

## Windmill Hill - Big Local

### Partnership Meeting

19<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Children's Centre



<b>Board Attendance:</b>	<b>Board Apologies:</b>
Iain Hunter (Resident and Chair)	Irene Bramwell (Resident)
Mike Shepherd (Resident / Vice Chair)	Nicola Goodwin (HBC)
Rodney Rowe (Resident)	Jon Thain (Resident)
Jane Smith (LHT)	Dominic Egan (Resident)
Claire Hunter (Children's Centre)	Cllr Pauline Hignett (Ward Councillor)
Tasha Saunders (Resident)	Michelle Herron (Resident)
	Frank Hargrave (Norton Priory)

<b>In attendance:</b>
Anne Sherriff (Local Trust Facilitator)
Dan Ellis (Big Local / Groundwork CLM)
Richard Shacklady (HBC)
Matt Jacobson – Business Connector, Business in the Community (BITC)
Neil Oxley – Site Manager, Woodland Trust

<p><b>Welcome and Introductions:</b></p> <p><b>Minutes of previous meeting, matters arising:</b></p> <p>Minutes approved.</p> <p>JS set up meeting with CAB Team but had to cancel. To be rescheduled.</p> <p>Bromley By Bowe visit to be rescheduled.</p> <p>DE not heard from Cerys about the Charity Bank training.</p> <p>The Case Studies presented for the Power in Partnership Working Futures project last month were <i>all</i> Windmill Hill young people.</p> <p>All other matters arising on the agenda.</p> <p><b>Project Updates: Neil Oxley – Woodland Trust:</b></p> <p>Neil Oxley (NO) manages all Woodland Trust woods in Cheshire and Merseyside including 22 woods in Runcorn, with Windmill Hill probably the biggest single woodland.</p> <p>Neil happy to support local groups that are interested in using the woods, e.g. forest schools etc. Has given landowner permission</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>DE</p> <p>DE</p>
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recently for a 'Women on Windmill' grant application to Bags of Help for community activities in the woods.

Woodland Trust uses an external contractor from Lancashire to keep the woodlands clean of litter and fly tipped rubbish. Windmill Hill woods cost £8000 a year to remove the litter! Common items include beds, mattresses, garden waste, children's toys and general household rubbish etc. Even worse after Christmas!



Info sheet - 01.08.16 - Order 509577 - Lin- Info sheet 28.09.16 - Order 509577 - Lin- Info sheet 31.08.16 - Order 509577 - Lin-

NO would be keen to explore the potential for diverting these funds to Windmill Hill for a more local and sustainable solution to littering and fly tipping. High profile clean-ups and education on how rubbish damages the woodland could help reduce the problem in future. Waste Carriers licence would be needed and part of the cost is for legal tipping at waste reception centres.

Partnership between LHT / Woodland Trust / Big Local to create a new post for a local resident – Woodland Warden?

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Opportunity to explore CCTV / cameras to target fly tipping hot spots? May be legal requirements for signage etc before anything can be installed – costs may be as much as £20k? Big problem near Haddocks wood - has anyone been prosecuted for fly tipping locally? DE to research the legal requirements.

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NO open to approaching local schools to offer opportunities to engage in Woodland activity. DE to share contacts.

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NO to provide information / photos for the next newsletter – about the cost of dealing with litter, count up the number of bags etc collected every month. Plan a clean-up in the New Year – ask for volunteers.

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NO contact details: 07810 757305 [NeilOxley@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:NeilOxley@woodlandtrust.org.uk)

### **Matt Jacobson – Business in the Community (BITC):**

Matt is new in the Business Connector (BC) from HMRC, replacing Steve Howarth. Matt busy scoping the needs of the local 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and charitable organisations. Already meeting businesses to see what they can offer to support local communities.

MJ hopes the Business – Charity partnerships can be made more sustainable – need to encourage Charities to continue communication with the businesses to develop relationships for the longer term. Looking for a business to support the Library project for the School.

