

Windmill Hill - Big Local

Partnership Meeting

2nd December 2014 at 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Children's Centre



Attendance:	Apologies:
Mike Shepherd (Resident and Chair)	Cllr Pauline Hignett (Vice Chair)
Mike Burrows (Resident and Vice Chair)	Nicola Goodwin (HBC)
Iain Hunter (Resident)	Niall McDonnell (LHT)
Phil Saunders (Resident)	Kathryn Muscroft (LHT)
Anne Sherriff (Big Local Facilitator)	Dave Walker (Resident)
Dan Ellis (Big Local / Groundwork)	Frank Hargrave (Norton Priory)
Jane Smith (LHT)	Susan Humphreys (Norton Priory)
	Jim Rotheram (Resident)
	Claire Hunter (Children's Centre)
	<i>Billy Elliot (Resident and COY)</i>
	<i>Josh Gilligan (Resident)</i>

Catherine Boyd popped in at 5pm to feedback on Taylor Goodall's Commonwealth Games experience.

- Taylor had a fantastic experience at the Taekwondo Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. Taylor was moved up a weight division and came third earning herself a Bronze medal! The Partnership was thrilled with her success and Catherine was very appreciative of the support the Partnership had shown Taylor.

Welcome and Introductions:

- Anne Sherriff: – the new Stage 2 Facilitator for Windmill Hill was introduced to the Partnership.
- Apologies: – Dave Walker emailed to say he had moved away from the estate and gave us his best wishes.

"I am no longer living in Windmill Hill area, and do not have any more ties to the area. I have also started a full time job recently which is pretty much full on. Sadly I will no longer be available to have any involvement in The Big Local but wish you guys all the very best as I truly believe that what you are doing for the great people of the area is not only needed but also truly deserved. I would like to take this opportunity to again wish you all the very best of luck for the future." Dave Walker

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 16/09/14 minutes approved.



minutes of BL
meeting 16-09-14.pdf

Action Points:

- Waiting for feedback from Ian Boyd / Halton Transport on numbers of people using the free buses on November 5th.
- Feedback from Phil Saunders who used the buses very positive. (The free bus' posting on facebook had 24 shares and seen by 1700 people in two days!)
- Ian Boyd to be sending us copies of the new bus service leaflets. Ready for printing.
- MS – newsletter needed to promote the achievements of the Big Local to the wider community and maintain the momentum – all this before even any 'big' money has been received, eg.
 - Taylors success
 - Bus initiative
 - Halloween Party
 - The BIG WEEK
 - Planning Christmas event.....

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Review of 2014

What we did well?

- BIG WEEK – but plan it further ahead. Was a week too long?
- Fishing activity.
- Football and sports sessions.
- Children's Centre activities.
- Saturday 'Sports Day' with Majorettes, Taylor etc (despite poor weather and lack of organisational stalls not turning up)
- People still talking about the BIG WEEK now!
- Halloween Event. (40-50 families?)
- 'Wishmastree' event (need to plan this years!)

What can we do better in 2015

- Lot of the activity has been done in a rush (although still delivered). A chance now to plan ahead – look at what we want to do and do it better.
- Better publicity, aim to get more people out.
- Don't repeat events that didn't get people out.
- Keep BIG WEEK event separate from Party in the Park – perhaps a month earlier? Give the BIG WEEK its own identity.

(General discussion about the Church and Medical Centre / Community Centre. Nicola Goodwin is aware of these opportunities for Windmill Hill and has asked Nathan to include these permutations in his feasibility report for the Partnership.)

Update on expenditure:



Breakdown of
Expenditure.pdf

Costs in *italics* are anticipated costs but not finalised.

AGM

- MS like to tie AGM to tie-in with end of financial year. It will also be a year from when the Partnership was set up. (The BL financial year will be calendar year.)

Big Local Officer Group Meetings (BLOG)

- What is the purpose of the BLOG meetings now the Partnership is set up? Are these meetings still needed? Not needed for scrutiny but could it provide a useful function?
- BLOG obviously want Big Local to succeed, is it a model that could be replicated across Halton? No need for BLOG to be 'hands on' – but strategic support, funding expertise etc would be welcome. DE to inform Shelah Semoff to arrange a January BLOG meeting.
- An example of funding expertise - Active Communities Fund, from Agnes at HBC could be useful to match / replacement Big Local project funds. Want to secure external funding where at all possible – to double / triple the £1m!
- Any ideas for the Active Communities Fund – please let DE know. One idea is to fund expertise for the production of the newsletter, website, social media, etc. Fund journalism, photography, design skills for local people? Timebank support from the Mersey Gateway? Need professional guidance to get it set up. Local Trust expertise nationally – see what is available. OBA Academy – have students that may be interested in developing a newsletter – a real project. Are any of the individuals attending the 'Seeing is Believing' have a PR, communication background?

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Community Chest:

Jim's Benches

- Locations for 2 benches sorted and agreed. Need to finalise position of last bench on Southwood Avenue – can't go where we had first hoped. Mike Burrows to meet LHT and review an alternative location. Can provide more benches in other locations next year if everyone happy with them. Plaque to say "Big Local" or "Jim's Big Local Benches" to promote what the group has been doing. Mike to pay £500 to Big Local from his successful application to the Area Forum Panel for one bench. Big Local to then pay for all three.

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W.H. Primary School Christmas Party

- Windmill Hill Primary School have asked for a £200 donation to make their School Christmas Disco bigger and better. Mike Shepherd declared a conflict of interest and didn't vote. Not an open event but most children at the School are from the estate. Partnership approved £200 for the School.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Disco and Santa’s Grotto. Big Local’s own Disco planned for 5.00 - 7.00pm Friday 12th December. Free entry and free chocolate selection box for each child when they meet Santa. Volunteer help needed on the night! Phil Saunders offered to help out. <p>In-reach and Faiths4Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are organisations that may be able to help the Partnership deliver elements of the Plan. In-reach is a volunteering and time-banking organisation and Faiths4change is about encouraging local people to grow their own food and cook etc. Our Plan includes volunteering and food growing so they may be able to help the Partnership? DE to invite to next meeting to give them a chance to present to the Partnership. <p>SROI –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to do a baseline – before deliver any project or service. <p>Date of Next Partnership meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership meetings become every other month, with more focussed task and finish groups meeting in between? Perhaps each Plan theme has its own meetings, with a different residents involved depending on their interests - ‘communities of interest’. Partnership still makes decisions but more action can be done outside these meetings. • Dates of future meetings? Can we plan them for the next year? January have the Team Building / Strategy Day / celebration lunch, Wed 21st January 10.00-12.00 finish with lunch – ask Norton Priory to host. Anne Sherriff can help facilitate the Strategy Day. Invite residents that have been interested in the past and any new faces. Look at how we go about delivering the Plan. • AGM (10 minutes) followed by Partnership meeting in March with a task group in February, dates to be confirmed. 	<p>DE</p> <p>DE</p> <p>ALL</p>
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