



Gaunless Gateway Big Local Monthly Meeting

Date Tuesday 26 July 2022 Time 6:00 pm

Location Tindale Crescent Working Men's Club, Tindale Crescent

Present

Decision Makers (DMs) Alan Anderson (AA), Ann Williams – Maughan (AWM), Rupert Wansbury (RW), Lynn Rielly (LR), and Pauline Hunt (PH).

In attendance Susan Graydon (SG), Barbara Slasor (BS), Jeanette Harold (JH), Jo Grant (JG), Cllr Cathy Hunt (CH), Liz Fisher (LF), Alison Curry (AC), and Teresa Lee (TL).

1. Welcome and Introductions Alan Anderson welcomed everyone.

Apologies Steve Robson, Maxine Hymer, Grace Jayne, Anne Ramshaw, Sam Galilee, Gaby Bushby, and Marion Hodgson.

House Keeping / Health and Safety AA gave directives on both.

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

3. Community Voice None in attendance

4. Minutes of the previous meeting / Matters arising / action points: No matters arising, accuracy, and a true record agreed.

Action:	By whom:	Date to complete:
Arrange a date for the remaining decision makers to attend an induction/ refresher workshop with JH Big Local Rep	SG	Before the next FPMM
Enquire if Bridge Creative is available for room hire for a FPMM meeting	SG	Before the next FPMM
Support with the formation of a resident's group in Henknowle (ongoing)	BS	Before the next FPMM

5. Financial report Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO) Steve Robson (not in attendance) no finance summary circulated to the decision-makers before the meeting or bank statement.

The payment profiles were submitted to Local Trust, project payments will be met, and there were no significant changes to report to the partnership.

6. Local Trust Representative (Rep) Jeanette Harold

- **Local Trust** no update to cascade
- **North East and Cumbria Big Local Learning Cluster** - theme Young People and Partnerships was a huge success and very well attended by the partnership, old school format workshops, and engagement from service providers with a winning format.
- **Compliment** received for Rupert Wansbury on his personal and professional development from across the national and regional networks while representing Gaunless Gateway Big Local (GGBL).

- **Refresher/induction workshop** to their role has taken place with the majority of the DM's and the remaining will have an opportunity to attend another, this gave a broad overview of the expectation of them to Big Local program, while JH supported those present to access the resources Local Trust has available.

Barbara Slasor (Community Development Lead) and Susan Graydon (Partnership Support and Volunteer Broker)

BS

- **Street Games** another program has been initiated – Activator and Challenging Behaviour which can be delivered in September, this has committed interest and can be rolled out across the networks.

SG

- **Bridge Creatives** a young man who has been introduced via the Volunteer Brokerage Scheme and is starting the 10 weeks placement with the team, supportive placements are essential to allow everyone to explore their full potential.
- **The Baptist Church** has had extra volunteer holiday cover including from a Catering and Hospitality college student, this has led to their confidence boosting which has resulted in them securing a part-time job.
- **Newcastle University research** Dr. Vic McGowan facilitated a workshop exploring the North/South Health Divide – people in the north don't live as long as people in the south. Through the Brokerage scheme volunteers were part of a pilot workshop, checking whether a focus group would work, but also helping develop the questions for the proper interviews at a later point to find the right variables for the stats work.

BS & SG

'Left Behind Neighbourhoods' awareness raising on behalf of the partnership

As we are members of the Policy and Advocacy panel facilitated by our funder Local Trust, we were asked to work alongside a BBC TV journalist to highlight research for the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for 'left-behind areas', into the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. Gaunless Gateway Big Local fit the brief as our funded area includes Woodhouse Close ward, alongside neighboring wards of Coundon, Shildon, and Dene Valley, four out of 225 neighborhoods in England classed as 'left behind'; These wards have high levels of deprivation and have poor connectivity and often poor infrastructure. The APPG is conducting a series of inquiries as part of the 'leveling up' agenda.

