



**Gaunless Gateway Big Local Monthly Meeting**  
**Date: Tuesday 24 May 2022 Time: 6:00 pm**  
**Location: Tindale Crescent Working Men's Club**



**Present:**

**Decision Makers (DMs):** Alan Anderson (AA), Ann Williams – Maughan (AWM), Rupert Wansbury (RW), Lynn Rielly (LR), Pauline Hunt (PH), Grace Jayne (GJ), Marion Hodgson (MH) and Anne Ramshaw (AR).

**In attendance:** Susan Graydon (SG), Barbara Slasor (BS), Cathy Hunt (CH), Sam Gallilee (SG), Steve Robson (SR), Alison Curry (AC), Bob Webster (BW), Jo Grant (JG), Jeanette Harold (JH), Liz Fisher (LF) and Charlotte Windebank (CW).

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

**Apologies:** Maxine Hymer, Gaby Bushbye, Ian Machin, Judith Machin, Claire Gibbon, Clare Hodgson and Maxine Jordan.

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

**2. Declaration of Interest:** GJ declared a financial interest in Bursary agenda item.

**3. Community Voice: Bishop Auckland Bowling Club** Bob Webster explained that the club had not yet become independent from DCC as planned, therefore funds for the cutting machine remain unspent until this happens. Volunteers from the Brokerage Scheme are ready for the new season to support activities. Cllr Cathy Hunt has offered to support the club with signposting into the correct officer to progress plans and into local potential funding sources available.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting: Matters arising / action points:** accuracy agreed.

**Matters arising:** Decision makers and partners had attended the workshop facilitated by 'Just Ideas' on Saturday 21 May with special thanks to AYCC for providing the meeting space. The full write-up and action plan would be circulated to all.

Action:	By whom:	Date to complete:
Information to be shared: Skills Audit, Local Trust (LT) Workplace, the new website pages, events calendar, and a 'Make it Happen' mailing for Big Local areas. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Gaunless Gateway Big Local (GGBL) will also be covered.	JH	This will form part of the introduction/ refresher workshop for decision makers (dm's) at a meeting, before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)
Circulate dm's contact details to JH, for LT to update their records for who is in office for GGBL partnership.	SG	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)
The Auckland Project (TAP) Garfield Weston Woodhouse Close Project – Strategic partnership arrangements- DM's tasked HC Horizons to support with official response and framework moving forward.	BS	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)

LTO to inform LT of potential strategic partnership with The Auckland Project (TAP) based on the Garfield Weston – Woodhouse Close Project	SR	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)
Invite Little Chefs, Big Chefs CIC for the Community Spot for an update	SG	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)
Provide a breakdown of financial costings for the bursary.	BS	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)
Contact TAP to arrange support with recording equipment for a Creative Collective project.	AC	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)
Inform employing agent AYCC of equipment decisions re office relocation	BS	Before the next Full Partnership Monthly Meeting (FPMM)

5. **Financial report Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO) Steve Robson** updated; an online and hard copy of a financial breakdown was circulated to the dm's before the FPMM and is available on request.

- **No significant change**, healthy balance sheet.
- **HC Horizons** to set up the Project Review Groups (PRG) as part of all funded project delivery within the legacy plan.
- **Local Trust** to be informed of the proposed strategic partnership between GGBL & TAP as part of due diligence.
- **LT new LTO contact** – Ruth Parsons.

6. **Local Trust Representative (Rep) Jeanette Harold** updated.

- **The Biennial Partnership Members Survey** which will be launched on Monday, 6 June and remain open until Monday 5 September, will be the last time LT will be able to get responses from partnership members in all 150 Big Local areas to capture impact on the community.
- **Just Ideas** – Local Trust support offer has taken place
- **Regional Learning Cluster 16 July 2022** location to be confirmed, the theme is "Opportunities for the Youth" further details to followed.
- **Henknowle Community Centre (Cumbria Place)** - BS & SG's will relocate into an office base at AYCC. The current rent at Henknowle has been paid in advance up until the last week in September 2022.; staff will work between both until then. The office equipment as discussed including photocopier (all paid for via GGBL funds) will be relocated into the new office at AYCC for full partnership use. Vertical blinds and wipe boards purchased for the Centre with GGBL funds will remain in situ, to support Henknowle Community Centre. BS to inform AYCC employing agent of decisions. **Agreed: approved by decision makers.**
- **Henknowle Trustees** have instructed the Community Development Lead to support them to return £5k previously awarded as part of the Ikea and NCLF (Lottery) funding for 'places called home. DM's have asked BS to explore if this can be repurposed towards our Learning hub initiative (£10k fund) **Agreed: approved by decision makers.**

7. **Combined worker report**

**Barbara Slasor and Susan Graydon:** submitted a combined worker report

circulated in advance and available upon request.

