Processes and Governance to DMs)	BS	Before the next FPMM
Refresh and print new GGBL leaflet	BS, LB and AA	Before the AGM

Contact Geoff Paul Durham County Council (DCC) about unrestricted funds Future High Street Fund & Stronger Towns Fund and explore other funding opportunities	BS	Before the next FPMM
Email RW information on his new volunteer role	BS	Before the next FPMM

**3. Financial report Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO) Steve Robson** apologies received; no financial breakdown received or circulated. BS updated on behalf of SR

- New allocation of funding has hit the bank - £191K and will be distributed out quickly through prior arrangement.
- Local Trust have requested 3-month reviews for a year and then 16 monthly and annually.
- The budget profile has been rejigged into specific project lines and will show the reduction in allocated funds throughout allocated period, this will be easier to calculate remaining balance.
- Due Diligence check lists have been incorporated in Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with funded organisations to accommodate new ways of working and reviewing progress with delivery partner HC Horizon's, over the 2021 –2025 plan period.
- Organisations awarded funding to support delivery of the new plan will have an opportunity to revisit original deliverables and timescales; in recognition that considerable time had elapsed since project approval and partnership receiving funds via Local Trust.

### **Recommendation / decision/ financial approval**

- I. BS requires a replacement phone to continue to deliver her work in the same effective and efficient manner required, her current refurbished one is no longer fit for purpose. £60 one- off spend to be approved for a replacement mobile and to stay on South Durham Enterprise Agency (SDEA) contract. **AGREED: £60 /SDEA contract approved by decision makers present**
- II. Bridge Creative to receive the first £40 k capital drawdown immediately from the £191 K received. **AGREED: £40k payment approved by decision makers present**
- III. BS circulated version 1 – GGBL Locally Trusted Organisation SDEA Financial Processes and Governance to review and approve **AGREED: to adopt this by decision makers present**

**4. Local Trust Representative (Rep) Jeanette Harold** apologies received; no Local Trust (Rep) information received or circulated. BS updated on behalf of JH

- Memorandum of Understanding was discussed and agreed a meeting to review and refresh the document would include existing/ new officers between the March and April FPMM.
- AGM process and date agreed – Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 6pm – funded recipient's to be invited, partners, partnership and wider partnership.
- Under this item BS discussed the public meeting a number of partnership members had

attended about the secured investment from Future High Street Fund & Stronger Towns Fund. A member of the public had raised awareness about the work of GGBL, Trades4Care and Bridge Creative. Could the partnership secure additional funds if made available, to deliver parts of the town plan?

**5. Barbara Slasor and Susan Graydon:** submitted a combined worker report, this will be circulated across the partnership and is available.

## **6. AYCC update / progress report**

- **Play Bus**

LB updated members that Auckland Youth and Community Centre (AYCC), GGBL and SR met to discuss the current situation in regard to the vehicle; the engine is broken and it is off road. A report prepared by Michelle Booth from the BIC was circulated – Celebration Space Exploration as part of an agreed business planning process looking at alternative income streams.

Cllr CH has some links in the community and is happy to support where appropriate. Discussion took place around the potential to explore second hand engines or long-term renewable energy opportunities, updates to follow.

- **Street Games / Youth Initiative**

Street Games suspended until outdoor activities can resume.

LR concerned there was a low turnout at a YI session she had attended and how are we engaging with schools? BS explained after a month's absence this was typical, however the three that did attend produced some artwork and were able to take part in valuable one-to-one discussion with youth practitioners. BS was in discussion with Copeland Road via the head teacher and would be meeting the head from Oakley Cross to see if there could be more joint work planned. This could potentially include Cardboard Castle project who recently repurposed an underspend to work in west Auckland with children, young people and families.

## **7. Any other business:**

- LR has stepped down as an elected West Auckland Parish Councilor after 18 years of serving the community, GGBL would like to thank her for her service to the community and the impact it has created.
- Cllr CH spoke about her role in supporting "Looked after Children" and a recent art project in another area, this has potential to be replicated in the Gaunless Gateway Big Local area through the Creative Collective, updates to follow.
- BS attended a meeting on behalf of Henknowle Community Association linked to a successful funding award and it was very productive. As a result of networking with other grant award recipients RW has volunteered to become GGBL rep and link in with one strand of the project 'ADoddle.Co.UK and feedback.
- Cllr CH updated on investment developments for Henknowle Estate to deal with immediate health and safety concerns, particularly in Dorset Place, that are being implemented by DCC and Believe Housing in collaboration. Phase 1 from agreed DCC/Believe investment monies and Phase 2 for further resident aspirations looking at potential to receive a matched funding element from the AAP's Towns and Villages Revitalisation Fund. BS is acting as an 'honest broker' and has agreed to facilitate a meeting between all parties and the residents before work starts.

**8. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 22 March 2022 6 pm Henknowle Community Centre AGM

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

Dates in the following year: Tuesday 19, April 2022, Tuesday 24, May 2022, Tuesday 28, June 2022, Tuesday 26, July 2022, Tuesday 23 August 2022, Tuesday 27, September 2022, Tuesday 25, October 2022, Tuesday 22 November 2022 and no December meeting.