['Left behind' neighbourhoods in Bishop Auckland, County Durham](#)

SG gave a view of Coundon resident's view with cuts to bus services and infrastructure, a piece focused on Dene Valley and the vital need for future funding streams in community centres and training, while a local resident highlighted the Big Local bursary scheme support enabling him an opportunity, he would not have had access to. Local Trust CEO Matt Leach raised awareness of resident led decision making, at local level, spending their own budget. Below is a link to watch the video:

[Susan Graydon Left Behind Neighbourhoods BBC News](#)

BS was invited to a live round table discussion to talk about the national impact of 'Left Behind Neighborhood's' and the cost of living crisis. Below is a link to click to listen to the discussion:

[Barbara Slasor - BBC Sounds You and Yours - Left Behind Neighbourhoods](#)

The link below gives a broader national context:

[Residents in 'left behind' neighbourhoods uniquely vulnerable to rising cost of living](#)

8. Project updates BS as project lead / attending delivery partners)

- **Bursary (AC)** raised awareness of the training she has undertaken as a bursary recipient; this has enabled her to engage in numerous opportunities that wouldn't have been possible which in turn have benefitted both herself and the partnership.
- **Bridge Creatives (BS)** 7 young people from Bridge Creative have been working on their new building, and have designed feature walls that have brought the project into reality. The work is almost complete and the living outside wall is due for completion on 30th July, final fixes for internal work soon after. The neighbors are contacting Ben Tinkler directly now, this shows the centre has been accepted as a positive asset to the community and is establishing roots.
- **Changing Relations** no update submitted.
- **Creative Collective (AC)** [Durham 2025 City Of Culture](#) - £125k runner up fund available across the whole of Durham and the GGBL local "Creative Collective" is exploring if there is scope to apply for a portion of this to be spent on arts and creative projects.
 - **"Creative Collective"** AC conducted an interactive exercise to explain the theory of the research project working initially with organizations and with a scope to involving more local residents moving forward; she handed out printed postcards as part of the collaborative- working with different agencies, using different formats of delivery including workshops and social media to capture the audience's response to questions posed.
- **Daisy Arts** no update submitted since previous presentation
- **First** no update submitted
- **H C Horizons (BS & LF) The Auckland Project** following on from the previous meeting H.C. Horizons is providing support and facilitation on behalf of the partnership, BS, AC, and CH have met Liz to agree next steps. Clare is supporting the full process on the partnership's behalf and The Auckland Project will provide further updates from Garfield Weston as soon as appropriate.
- **Trades4Care (BS)** the team has been working at Bridge Creative's new building at Dorset Place, Winston Village Hall, and Stainton Village Hall. They have recently undertaken a 6 young people program, who have been placed with Catch22 in Bishop Auckland. The apprentices Alex and Cameron continue to grow their skill set and build their capacity. They plan to create another cohort of around 20 young people sustain with the full wrap round service over the next 12 months however they need us. This is likely to be made up of young people from Bridge Creative, Catch 22, Bishop Auckland College, and a few places for individuals.
- **Play bus (AA)** the engine is currently being rebuilt, and the rebuild is underway.
- **Youth Initiative (BS & AC)** event offered to local schools (Oakley Cross, Copeland Road and St Helen's) inviting the children to attend the end-of-year leaving celebration at West Auckland WM Club funded by GGBL supported by WA Parish Council. And AYCC 43 children from Copeland Road, Oakley Cross with some West Auckland children attending Staindrop Academy, attended. AYCC youth workers and partnership volunteers committed to enable a fun-filled evening, the feedback was fantastic and a huge success.

7. Any other business

- **Bishop Auckland Green Fair** Saturday 10 September 10 – 4, taking place at the Methodist Church 21, Cockton Hill Road Bishop Auckland DL14 6EN spread the word, all are invited to attend.

8. Date of next meeting Tuesday 23 August 2022 Monteith Parish Room, West Auckland DL14 9UB.

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

Dates in the following year: Tuesday 27, September 2022, Tuesday 25, October 2022, Tuesday 22 November 2022, and no December meeting.

Our Gaunless Gateway Big Local links are below:

[Gaunless Gateway Big Local Plan 2021 - 2026](#)

[Gaunless Gateway Big Local Website](#)

[Gaunless Gateway Big Local Facebook Page](#)

[Gaunless Gateway Volunteering](#)