

## **Boston Big Local Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014 6.30pm**

### **Black Sluice Lock Cottage**

#### **Present**

Rachel A Lauberts – Facilitator  
Bill Badham – Big Local Rep  
Ralph Pryke – Chairman  
John Bird  
Nathan Bryant  
Neville Dodd  
Mandy Exley  
Robert Lauberts  
Lisa Stevenson  
Richard Tory

The meeting commenced at 6.35pm.

1. Apologies: Mick Taylor – TaylorITEX CIC – LTO, Zee Barbaks, Paul Stevenson, Rodney Bowles and Shirley Richardson.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of meeting accepted as a true record, proposed LS, seconded RT, carried.
3. Matters arising: ME made it clear to the group that she was present at the meeting as a resident and not representing Lincolnshire CVS. NB asked the group if they were in agreement with him tweeting live events of the meeting and using individuals names, as the meetings content are a matter of public record this was agreed. BB asked if we could discuss the draft Pathway Funding for the writing of the plan. RP introduced the topic of the Public Face of BBL, and suggested we take a group photograph at some point. ME was asked to complete a copy of the declaration of interest form. As a new resident attended the meeting the group were asked to introduce themselves. RP explained the structure of Big Local, the terms of reference and the means by which residents become members of the Steering Group and have voting rights.
4. Starting the community conversation: RP reported that he had not yet been able to write the Newsletter containing a summary of where we are at the moment, the newsletter should offer non-English speakers the opportunity to become involved. RAL shared a newsletter from Grassmore Big Local as an example of the type of thing we could produce. BB pointed out that the newsletter was a chance to give people a real sense of what we are aiming for and should also inform the public of the planed event in October. RP discussed the draft Vision document written in March 2014 and the priorities decided upon at the time:
  - i) Health and Wellbeing – Arts, leisure, sports and health.
  - ii) Economic – Local economy and tourism
  - iii) Environment – Green spaces and amenity

- iv) Cross-cutting – Civic Pride, Image, Heritage, Social Inclusion, Cohesion and Community Facilities.

BB reminded the group of the wording that came out of the Leadership workshop, whereby Civic Pride became Greater community spirit, Environment – became a more attractive environment, Economic – encouraging enterprise. Health and Wellbeing did not come out in the Leadership workshop, better facilities were highlighted which could be included in the Environment priorities. Therefore the 4 emerging themes are: Improving Health and Wellbeing, Encouraging Enterprise, More Attractive Environment and Greater Community Spirit.

The October event venue was discussed, for visibility Age UK community room would offer the most attractive venue in terms of footfall. Content could include a quiz – what is Big Local? the themes would be highlighted on separate sheets and we could ask people what activities they could link to each theme and how important each of those themes are in a form of ranking system. From this information we can then calculate how much money should be spent on each theme.

Sustainability – RP asked if we would consider match funding applications for the first two years. RL suggested that in the first two years we stand alone, then following this as our reputation grows we should then attract other service providers to us who would approach us with projects and joint funding.

BB envisions that beyond the October event we will have an affirmation of themes and an indication of activities that residents feel are important to meet those themes, and we will have a broad headline of how much money is to be spent on these. The next step is that the Facilitator meets with organisations who can deliver the activities; by bringing the organisation together we then ask them for their ideas of how they can meet these outcomes. By drawing in existing organisations they are already bringing gifts in kind with their knowledge, expertise, use of buildings, staff etc.

RP gave his feedback from BVEP meeting he attended earlier on in the week, he felt that the subjects under discussion were not rooted in reality, that there appeared to be a lack of joined up thinking or community consultation, ideas were detached from reality for us and he felt it was very top down and Lincoln centric. BB reminded the group that we will be judged by the residents, by our results and successes. RP felt it was not worthwhile to continue to attend all the future BVEP meetings, NB in another capacity will be attending the meetings in the future and he offered to update the group with any significant information gathered.

BB asked if the list of local organisations had been drawn up and contacted. RAL stated that at present, time constraints and the current workload make this difficult. The group have discussed this and RP and other group members are willing to contact the organisations and visit them.

6. RT has been able to open the a, b, c, d, data file he was having problems with. He predicts that by the time he has finished he will have approximately 600

entries. The data given by BID he felt was not appropriate as it would become very much like a Thompson directory. Once all the data is collated we can then look at the data and find any gaps, and email each organisation to check that the data we have is current. NB offered to input all the email addresses into a contact address book. RAL updated the group with the Profile progress explaining that she had projected her current workload and time until the 28<sup>th</sup> August and will be left with only 10 hours. The estimated time for completion of the Profile is a further 30 hours. This will mean that the projected completion date of 31<sup>st</sup> August for the profile is not possible and we will then be behind schedule, giving a projected end date of 30<sup>th</sup> September. RP to negotiate with Stuart Thompson acting on behalf of TaylorITEX regarding the possibility of Hannah taking on the minute taking and typing up for meetings. The group gave their consent for RP to approach Stuart.

6. Action Plan: The approach to Stuart will hopefully get us back on track with the action plan. The Boosting the Local Economy meetings and project will be completed by December/January which will then free up more time for the Facilitator.

7. Website: The updates to be made to the website have been emailed to Ricky who has not carried out the technical updates the website. It is possible that we will have to abandon the current website and start again if we cannot resolve these issues. RP and RAL to liaise and discuss how we manage this situation. NB has confirmed his interest in BBL. RAL discussed the impact of social media in generating interest in BBL, and encouraged group members to like and share Facebook posts generated by BBL on their own sites and to favourite and re-tweet on Twitter. By posting on Facebook and Twitter forthcoming events that are happening in Boston we will build an audience.

8. AOB: RAL asked if any group members would like to attend the Dragon Boat Race on Sunday at Witham County Park and carry out some surveys, ND volunteered his services. RT has produced a leaflet design which could be used on the newsletter, RT to make a few minor tweaks and email to RAL. RP asked for JB's observations of the meeting and hoped he would return. MT has written a draft application for the £2,000 funding to write the BBL Plan, BB proposed that Stuart T, RP, ME and he look at the application and make adjustments before the next meeting.

9. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014 starting at 6.30pm, venue Black Sluice Lock Cottage.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm