

Boston Big Local Meeting 15th February 2018
Age UK, William Garfitt House, 116 High Street, Boston

Name	Title	Resident/ Non Resident	Apologies
Richard Tory (RT)	Chair	R	
Don Jenkins (DJ)		R	
Mike Gilbert (MG)		R	
Wendy Griggs (WG)	LTO	NR	
Lind Anso Edwards (LAE)		R	
Mark Baker (MB)		R	
Carole Lloyd (CL)		R	
Graham Lloyd (GL)		R	
Rachel A Lauberts (RL)	Facilitator	NR	
Bill Badham (BB)	Big Local Rep	NR	
Christine Hunter (CH)	Note Taker	NR	

1	Apologies: None. MB was introduced to the group as the new Communications Officer replacing Jane Bettany.	ACTION
2	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed by LAE and seconded MG.	
3	Matters Arising: RL reported on a meeting with Ian Farmer of Boston Borough Council regarding renewable energies and solar energy. She is now looking at a project scoping the possibility of using the Len Medlock Centre for a sustainable resource using solar panels. LR confirmed she is now looking at quotes for the panels and checking what electrical tariff the centre are locked into. She is also checking their EPC rating to find out if they are eligible for the panels. BB Explained about the sustainability model and stated we are looking at about £33,000 for a 30kw array. This should produce enough electricity to run the Centre and also sell back to the grid to produce an income. RL also reported on an idea around the Group looking at housing and the associated issues within the Borough. This may include using the Credit Union to help with rents, looking at repairs of housing etc. RL confirmed she would be setting up a meeting with D. King of the Local Trust and Murray McDonald of Boston Mayflower to discuss further, she would also be speaking to Housing Staff at Boston Borough Council. RL asked if anyone would be interested in joining this group. MG expressed his interest in joining the group and suggested using the wider community for support, i.e. Boston College and North Sea Camp.	RL
4	Running things: <i>LTO Update</i> – WG presented the monthly budget report and confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of funds in the bank from the statement dated 15/02/2018 was £49,546.88 • Year 2 monthly expenditure up to 15th February 2018 including LTO fee was £68,582.76 • Underspends – Year 3 full budget is £117,870 with a total current spend of £68,582.76. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussion it was agreed to use the underspend to proceed with the purchase of the lift for Blackfriars at a cost of £22,000; however the cost may have to be split over Years 3 & 4. WG explained that once the Group had ratified the expenditure the LTO can inform the Local Trust. • Overspend – Boston Hanse Group at £45 and Woodville Park swing area at £2,872 (see minutes of 11.2.18 page 1-2, item 4). • Year 3 budget now stands at £117,870 • Total outstanding for payment this quarter is £2,951.50 for reports that have already been approved under theme codes 1.2.1, 1.2.2 and 1.6.1 Theme 3 Priority 2 Geoff Moulder– RL explained there is an underspend and an overspend and they are taking some extra classes this school half term. RL had spoken to K Sperring who would be forwarding her invoice. RL confirmed that as of today RB was no longer the head of the LTO as he had taken early retirement. Barbara O’Neill (second in command at Age UK) would be our signatory with effect from today. RL agreed to send a card on behalf of the group to RB to thank him for all his good offices and support and for making our transition to having Age UK as our LTO painless. 	<p>WG</p> <p>RL</p>
5	<p>Doing Things</p> <p>a. <i>Community chest</i> - A meeting has been organised for March but RT will be unable to attend so this will be rescheduled. RL explained another meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 27th February at 6.30 at Age UK to discuss the Community Chest and to ensure ownership was within the partnership. RL asked for expressions of interest to take part in the meeting; MG, DJ and CL agreed to attend.</p> <p>b. Blackfriars update – RL and MG reported on a visit to the Shodfriars Hall building and the Victorian extension at the back. They explained that Blackfriars were interested in purchasing the property for expansion. They are trying to raise £2M from a variety of sources and RL confirmed we have to do a feasibility study and BB stated their expansion of Blackfriars could provide both entertaining and educational benefits to the BBL area.</p> <p>c. <i>Comms</i> – Jane’s resignation/replacement – as mentioned above. RL explained to the group that JB will be leaving at the end of March and MB will be taking over from Jane as Communications Officer starting on 1st April. MB gave a brief resume of his previous communications experience and confirmed he was meeting with JB for a handover meeting prior to starting his new post.</p> <p>d. <i>Survey Questions</i> – RT stated we have not agreed what we are going to ask people in the next consultation. BB explained about the information gathered from the Beach event last year stated the Group need to look ahead to expand the questions and link into our plan. New questions need to be discussed by the Group in the New Year.</p>	
6	<p>Communications</p> <p>a. <i>Conference call</i>- the Group held a conference call with JB who stated they were really good at providing stories for the website and forwarding information and pictures for the newsletter.</p> <p>b. <i>Winter Newsletter</i> - the Group mentioned the winter new letter to JB.</p>	

