

Boston Big Local Meeting, 30th September 2013, 6.30pm

Fenside Community Centre

Present

Ivan Annibal - Big Local Rep
Rachel A Lauberts – Facilitator
Mick Taylor- TaylorITEX CIC
Ziedonis Barbaks
Rodney Bowles
Nathan Bryant
Neville Dodd
Paul Gleeson
Robert Lauberts
Christine Meggitt
Tim Norman
Shirley Richardson
Alan Spriggs
Lisa Stevenson
Paul Stevenson
Maurice Tompkins
Richard Tory

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm.

Apologies – Apologies received from, Gordon Hunter – Lincolnshire Community Foundation, Ralph Pryke, Alan Taylor, Will Swain.

- 1) The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed R.L. seconded T.N.
- 2) Matters arising: M. Taylor further explained the Volunteering Passport otherwise known as V Card, to gain the V Card volunteers are required to attend a one day certificated training course which includes subjects such as Health and Safety, Equality and Diversity. TaylorITEX CIC run V Card Training days and offered to organise a training day for the Boston Big Local Volunteers. Interested parties to add name to list, date to be confirmed.
 - a) PG clarified his Volunteer Certificate suggestion as being a certificate that can be issued to volunteers who help with Boston Big Local, which can be added to CV's.
- 3) Feedback on 116 High Street Opening – 4 questionnaires filled in and 7 more suggestions made.

- 4) Update on Getting Started Progress: M.Taylor and RAL have been working on an action plan, and identifying things that need to be done. IA passed around a template of Big Local Profile. R.A.L., R.L and IA will be meeting with various schools in the next few weeks to discuss if and how they can become involved in the Big Local process. IA suggested we identify the key audience list, and identify activities which the resident group can become involved with. RAL to create an action plan template for the next meeting. IA circulated a template dissemination plan. RAL to email copies of the dissemination plan and profile to group members. The process of finding out what our assets are, and what we already know will enable us to focus on the next stage of the process. P.G. to forward website link re: community planning to R.A.L.
- 5) Star People: M.Taylor updated the group, approximately a dozen interested parties in the Boston area, with ideas ranging from a Children's traffic park, dolls house museum and a puppet theatre. M.T. explained the concept of Star People and it was suggested that the web links be made known to group members. RAL to email Star People links.
- 6) Howarth Exchange Visit: IA to liaise with R.A.L. to organise a date for group members to visit Howarth with representatives from Market Rasen. Both Howarth and Market Rasen are also carrying out a locality based action planning for their communities and it would be beneficial to our group to share good practice with these areas.
- 7) A.O.B. –
 - a) RAL submitted the Economy Bid form, IA to chase up progress at his London Meeting on Wednesday.
 - b) Logo Competition – promote through Schools, residents group, twitter, Simply Boston, Facebook, IA to draft info for Rev. Coles and Mayor of Boston regarding the judging.
 - c) Website designers to present their BBL websites to the residents group at the next meeting.
 - d) W.S. asked RAL to inform the group in his absence that he is currently working to maximise our social media presence and has started to increase our Facebook following as well as gathering some new ideas. He will also begin to focus on targeting specific interest group.
 - e) N.B. suggested that W.S be made an admin for the Facebook page.
 - f) I.A. asked R.A.L. to circulate P.S's work on team building proposals.
 - g) M. Tompkins suggested that information regarding things such as Star People be put on to the website.
 - h) IA suggested that we eventually produce a glossary similar to that produced by the Copeland Community Fund detailing what Big Local fund is about and how it works.
- 8) T.N. commented on his previous dealings with the Lottery, which highlighted the need for careful planning, identification of needs, and an awareness if specialist assistance will be required to carry out a project.

- 9) M.Taylor offered the residents a half hour twitter training session prior to the start of the next meeting.
- 10) R.T. suggested we follow Star People success stories on our website with their consent.
- 11) C.M. Invited the group to a Sausage & Mash Supper and Race Night on Friday 18th October, 7.30pm at the Conservative Club, Main Ridge West, tickets £5.
- 12) A.S. identified that there are numerous local groups operating in various areas though out Boston but there appears to be little information published in the local press regarding where they are and what they do. This may be something that the ABCD exercise can help to clarify.
- 13) N.B. suggested we produce Greetings postcards for Big Local.
- 14) Date and time of next meeting: Monday 21st October 2013, 6.00pm at the Black Sluice Lock Cottage.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.