Is there a directory of local Businesses that offer support to local groups? May make it easier to develop links with Business?

Also the opportunity through the Mersey Link Timebank – for groups to apply for professional expertise to help on a community project. Open to quarterly applications.

Any Business Links with Daresbury SciTech would be fantastic!

### **Phoenix Park – Accessible Play provision: Richard Shacklady**

Accessible Play provision presentation;



Phoenix Park Play  
Area - Adapted play

Aim to replace some play equipment in Phoenix park to make them more accessible for children of all abilities.

In summary the presentation was to :

1. To inform Windmill Hill Big Local of proposed developments within their geographical boundary.
2. To request financial support from Big Local to be used as match funding for the project.
3. To request Big Local backing to help deliver this project for the benefit of families locally and across Halton.

Partnership agreed on item 3 – fully supports the principal of improving the play area to make it more accessible. Big Local will write a letter of support.

On item 2, it was thought more information was required on how many children from Windmill Hill had a disability and were likely to benefit. It would help guide any contribution that may be appropriate / proportionate. Not just an issue of how many children have disabilities but how many children from W. Hill in total use it –as the play items will be fun for all children. Also benefits for children without disabilities or mobility issues to play alongside those that do.

Partnership unsure if a Big Local contribution just reduces the amount an external funder will provide, rather than providing additional facilities. It may improve the attractiveness of the bid to an external funder and increase chances of success?

RS to research likely numbers of children that benefit from the play area and try and arrange a consultation at WHPS. RS to feedback at next meeting.

### **Partnership Review – Anne Sherriff**

Once a year Local Trust needs to take a snap shot of the Partnership membership.



Big Local  
partnership review f

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All current members please complete and return to AS.

A few questions also!

- Does the Partnership reflect the make-up of the community?  
*Partially*. Number of young people under represented.
- Has the Partnership followed its own rules and procedures? Yes.
- Over the past year has the Partnership behaved in line with the ethos and values of Big Local. Yes.

How does Big Local measure if 'People will feel their area is an even better place to live'? Feedback could be through the newsletter, or on the website?

Have an event in School where what has been done has been shared and plans for the future? Encourage local people to contribute. More residents attending would always be welcome.

#### **Events Group / Newsletter;**

- Halloween Event booked in for the School – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>
- Sports Camp on the School Field during ½ term.
- St Bert's 'Once a Month Club' been going almost a year. Tea dance in November.
- Free buses for Bonfire Night.

Newsletter contributions please!! Norton Priory / CAB / School / Taylor Goodall / Woodland Trust /

All

#### **Website development**

Website has been updated with all the Partnership photos. Please send appropriate text for biography.

All

The Newsletters can also be downloaded from the website!

#### **Marketing materials:**

Shared some promotional item ideas jute bags / pens / school pens / polo shirts / draw string PE bags etc. To chat with School if anything can be provided to support families with children starting School.

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#### **Small Grant Applications:**

No applications this month.

#### **Tesco Bags for Help:**

DE supported Women of Windmill to submit an application to Tesco Bags for Help. To promote engaging local people in woodland activities, clean ups / story telling / crafts etc.

#### **Norton Priory Christmas Party**



NP xmas party invite  
2016.pdf

Windmill Hill Primary School asked if Big Local could help negotiate a cheaper deal with Norton Priory so they could send all their pupils to a Victorian Christmas Party. However, although Norton Priory would love to be able to offer a discounted rate they could not be seen to give favourable rates to one school over another. They also had additional staff costs and resources to meet to put on the parties.

The Partnership decided they would like to support the school to attend so decided to subsidise the activity by £5 per child leaving the parent or School to fund the remaining £2 per child. DE to notify the School.

**AOB:**

- November 16th 5-7pm – Children’s Centre
- December 14th 12 -4pm - Charity Bank workshop? TBC

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All