

## Windmill Hill - Big Local

### Partnership Meeting

20th March 2018 at 10.00-12.00

Windmill Hill Children's Centre:



<b>Board Attendance:</b>	<b>Board Apologies:</b>
Irene Bramwell (Resident, Well North & Big Local Community worker)	Mike Shepherd (Resident / Chair)
Phil Saunders (Resident, Vice Chair)	Stephen Torr (Resident & Vicar, St Berteline's & St Christopher's)
Billy Bramwell (Resident)	Lisa McCulloch (Sunshine's Nursery and Resident)
Nicola Goodwin (HBC)	Cllr Pauline Hignett (Ward Councillor)
Margaret Hicks (Snappers and resident)	Jackie Fernandes (Resident)
Jane Smith (LHT)	Frank Hargrave (Norton Priory)
Lynn Mooney (resident)	
Claire Hunter (Children's Centre)	
Nicola Banlin (resident)	
Tanya Lowe (CHI and resident)	
Jim Rotherham (resident)	
John Tynan (resident)	
Lou Banlin (resident and Chair of Norton Hill Resident Association)	
Donna Banlin (resident)	
Claire Hunter Children's Centre Manager	
Jon Thain - arrived late (Resident)	

<b>In attendance:</b>
Anne Sherriff (Local Trust Facilitator)
Chris Featherstone (HBC)
Sharon Thornton (CHI)
Philip Thornton (CHI)
Paula Newman (Head – Windmill Hill Primary School)
Alison Bowen (Adult Learning team, HBC)
Dan Ellis (Big Local Partnership support worker / Groundwork CLM)

<p><b>Welcome and Introductions:</b></p> <p><b>WH Primary School – Reading / Writing update: Paula Newman</b></p> <p>WHPS received Big Local funding to help support literacy and language development in School, as language skills and vocabulary at age three is a reliable indicator of GCSE results and future income!</p> <p>School has focussed money on improving communication skills and storytelling. Well known children's author Jude Lennon came into school to deliver storytelling workshops to children and parents. Jude is due back again</p>	
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on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with an artist, a photographer and a musician to help inspire children and encourage them to story tell and write.

Money also paid for the Year 2 (6 & 7 yrs) children to visit the Story Barn in Liverpool - <http://thestorybarn.org.uk/> with 10 places for parents (all taken up). Workers from the Story Barn also delivered workshops in school for both children and parents. The idea was to provide practical ideas for parents to help develop language skills for children at home.

Paula was delighted that many of the parents that attended with their children were not those that typically engaged with the School – “a great day”. Paula would love to continue the initiative if Big Local were prepared to fund it – as School funding isn’t there to enable creative opportunities like this. By continuing the programme, she believes it will engage more and more parents in supporting their children’s development at home which is essential to enable children to thrive.

### **Bulky Waste Collections Pilot / side waste- update**

After the lengthy discussions at the previous meeting about litter, fly tipping and waste collections it was felt action was needed to try and tackle at least part of the problem – removal of bulky items. After discussions with CF at HBC and his colleagues, CHI and MS (Chair) the suggestion is to pilot a Big Local funded (free to Windmill Hill residents) bulky waste collection service through HBC.

Suggested process;

- Big Local pay CHI upfront the equivalent of 50 bulky waste collections  
50x£22.50 = £1125
- CHI ring-fence this money – specifically for bulky waste collections.
- Big Local and CHI advertise free collections for Windmill Hill Residents in the newsletter/fb etc IF they book through CHI.
- CHI meet residents and pay HBC on line and resident arranges collection with HBC. (CHI obviously check the address to be W. Hill)
- CHI collate who uses the service, why they use it (no car / too expensive etc) and reports back to Big Local.
- Big Local gets some valuable info on how many times the service is used (will 50 free collection be used within 1 month or 6 months?) and why.
- A chance to see if there is any noticeable reduction of bulky items in the woodland.
- CHI take a 10% admin fee on top (a contribution towards their time, internet costs, etc) which is only £112.50

By doing it this way CHI have the hassle but it raises their profile in the community and Big Local doesn’t need any bespoke deal with HBC as CHI follow the existing online process for requesting a collection.

CHI have developed a sheet for residents to sign – acknowledging and agreeing to HBC terms and conditions for using the service.



bulky items  
agreement.docx

Can’t promote just yet until money has been transferred to CHI. CHI will produce a leaflet to promote the service.

CHI

CHI will keep Partnership updated at meetings as to how the pilot is going. Partnership agree to pilot the service.