- **Bishop Auckland Stronger Towns Strategic Advisory Panel** GGBL has been invited to sit on this new advisory group. BS attended on behalf of the partnership to share information about our resident led 10 year £1million programme and how we can keep our communities of 7,500 households across 5 areas up to date on current and future investment plans for Bishop Auckland. The group has been asked to advise on corporate branding for all regeneration of the town moving forward. The stronger towns board has allocated £8.2 million to 6 new initiatives which will go out for full public consultation.

**Recommendation:** that a standing items for updates is added to GGBL monthly agenda.

**Agreed:** approved by decision makers.

- **The Auckland Project – Garfield Weston– Woodhouse Close Project**

BS and AC had met with Liz and Frances (fundraiser) for an initial fact- finding meeting and reported back to both the Chair and Vice Chair. LF agreed to attend the meeting to add context for further discussion with the full partnership. A written document was circulated in addition to a road map infographic to help explain why there was a potential need for a future strategic partnership between TAP and GGBL. BS gave a verbal overview and LF was available for questions and answers. Garfield Weston has funded TAP a 4-year program 2020-2024. £200k was awarded for delivery between 2022-2022 with the proviso that the project brings in circa £100k match funding in year 3; to secure the fourth year £100k funding. TAP proposes forming a strategic partnership with GGBL to ensure there is no duplication of projects or activities and we work together with complete transparency, trust and in partnership, which fits into the delivery of GGBL's legacy plan.

It has been agreed in principle, that up to £72k can be offered in match, which excludes committed external project funding. TAP inform us that the remaining £45k plus the year four £100k draw down would be managed via SDEA our LTO who holds the partnership bank account, as their preferred option.

- **SR(LTO)** advised that there would need to be an agreed and fit for purpose SLA in place
- **DM's** requested that **HC Horizons** supported them to respond to TAP formally. GGBL would need to have an agreement in place clarity defining partnership liability, risk, data, outputs and outcomes etc. The partnership would like to see the formation of a strategic forum to take this work forward in alignment with legacy plan delivery.

**Questions to raise to Garfield Weston Via LF**

- a) Does the match have to be monetary or can it include 'in kind' staff time or existing resources?
- b) Could the funding be used across surrounding GGBL areas including Woodhouse Close
- c) How does Woodhouse Close Estate compare with other areas in terms of social determinants of Health etc

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

- **Bursary (GGBL)** – BS has supported and signposted a 16-year Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) young resident from Henknowle Estate into completing a CV. He has identified that a bursary award to undertake additional math sessions would be beneficial to him progressing into a career path. He is attending an open evening of the 2505 (Bishop Auckland) Squadron which is part of the RAF Air Cadets. He is aware that we have previously funded the squadron with a flight simulator. **Agreed: approved by decision makers in principle, BS to provide a breakdown of financial costings required for the tutor of choice.**
- **Bridge Creative** expected date of completion to bring the building back into use is the end of June, trying to secure additional land outside of Centre from DCC/Believe.
- **Changing Relations** Lisa Davies is working on collaborative work funded by GGBL with AYCC –
- **Creative Collective** conducted the second gathering of organizations at Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre

- **Daisy Arts** No updates
- **First** has delivered a GGBL program at AYCC with 6 participants achieving level1 award in social entrepreneurship CIC.
- **Trades4Care** is looking at building capacity further through engaging with Bridge Creative creating a work programme for adults with learning disabilities, autism and additional needs. They have also met representatives from Catch 22 and young people accessing their services; this will give a broader reach for building skills across the partnership and wider partnership.
- **Playbus** the engine has been sourced and will be in situ shortly, this will enable the vehicle to be back in business asap.

#### 9. Any other business:

- **Girls Friendly Society (GFS) “Q”n”A”** 31 May 6:00 pm online via Zoom to discuss the group starting in July in at Henknowle Community Centre, this have been funded by the BAASH and has been successfully rolled out in AYCC by the amazing youth workers and volunteers there. SG is taking the lead on behalf of GGBL; sourcing volunteers and inking into the GFS paid coordinator role.
- **Connects 23 – 24 Sept 2022** East Midlands Conference, Nottingham. Expressions of interest are welcomed, email SG who will add you to the expression of interest list with preference given to residents who haven't been before. Click here for information: [Connects 2022](#)
- **Support of film maker** – AC and SG leading on the ‘Design Differently’ session as part of a virtual fieldtrip and wish to submit a 2-minute video. To showcase GGBL work. Is this something that Laura who is working with TAP on the Creativity @woodhouse project could support with? LF to link AC and filmmaker to progress.

#### 10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28 June 2022

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

Dates in the following year: 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