

## Windmill Hill - Big Local

### Partnership Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Children's Centre



Attendance:	Apologies:
Mike Shepherd (Resident and Chair)	Frank Hargrave (Norton Priory)
Mike Burrows (Resident and Vice Chair)	Jim Rotheram (Resident)
Cllr Pauline Hignett (Vice Chair)	Niall McDonnell (LHT)
Phil Saunders (Resident)	Kathryn Muscroft (LHT)
Iain Hunter (Resident)	Tim Slack (Big Local Representative)
Dan Ellis (Big Local / Groundwork)	<i>Louise Rowlands (Resident)</i>
Susan Humphreys (Norton Priory)	<i>Leanne Rodaway (Resident)</i>
Nicola Goodwin (HBC)	<i>Dave Walker (Resident)</i>
Jane Smith (LHT)	<i>Billy Elliot (Resident and COY)</i>
Claire Hunter (Children's Centre)	<i>Josh Gilligan (Resident)</i>
Tracey Done (Halton Credit Union)	
Louise Russell (Halton Credit Union)	

1	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b></p> <p>10/06/2014 Approved MB, seconded PH</p> <p> minutes of BL meeting 14-06-10.pdf</p>	
2	<p><b>Tracey Done, Louise Russell: Halton Credit Union Presentation.</b></p> <p> Credit Union.pptx</p> <p>Partnership found the presentation really interesting; it was shocking the amount of interest being charged by some lenders (pay day loans etc). Partnership keen to work with the Credit Union on offering support for those in debt and needing support. Helping people out of debt reduces their stress and improves their mental health, well-being and quality of life.</p> <p>The Credit Union to investigate how we move people across from doorstep lenders to the Credit Union. Big Local to look at underwriting instant loans to those most at risk from pay-day lenders and incorporate this into the Big Local Plan. Credit Union would ring fence Big Local funds to just the Windmill Hill ward. Partnership need to agree the loan criteria with the CU. CU to work something up and advise on likely numbers so Big Local can fund / underwrite a pilot scheme.</p>	DE/CU

<p>3</p>	<p><b>Festival Progress. The BIG WEEK</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FINAL Windmill Hill Poster 160714.jpg</p> </div> <p>Shared a draft poster. Partnership like the BIG WEEK poster. Poster (one for each child) to be delivered to schools (via Pauline) before they break up on Friday 18th! 4 banners with same BIG WEEK design being printed. One banner with date, three with 'coming soon' so they can be re-used. To be hung by the Co-op, Children's Centre, School and the Big roundabout on Southwood Avenue.</p> <p>Loads going on at the Children's Centre, Norton Priory and Priory View. Colin Powell is doing football and sports, and Teddy Bears picnic at the Church.</p> <p>Big WEEK can raise the profile of the Big Local and encourage involvement. Also presents the opportunity to promote the Community Chest and share a simple Plan for comment and feedback. DE to develop a simple questionnaire to make it easy for people to leave feedback. Phil Thornton is doing a film evaluation of the Big WEEK also.</p> <p>Programme to be firmed up and delivered to all houses the week before (preferably Wednesday). Photo, film permissions need to be sorted.</p>	<p>DE</p> <p>JS/PH</p> <p>DE</p> <p>DE</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Big Local Plan:</b></p> <p>Draft Big Local Plan shared with estimated costs for years 1 and 2. Plan document to include text that helps set the local context, e.g, opportunities provided by the Mersey Gateway.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Effective infrastructure for Windmill Hill:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Create a multi-functional community building.</li> <li>● Providing effective, flexible transport.</li> <li>● Reducing digital exclusion.</li> <li>● Food growing, café, improved diet.</li> <li>● Improved wheels facility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>A vibrant hub of community activity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Doing more to communicate, connect people and celebrate success. Newsletter.</li> <li>● Encourage, develop and create community events.</li> <li>● Clean, green and welcoming neighbourhood.</li> <li>● Encourage new and existing youth and community groups and services to help them thrive.</li> <li>● Community Chest</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Economically active community:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reduction of poverty and debt.</li> <li>● Personal development. Volunteering.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>DE</p>

- Training, pre-employment, job readiness.
- Social Investment, micro-enterprise, business start-ups
- Income Generation.
- Look to match with European Funds.

MS – A good piece of work but partnership can't deliver all of this at once. Need to focus on a few priorities for years 1&2.

Costs indicated are a best estimate, some will be firmed up but many will stay as estimates. Big Local expect costs to change as projects evolve and progress – they just need to be kept up to date. No rush to spend the money – just need to spend it right.

Look at securing external funds when possible, WREN, European Funds, Gift in Kind etc. Be useful to know the value of Partner time / contributions to Big Local – e.g. Children's Centre contribution to the Big Week.

