

Notes from
Boston Big Local Meeting, 18th July 2013, 5pm
Black Sluice Lock Cottages

Present:

Ivan Annibal - Big Local Rep
Gordon Hunter – Lincolnshire Community Foundation
Neville Dodd
Rachel A Lauberts
Robert Lauberts
Christine Meggitt
Tim Norman
Shirley Richardson
Maurice Tompkins
Richard Tory

- 1) Apologies: Mick Taylor- TaylorITEX CIC, Roger Barnard, Rodney Bowles, Mandy Exley, Maddy Eyre, Mary Wright.
- 2) LTO status: Local Trust/Big Local has accepted our Getting Started proposal form and Mick T. has signed the written agreement. We are now waiting for the funding to be paid into the bank account.

G.H. suggested that we discuss how we allocate the money under the different headings at the next meeting.

- 3) Constitution: A vote was taken and the constitution was accepted unanimously.
- 4) Showcase: Boston community Showcase will take place on Sunday 8th September 2013. It was decided that Boston Big Local should have a presence at this event. Mick T. had previously agreed to loan his 3m sq marquee to the group. R.L. has been in contact with Kuksoolwon Martial Arts Group who have offered to do a demo to attract people to the Big Local stand. An area of 5m sq will be required for the martial arts group in front of the marquee. A discussion took place regarding insurance cover; Maurice T. agreed to provide R.A.L. with the names of various insurance companies who do extended period insurance.
- 5) Recruitment: The final copy of the Job description for the Big Local Facilitator and a copy of the advert to be placed in the Job Centre were agreed by the group unanimously. Mick T. to place the advert on our behalf. An interview panel was agreed to consist of Maurice T. Mick T. I.A. and C.M. IA to liaise with panel on selection process.

- 6) Feedback from RT: R.T. verbally presented his feed - back from the course he recently attended regarding local currencies. A written report to be submitted at the next meeting. Currently there are 5 towns in the UK using local currencies including Bristol, Totnes, Brixton, Lewes and Calderdale. The ideology of local currency is to keep money earned locally in the local economy. £ for £ exchange rate.
To investigate the viability of the scheme R.T. has applied for Star People funding.
- 7) A.O.B: G.H. announced that the opening of 116 High Street will take place on Thursday 8th August 2013 and invited the group to the opening event to promote Big Local. It was therefore decided to hold the next meeting prior to the opening at 116 High Street.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 8th August 2013 at 4pm, venue 116 High Street, Boston.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm