

Boston Big Local Meeting, 25th November 2013, 6.30pm

Black Sluice Lock Cottages

Present

Ivan Annibal - Big Local Rep
Gordon Hunter – Lincolnshire Community Foundation
Mick Taylor- TaylorITEX CIC
Rachel A Lauberts – Facilitator
Sue Foster – UnLtd
Matt Davies - Renaisi
Mike Bartlett
Mabel Brooks
Nathan Bryant
Neville Dodd
Ricky Green
Robert Lauberts
Christine Meggitt
Tim Norman
Carol Parker
Ralph Pryke
Lisa Stevenson
Maurice Tompkins
Richard Tory
Caroline Wallis

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm.

Apologies – Apologies received from: Rodney Bowles, Paul Stevenson, Shirley Richardson, Alan Taylor, and Paul Gleeson

- 1) The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed RL, seconded NB.
- 2) Sue Foster (Award Manager) for Star People
UnLtd (registered charity) is a foundation for social entrepreneurs and are one of the partners in Big Local, working with partnerships (Star partners i.e. Mick Taylor of Taylor ITEX CIC) and residents in all 150 Big Local areas, their remit is to find people with good ideas on how to make their communities even better places to live. Awards made are:

Try It = £500, Do It = £5,000 and Build It = £15,000.

Sue has received 7 applications for awards from the Boston Big Local area to date. UnLtd distribute £900,000 per year to the Big Local areas, this is in addition

to the £1M from the Big Lottery. UnLtd also offer mentoring support to award winners from Blue Chip Companies.

Criteria for awards are people with great ideas who have energy, enthusiasm and commitment, who want to make a positive impact in their Big Local area.

3) Website – Update – Ricky Green

Ricky has chosen a Wordpress Theme for the template for the website; this has the necessary links to social media that we require. It was decided to gather a working party to assist with the building of the website- RAL to arrange, with: RL, NB, M Bartlett, TN and RT.

4) Logo competition – Only 2 entries received and 1 late entry from RG, M Taylor will scan the 2nd entry to RAL for the group to decide and vote by email.

5) Haworth Visit - Members of the resident group found the visit to Haworth very useful. The Haworth plan is very much top down, the opposite of our proposed plan. We currently have about 150 ideas from the public, what we need to be doing is to prioritise those ideas, use the abcd research we are currently undertaking to prevent duplication, look at the social return on investment and then get the residents to vote for the ideas that they like best.

6) Getting started progress: IA and RAL are visiting local groups and spreading the word about Big Local, students from Haven High are also collecting data on behalf of the group. After Christmas we will start collating all the data we have gathered. Between January and March we will begin drafting the profile and plan and put that out for consultation, from March to June we will refine the plan for final submission.

7) Action Plan Progress: - RAL reminded the members of their designated tasks from the action plan. CW agreed to research Leisure Facilities, M. Tompkins to research Sports Facilities. RT presented the group with his research to date. RL updated the group on his research. Please see annex a for action plan.

8) Volunteer Card Training – Residents who attended the 2 day course felt that the course content was good although a little intense on the 2nd day. TN suggested that for “normal volunteers” it maybe too much. M. Taylor explained that the course had been designed to give an all round balanced approach to fit all needs. RL and CM suggested we get our Volunteer and Staff policies in place to demonstrate that we are following good working practices. M. Bartlett suggested we look at Bubble Enterprises for templates. CM suggested we produce Task descriptions. A further 6 day accredited course is also available which would be of benefit for those members of the group who take on the management roles within the group.

9) A.O.B. –

- a) M Bartlett informed the group about the Boston Visitor Economy Partnership which has been set up with representatives from all the tourist attractions within the area, chaired by Emma Tattler from the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce the next meeting is on Thursday 28th Nov at 10am. RAL asked if she may be invited to the next meeting. MB to forward a draft report to RAL.
- b) M. Tompkins informed the group about an endurance race “The Gurkha Challenge” taking place in June/July of next year, dead line for entry is 15th December.
- c) RAL updated the group regarding the Boosting the Local Economy meeting with UnLtd. Please see annex b for notes of meeting.

10) Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 11th December 2013, 6.30pm at the Black Sluice Lock Cottage.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.