

Boston Big Local Meeting, 21st October 2013, 6.30pm

Black Sluice Lock Cottage

Present

Ivan Annibal - Big Local Rep
Rachel A Lauberts – Facilitator
Gordon Hunter – Lincolnshire Community Foundation
Mick Taylor- TaylorITEX CIC
Rodney Bowles
Nathan Bryant
Neville Dodd
Robert Lauberts
Tim Norman
Ralph Pryke
Shirley Richardson
Alan Spriggs
Lisa Stevenson
Paul Stevenson
Maurice Tompkins
Richard Tory
Caroline Wallis

Twitter Training provided by TaylorITEX to interested group members from 6pm – 7pm.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

Apologies – Apologies received from; Paul Gleeson, Alan Taylor, Will Swain.

- 1) The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed R.T. seconded N.B.
- 2) Matters arising: To be discussed under A.O.B.
- 3) M.Taylor declared an interest in the Website presentation.
- 4) A score sheet was handed out to all members of the group to mark the presentations fairly, Website presentations were delivered by Ricky Green and Nathan Bryant, following a discussion and vote it was decided to employ Ricky Green to create a website for Boston Big Local. It was also decided to award a bursary of £200 for one year in two instalments of £100 to Nathan Bryant to manage the social media Facebook and Twitter sites and for him to have a significant responsibility for content management on the website once it is up and running.

5) Update on Getting Started Progress:

- i) Action Plan – R.A.L. allocated tasks for group members to research for the Boston Big Local Profile. An action plan will be emailed to all members of the group.
- ii) RAL to email group members a list of all the streets and postcodes within our area.
- iii) R.L. and R.A.L. have agreed with Haven High that the students will carry out some research on our behalf, they will be asking fellow students, teaching staff, parents, family and friends the questions regarding our area. It is hoped that they will be able to get approximately 3000 questionnaires completed on our behalf.
- iv) R.A.L. has yet to confirm a meeting with Boston College who have offered to help with marketing and advertising. Also still to meet with Grammar Schools and Boston BID.
- v) Advertising for the Logo Competition – RAL has spoken to the Target and Standard and is awaiting a return telephone call.
- vi) The Witham East Action Group has organised a Christmas Fair on 3rd November at Haven High, RAL suggested BBL have a presence at the event, members were asked to speak to RAL at the end of the meeting.
- vii) I.A. and R.A.L. are to give a presentation to the WI on November 7th and the Horticultural Society on November 19th.
- viii) Haworth Visit – I.A. has agreed that Haworth will host the event at the Baptist Chapel on Wednesday 6th November starting on our arrival at 11am -12pm. The meeting will last approximately 3 hours giving the group a free hour to explore Haworth before our return. I.A. to circulate an agenda. Confirmed candidates: M. Tompkins, R.L., R.A.L., R.B., R.T., T.N., N.B., L.S., I. A. M. Tompkins to organise mini-bus, L.S. to organise parking at the Tennis Club on Sleaford Road. M. Tomkins and L.S. to share driving. Catering to be provided. Candidates to meet at 8am.
- ix) TaylorITEX CIC has offered free Volunteer Card Training to group members, this will take place on Thursday 7th November at the Black Sluice Lock Cottage starting at 9am and finishing at 4pm. M.Taylor has very kindly offered to supply the group with a free buffet lunch on the day. Candidates include: R.L., R.B., L.S., P.S., T.N. R.A.L., M.T. N.D. S.R.
- x) Each member of the group were asked to take away 15 copies of the A. B. C. D. questionnaires to ask family, friends and neighbours to complete.
- xi) I.A. to organise a meeting in Boston with regard to the Hanse League.
- xii) N.B. asked the group if we would be interested in producing Christmas greetings postcards from BBL. It was decided to make a decision at a later date.

6) Star People Update: M.Taylor attended at Star People meeting in Birmingham. He has submitted 12 applications from Boston R.T.'s application has been brought forward and he will be having a SKYPE interview shortly. There is a big

push nationally to tie in Star People with Big Local Areas, with 3 out of 7 Star People becoming LTO's for Big Local Groups. It is expected that between 8-9 people in Boston will be given awards before Christmas, with more to follow in the New Year. M.T. will be meeting with Boston College who are also involved with Star People.

- 7) Renaisi Visit: Renaisi are a company who do a lot of admin work for the Local Trust, Renaisi also employ the Big Local Reps. A representative from Renaisi (Matt Davis) would like to visit Boston and meet with the group members and sit in on our next meeting. R.A.L. to book the meeting room an hour earlier to enable members to meet with Matt.
- 8) Date and time of next meeting: Monday 25th November 2013 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.