CHI

There may be other solutions (e.g. volunteer van driver, with permit to collect items) which may be worth exploring once the first 50 collections are completed. Wait for CHI to feedback on the pilot and review process and costs.

### **Side Waste – feedback: Chris Featherstone**

CF has spoken to HBC Waste Management Team and HBC has to make continual reductions in the amount of non-recyclable waste it collects – and by taking additional side waste it undermines these targets which results in financial penalties.

HBC pushing for greater recycling from residents as on average ½ of a black bin is of recyclable waste.

HBC is due to produce a Borough Wide leaflet to promote recycling and CF feels a Windmill Hill specific leaflet would also be useful that covers fly tipping, bulky waste collection, littering etc.

PT identified a regular grot-spot for litter behind the pub – email a photo of it and sent to CF. CF can check landowner and see if it is HBC or LHT.

CF/DE

PT

### **Windmill Hill Community Awards: Jane Smith**



Jane used to run this Award Scheme and wonders if Big Local would like to run it in Windmill Hill. A chance to celebrate the unsung heroes on the estate?

Can be difficult to get the nominations so it does need promoting. There are some great residents who don't ask for thanks but deserve recognition for their volunteering activity.

Partnership support the idea, could it be combined with the Big Week?

Other categories suggested:

- Best Garden
- Best Carer

Volunteers from Partnership needed to help run the programme. CH / PT / NB are willing to support it. JS to coordinate.

NG suggested the Area Forum may be willing to fund the cost of any trophies, vouchers, hire of reception hall etc.

Jim Rotherham a previous winner of a Runcorn Wide Community Award. The event at the Town Hall was something he'll "never forget".

### **Community Development / Well North Review: Irene Bramwell**

A reflection on Irene's 15-month secondment from Health Watch to working on Windmill Hill for Big Local and Well North. Secondment finishes on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 as Irene returns to Health Watch. Irene keen to continue with Big Local as it is so important.

CH/PT  
JS/NB

Her experience has been a bit of a roller coaster as after just started and the GP Practice closed. Irene thought she knew her community but seeing the reality of the deprivation statistics was shocking and had a profound impact. Seen the lived experience of those health statistics – but has made Irene more determined than ever to try and make a positive change for her community.

IB has seen the Syrian families welcomed onto the estate which has been brilliant.

The Big Week especially the bush craft sessions were one of Irene's highlights, as well as the photography exhibition in the Open Eye Studios and the Brindley, which has led to the Snappers group. Has met some amazing people, with great skills and feels the community spirit is growing slowly. Irene appreciates the opportunity she has had support and the she has had. will still be involved.

### Health Stats



Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) for women on Birchfield is 73.1 years but for women on Windmill Hill HLE is just 49.8 years - a difference of nearly 25 years! It's wrong – needs to be tackled for the next generation.

### Health and Well-being Hub: Nicola Goodwin

Feasibility study arrived at three design options. First consultation led by the Architect and CF was with residents closest to Children's Centre, followed by a wider drop in session for the whole estate. Architects also provided an email contact for feedback. The design options also due to go out in the next Windmill Hill newsletter to encourage feedback.

<p>Once all the feedback is gathered in, will be an appraisal workshop to assess all the responses and see what that means for the options and the next steps in the process.</p> <p>The Steering Group then need to look at where the project is as a whole, are they viable options, is more work needed to develop the options or to consider alternative proposals which may arise from consultation feedback</p> <p>LB concerned (and members of the Norton Hill Residents Association) that the infrastructure around the Children's' Centre just isn't suitable for buses and the wagons needed to supply a Community Shop. Also concerned that no one on Norton Hill seemed to know about the project – until he was knocking on doors talking to people. LB acknowledged Norton Hill residents may have had letters but many hadn't associate the impact on them for a Windmill Hill Hub as they feel separate from Windmill Hill.</p> <p>NG acknowledged it is difficult to engage people and will continue to try and push information out into the community, e.g. in the newsletter. Resident concerns will be considered as part of the next stage. Nothing is set in stone.</p> <p>TL asked why the playground has gone from the scheme. NG advised that a play facility was never part of the original requirement and has already faced a lot of opposition so the document presented had this taken out.</p>	
<p><b>CHI Update: Phil Thornton</b></p>	
<p>CHI been at Priory View House since January managing it on behalf of Onward Housing. Been trying to get new activities going, sewing, upcycling, photography and a drop in for young people. Looking to use the existing kitchen to run community lunches for senior citizens, young families etc. HBC has assessed the facilities for suitability – should be approved by next week.</p>	
<p>Residents have donated musical equipment, a table football, books, videos and CD's. Planning a curry and gaming night for teenagers, starting next month. Continuing the Social History project - 40 years of Windmill Hill! Phil wants to interview anybody on the estate. Photos and memorabilia welcome! Looking into a residential for the young volunteers – going well with them.</p>	
<p>CHI looking to do more for younger children too – NB says little for her age children to do. TL looking to do arts and crafts sessions. CHI will try and facilitate as much as possible.</p>	CHI
<p>Growing project – JS has just got approval for two of their environment wardens to help build the raised beds for two days (to be finalised). Starting small scale as a pilot to ensure people are committed enough to maintain them. Hope it leads to a bigger project. Incredible Edibles is a great project to inspire.</p>	JS
<p>LB – Vauxhalls used to do volunteer days – to help community build projects. LB will forward their application process.</p>	LB
<p>Priory view is quite well used e.g. Jan 356 visits Feb 345 visits but CHI hope to increase these numbers significantly. Any new groups, model making, yoga etc talk to Phil.</p>	
<p>SLA signed off with CHI. Includes engaging young people in a youth sub group that can inform Big Local.</p>	