Health and Well-being not explicit as a main theme in the draft plan, but many elements of the plan e.g. reducing debt, food growing, community activity, better transport links, access to employment, reducing isolation etc do support the over-arching objectives of improving Health & Wellbeing.

Regarding the Multi-functional building – Nathan Renison from HBC has produced a proposal about how he is going to approach the feasibility. This is a first stage to help focus future activity on the most promising options. Nathan has quoted £1000 for this piece of work – a subsidised rate to support the Big Local Plan.



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Transport – another big issue. Need to try and fill the transport gaps, perhaps with a mini-bus run through a Social Enterprise? Ian Boyd at HBC could help advise.

Discussion about utilising Taxi drivers better – may only be driving for 2 hours out of an 8 hour day. Opportunity to provide community transport at other times through an SLA? No need to buy a mini-bus, taxi's provides local pick up – and provides work to local residents. May be like a school run contract? Avoids mini-bus maintenance issues – complicated but needs to be researched. Possibly Social Enterprise opportunity?

DE

Plan will have a brief introduction, summary of the profile and what has been done so far.

5 **Community Chest – Jim's Benches**

The style of bench is confirmed, know roughly where they need to go and LHT have agreed to install. Exact locations to be agreed with LHT; Peter Ventre and Mike Burrows to advise. Site visit date agreed.

MB/DE

6	<p>Benches funded through the Community Chest. Need to start promoting the Community Chest and encourage further applications.</p> <p><b>Tim's replacement:</b></p> <p>Typically once a Plan is approved, the Local Trust requires a new Big Local facilitator to help the Partnership with the Plan delivery (Stage 2). However, Tim is keen to continue to support the Partnership once the plan has been approved, but he is not Stage 2 trained. It's up to the Partnerships to decide whether to ask Local Trust (Renaissi) to either keep Tim as he is familiar with the local priorities or seek to recruit a new Facilitator with Stage 2 training.</p> <p>Partnership need a brief / role descriptions from Renaissi about what to expect from a Stage 2 advisor, and what skills they need. CV's from Stage 2 advisors can also be sought to aid decision making. Decided it is worth talking to areas already in Plan delivery about the skills Stage 2 advisors have brought to the table.</p> <p><b>AOB:</b></p>	DE
7	<p><b>Party in the Park</b></p> <p>Contribution agreed from the Big Local Festival Budget to support the Party in the Park (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August). Big Local to fund face painters – an opportunity to promote Big Local BIG WEEK to a wider audience. MS will be at PIP with posters to help do this.</p>	DE / MS / NG
8	<p><b>Membership.</b></p> <p>Jim Rotherham has been unwell recently and has decided he cannot manage the Partnership meetings at the moment. However, it was agreed to keep Jim informed of progress and if he began to feel better and wished to return to the Partnership he would be very welcome. His contribution to date was much appreciated. Partnership wished Jim a speedy recovery.</p> <p>Also need a few more resident members as numbers have dropped. Appreciate not always easy for people to attend but regular attendance is needed for decision making. Use the BIG WEEK to try and identify new people that may be interested in being on the Partnership.</p>	MS
9	<p><b>Social Return on Investment (SROI).</b></p> <p>NG – need to ensure we develop a frame work for capturing the social impact of Big Local. There are many social accounting models but Partnership need to agree a process appropriate for Windmill Hill. Big Local is a 10 year programme and we want and need to show what it has achieved. If we don't agree it soon the opportunity will slip away from us and we may have missed a chance to demonstrate full impact of Big Local. NG to discuss with Neil McSweeny (HBC Research and Intelligence Team) for advice on various measures but aim to meet with DE and consider what</p>	NG / DE

10	<p>would be locally appropriate for Windmill Hill. Danger that we don't celebrate the positives and successes or learn lessons from what doesn't go so well.</p> <p><b>Crazy Monkey Defence (CMD)</b>  Dave Walker has unfortunately been unable to make a success of his Windmill Hill CMD class. The lack of suitable premises which was consistently available (even during School holidays) was felt to be a key factor. CMD class now moved to the Old Town with some Windmill Hill children still attending.</p> <p><b>Dog Shows - Pets on Parade.</b> Opportunity for free micro-chipping for dogs, raising awareness on dog fouling. Chance for children to design posters about cleaning up after pet dogs to be put up around the estate. Potential for a social enterprise – local enforcement etc? Need enforcement actions so the message gets across. To be discussed at a later meeting.</p> <p>(Next <b>Merseyside</b> Big Local Networking meeting Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Norton Priory)</p>	
11	<p><b>Date of Next Partnership meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 5pm - 6.30pm at the Children's Centre. Meeting about the BIG WEEK festival ONLY.</li> </ul>	ALL