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	<p>All resident group members confirmed they had not received a copy and JB thought they had been sent out. She agreed to chase up the distribution company and find out when and where they were sent out. BB asked if JB could hand over the details regarding the spending thermometer to MB. The Group thanked JB for all her hard work.</p>	<p>JB JB</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>AOB: RL confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Marathon - Boston had now beaten Manchester for the flattest marathon course in the UK • Aqua-physical BBL promotion –we were mentioned in 2 articles relating to Aqua-physical classes <p>RT confirmed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he had attended a Beach event planning meeting last Friday • for gizzits we have in stock 800 pin badges, 190 gonks, 98 blue bags, 120 hessian bags, 175 water bottles, 200 Sand Castle Flags, 109 Frisbees, 33 buckets and 38 spades. • he had just order another 100 buckets and spades at a cost of approximately £500 • we have enough promotional material now for this year and next year’s events. LAE suggested we order more hessian bags. • Boston Mayflower are changing their name and want to run a craft stall this year and they will be paying for the craft materials which will save £500 out of the beach events budget. The money saved will pay for the ice creams again this year for the beach event. • Boston United in the Community has now become Boston United Community Foundation. • Fran is planning to organise 3 events using the beach for 2 hours in the afternoon for older people during the beach event week; they are Golden Oldies Afternoon, Fun on the Beach (for older disabled people) and Back in Time (for people with dementia). They would like to put in for an additional £715 funds to run these events which have been specifically requested from previous beach events. The group discussed this and RT stated he had asked Fran for a cost breakdown to be circulated to Group members. This is to be discussed at the next meeting. These may need to be included in the next 2 years plan. • A report from the Butterfly Hospice about their Ugly Bug Mini Marathon was tabled which had funding last year of £300. The mini marathon had 59 people attend from the BBL are and raised sponsorship of £740 and would like to make this a regular annual event. They require £300 to run each year and we need to build this into the plan for next year. It was agreed they could approach the events people in April when the new budget has been allocated. MG stated it would be good to support this event and maybe they could hold it more than once a year. RT stated if anyone wanted to join the events budget meetings they are run by Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service and the panel includes Lorraine Lenton, Maddy Eyre, LAE, RT and (for the first time) Doreen Booth, a volunteer at the Len Medlock Centre. • MG agreed to let RL know when he is available for the meeting with 	<p>RT/RL</p> <p>MG/RL</p>

	Jen Moore so she can organise.	
	Date & Time of next meetings all to be held at Age UK High Street: Thursday 8 th March 2018 at 6.00 pm Thursday 12 th April 2018 at 6.00 pm - Report Review Meeting Thursday 10 th May 2018 at 6.00pm Thursday 14 th June 2018 at 6.00 pm Thursday 12 th July 2018 at 6.00 pm Thursday 9 th August 2018 at 6.00 pm - Report Review Meeting Thursday 13 th September 2018 at 6.00 pm Thursday 11 th October 2018 at 6.00 pm Thursday 8 th November 2018 at 6.00 pm - Report Review Meeting Thursday 13 th December 2018 at 6.00 pm	

The Meeting closed at 7.15 pm