

Notes from
Boston Big Local Meeting, 29th May 2013, 2.30pm
Black Sluice Lock Cottages

Present:

Ivan Annibal - Big Local Rep
Roger Barnard
Rodney Bowles
Neville Dodd
Maddy Eyre – Boston Borough Council
Mandy Exley – CVS
David Fannin – Lincolnshire CVS
Sue Fortune – Lincolnshire Community Foundation
Gemma Gadd – Boston Standard
Rachel A Lauberts
Robert Lauberts
Tim Norman
Shirley Richardson
Mick Taylor – TaylorITEX CIC
Maurice Tompkins
Richard Tory
Caroline Wallis – TaylorITEX CIC (Coastal Boston)

- 1) Welcome and Introductions: I.A. explained that he had written to 3 organisations asking for their proposals to become the Locally Trusted Organisation for Boston Big Local. At this meeting we would be interviewing each organisation. IA to chair the meeting and interview the candidates. Written submissions from 2 organisations were circulated to each member of the group. Mandy E. Maddy E. and CW agreed to leave during the interviews to prevent a conflict of interest.
- 2) Trusted Organisation Interviews: All three organisations were interviewed individually by the group.
- 3) Following the interviews a discussion took place as to the suitability of each organisation for our requirements. Two organisations were chosen, RAL, RL and IA to approach to request that they work together as a joint trusted body on behalf of the group. Date to be agreed.
- 4) IA informed the group about our history to date: On 10th December 2012 the announcement made by Big Lottery of the award of £1m made to Boston, 6th March 2013 was the official launch, two stands one in the Market Place and one in the foyer of Asda started to collect public opinion regarding how the money should be spent. A copy of the Consultation Outcome document was

given to each member of the group. IA explained that the LTO's role was to help us draw down the first £20,000 of funding to be used to consult with the public, raise our profile, and draw up an action plan for Boston.

- 5) Maddy E. and Mandy E. gave a brief presentation on what is already happening in Boston this included: Placecheck groups, Boston Community Forum, Thistles, Youth council, Boston in Bloom, Food Bank and Boston Greenscapers.
- 6) T.N. gave a presentation regarding what could happen in the future and what could be potential priorities including: improving and developing Boston to create a sense of pride and boost morale, preserve the local character, increase tourism, reconnect with Boston Massachusetts, embrace our local history with statues and art works, promote green issues, healthy eating, environmental responsibility, hold music festivals.
- 7) Mick T. lead a discussion on Publicity and communications, suggestions included setting up a website, issuing a Big Local newsletter, using the local press, use local designers, piggyback on other events.
- 8) Constitution: A discussion took place and it was agreed that we use the Placecheck constitution as a template for writing our own.
- 9) A.O.B: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 20th June 2013 at 4pm, venue Black Sluice Lock Cottage.