

Boston Big Local Meeting, 14th August 2013, 5pm

Black Sluice Lock Cottages

Present

Ivan Annibal - Big Local Rep
Gordon Hunter – Lincolnshire Community Foundation
Mick Taylor- TaylorITEX CIC
Rachel A Lauberts – Facilitator
Roger Barnard
John Blythe
Rodney Bowles
Neville Dodd
Paul Gleeson
Robert Lauberts
Christine Meggitt
Tim Norman
Ralph Pryke
Shirley Richardson
Alan Taylor
Maurice Tompkins
Richard Tory

The meeting commenced at 5 pm.

1. Apologies – No apologies received.
2. Co-ordinator Update- IA summarised the process and events leading up to the appointment of a Getting Started Facilitator to support the Residents' Group. After a full and frank discussion residents agreed that the process (as defined at the previous meeting) was transparent and had been complied with. RAL's appointment was duly endorsed. IA and GH (as scrutineer) will record due process.

Key points agreed and accepted by the group were:

- The job description and recruitment process had been agreed by the group previously.
- The agreed recruitment process had subsequently been followed.
- The job had been open and transparently advertised via the Job Centre who had also publicised it on line.
- Other members of the group had made the opportunity to apply known to their colleagues.
- In the light of only one applicant the Big Local rep, who led the recruitment process, emailed the 3 members of the sub-group inviting them to consider the application by telephone.

- Two of the three members of the sub-group joined the call and considered the written application and qualifications provided by the applicant.
 - In the light of the application fully meeting the requirements of the post they unanimously agreed to offer that individual the post.
3. Getting Started Implementation - IA informed the Residents Group that the Getting Started funding had been released to the Locally Trusted Organisations (LTOs). The key priority for Getting Started was to touch every member of the public within the defined area; a discussion took place as to how we may achieve this outcome. Ideas put forward included: Create Website and link to social media, post leaflets to each household, make contact with local press, engage with community groups, and produce banners/flags. Draw on the expertise of volunteers with publicity and marketing knowledge. RG agreed to meet with RAL to draw up a written strategy.
 4. Governance- A discussion took place regarding members of The Residents Group taking on formal fixed period roles within the group, it was agreed that a formal committee be decided once the group had been populated by a greater number of residents. Suggested methods of attracting more residents to the group included holding meetings at different venues and at various times of the day.
 5. Showcase – MT informed the group that he would not be able to loan his marquee for our use, it was therefore agreed that RAL look into possible alternatives and source attractions for the event. IA to provide RAL with contact information for computer technology attraction. RAL to timetable volunteer assistance.
 6. A.O.B
 - a. RT submitted his report on local currency and has applied to Star People for funding to investigate the viability of such a scheme. RT to email the report to RAL for distribution.
 - b. IA informed the group that Boston had been nominated for inclusion in the 10 most boring towns, it was suggested that the views of the general public be sought in future questionnaires.
 - c. GH informed the group that the Grand Opening of 116 High Street will take place on Saturday 14th September 2013 from 12 noon until 5pm, the event will have a Victorian theme and all members of the group are invited. GH confirmed that the Trustees of LCF had agreed to provide Big Local with free office space for the Facilitator and for meetings.
 - d. MT has included an article about Big Local in his 2013-2014 brochure.
 7. Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 28th September 2013, 7pm at the Black Sluice Lock Cottage.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.