### Small grant applications: Lynn Mooney

Lynn, a resident wants the grant to provide 10 free yoga sessions for residents, providing the mats, blankets etc. Will focus more on breathing and relaxation and not about pushing bodies into extreme poses! Likely to be held at Priory View – can include chair exercises for older residents. Needs to be a charge for non - Windmill Hill residents.



Lynn Mooney  
Application.pdf

AB (from HBC Adult Learning) has Government Funding to provide training in the community and it doesn't have to lead to a qualification. May be an opportunity to help fund the activity.

LM

LM left the room. Partnership voted to approve the grant. DE to sort out grant agreement.

DE

JR – been on the estate since 1982 and disappointed that even with Big Local there aren't more residents attending the meetings and being involved.

JR thinks 600 residents should be involved but no one is interested. Priory View is just two bungalows knocked together but Windmill Hill has lost the recreation centre and left with nothing. Nothing new on the estate for 35 years, where other estate have had investment. e.g Castlefields and Murdishaw

Priory View has a disabled toilet and the door opens the wrong way and it hasn't been fixed for years despite asking.

CHI

### Adult Learning HBC: Alison Bowen

HBC have Government Funding – some of which is kept to be flexible to responds to demand from the community. Have a little bit left in the pot for this year. Can provide training for anyone 19+ and doesn't need to lead to a qualification. Very flexible on how it can be used, depends on community demand. Can fund courses that helps get people into jobs, e.g. CSCS cards.

TL asked if about 1<sup>st</sup> Aid courses could be funded – yes! Children's Centre can do paediatric 1<sup>st</sup> Aid free for parents too. Training courses need a minimum of 6 people on the course to make it financially viable.

'Households in Work' – a brand new project, two 'advocates' work with 57 families in Halton that have multiple barriers to work. Is a two year pilot to see what support works best. Families can self-refer or Job Centre can refer. Nothing is mandated.

Big Local and Onward also have funds available for training needs, if not eligible for HBC adult learning, e.g. Food Hygiene course can be delivered by HBC if 19+, but Big Local could fund younger volunteers.

### AOB:

#### Futsal Programme:

Weekly afterschool club is going well. Having 12 -14 kids so Colin is delighted. Hoping this increases attendance at the Easter Sessions. Posters to be delivered to the School.

**Collyhurst Big Local Visit:**

CF/DE/IB/MS met Collyhurst at the CC and walked down to PV to meet CHI and then took them to Norton Priory. They thought Windmill Hill was amazing.

**BMX Update:**

DE met with Marianne, Landscape Architect at HBC. Shared the results of the consultation showing there was the desire for a track on Phoenix Park. Marianne to cost up next stage for the detailed design and costing and tender process. She is happy to meet with interested young people to do an interactive design session. Steph Davies at HBC is looking into the differing Landfill Tax funders to see which is most appropriate to apply to. Big local would provide the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party match.

**CHI:**

Planning to do an Easter Egg Hunt / paint an egg session in the School holidays at Priory View.

**Spring newsletter review: Jon Thain**

Newsletter is ready to go – just need the final pages sent to him. In a future Newsletter to showcase some of what Big Local has done.

**DONM:**

Tuesday 17th April 10-12 @WHCC

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