

**Boston Big Local Meeting 13th February 2020
Chantry House, Boston**

Name	Title	Resident/ Non Resident	Apologies
Richard Tory (RT)	Chair	R	
Don Jenkins (DJ)	Deputy Chair	R	
Lind Anso Edwards (LAE)		R	
Mike Gilbert (MG)		R	
Mark Baker (MB)	Communications	R	
Carole Lloyd (CL)		R	
Graham Lloyd (GL)		R	
Nick Thompson (NT)		R	
Jody Raggo (JR)		R	
Izabella Meyer (IM)		R	Yes
Katy Roberts (KR)	Plan Coordinator	NR	
Darren Bayley (DB)	LTO	NR	Yes
Bill Badham (BB)	Big Local Rep	NR	
Fran Taylor (FT)	Council and BBL	NR	
Rev Val Ogden (VO)	Centenary Methodist Church	R	
Jackie Lane (JL)	LCVS	R	

1.	Apologies: Apologies received from IM and DB	ACTION
2.	<p>Welcome to Rev Val Ogden (Centenary Methodist Church)</p> <p>The group welcomed Rev Ogden to the meeting. VO explained that she had been Minister at the Church since November 2018 and talked through a presentation she had prepared for the group about her plans for Centenary. She had been struck by the feeling of community at the Church and wanted to explore possibilities at the Church in terms of turning some of the available space into studio or one-bed accommodation units for the vulnerable and those in need. An idea was that the residents became on-site “staffing” for the church in terms of caretaking, catering, maintenance etc encouraging them to build on hidden talents and skills.</p> <p>BB asked what the timeframes for such a project would be, VO stated that there wasn’t one at the moment. There has been a walk-round the church by an architect. If they were able to utilise existing plumbing, structures etc they could move quite quickly, if there was going to be a new build in the grounds this could take more time. The building is owned by the Methodist Church and there may be opportunity to access some Conversion Funding held by the Church. VO explained that she has approached the Connectional Property Team within the church to discuss her thoughts with them.</p> <p>RT questioned if BBL would be able to support such a project as it is connected to a particular Faith. BB reassured him that the group wouldn’t be prevented from working with the Church provided that the provision would be open to all.</p> <p>MB asked VO if the existing night shelter and emergency help provision would stop if the Church were to go down this route. VO explained that she didn’t think it would and believed it would enhance the service provided.</p> <p>MG stated that there was no shortage of need for accommodation in the town and asked if VO would be sharing her plans and looking to work with other partners. VO confirmed she would be sharing with Churches Together in Boston and stressed that with such a big project, she would need to engage more widely to gauge the community’s feelings and interest in such a project.</p>	

	<p>CL asked what the current membership was. VO stated that the congregation membership was about 75-80, and double that figure was on the community roll. The group discussed that while working in partnership with BBL may secure funding for the project, they needed to be clear what the church was doing for the residents in the BBL area and what value was being brought into the area rather than just the accommodation to benefit a few.</p> <p>The group thanked VO for sharing her ideas. She will now go back to her Trustees and keep the group informed of progress via KR.</p> <p>There was a further discussion on the plans after VO's departure about Legacy Projects in general. BB asked the group if they had an appetite to do a larger project? MG said he would support a big project that fulfils the group's priorities. JR agreed, stating he would rather see a larger practical project that benefits residents than something like a statue or sculpture. All accepted that these projects take a lot longer to plan out than others.</p> <p>The group felt a housing project should be explored in more detail and BB encouraged the group to look at other areas with similar projects and carry out research into this area further.</p>	
2	<p>Welcome to Jackie Lane – LCVS Environment Project Co-ordinator</p> <p>The group welcome Jackie Lane to the meeting. JL explained that the purpose of coming to the meeting was to introduce herself and also to find out from the group what they would like her to carry out in her role. She explained she had started to meet groups in the Big Local area. MG said he knew of a lot of people doing small bits and pieces and it was important for Jackie's role to bring some co-ordination to this. JL is to come back and present her findings to the group.</p>	
3.	<p>Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed MB seconded JR.</p>	
4. .	<p>Matters arising not on the main agenda:</p> <p>KR confirmed she and FT were meeting the following day to start planning the Celebration event for 2020.</p>	
5.	<p>Running things:</p> <p>A. LTO Update – KR presented the monthly budget report, confirming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank balance at 10th February 2020: £32,275.28 • Year 5 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1 = £14,397.18 ○ Theme 2 = £32,198.22 ○ Theme 3 = £36,900.83 ○ Theme 4 = £6,786.50 ○ Theme 5 = £14,226.63 ○ BBL expenditure to date: £104,509.36 • Overspend 1.3.2 by £422. This relates to the cancelled event due to the weather. • Overspend by 2.1.1. by £1,544. This relates to increased costs in the environmental project due to start-up costs. Agreed with Boston Borough Council that next year's budget will be reduced. • Overspend on 2.3.1 by £9,500. The cost of the Pirate Ship was spread over two years in the BBL plan and should have been in one hit. • Overspend 5.2.1 by £116. This relates to insurance that had not been budgeted for. • Overspend on 5.2.2 by £268. This relates to the purchase of large cheques. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overspend 5.3.1 by £1,918. This relates to using SPS for the delivery of the leaflets. • Underspend: Nothing to report • Outstanding invoices: Nothing to report <p>BB felt that the spend was going well for the year.</p> <p>B. BL Rep updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB brought a copy of the Halfway Report for the group. As the group look towards organising a Partners Event in the Autumn, it would give them the opportunity to feedback the findings to them there. • BB advised the group of Lindsey, a key contact at the Local Trust, who looks at data sets within Big Local areas. Lindsey is looking at coming out to regions to demonstrate the data tool and how it could be used. KR would be interested in looking at this. • BB advised the group that the dates for the 2020 Big Local Connects event have been released. This year's event will take place in Nottingham on the 10th and 11th July. Three places are available in each Big Local area. Registration opens on the 23rd March. DJ confirmed it was a very useful event. KR asked that the group think about who may benefit from this year's event. There is also an opportunity for areas to lead a workshop, RT did one in 2019, and closing date for ideas is the 20th April 2020. • Chief Executive of Local Trust Matt Leach is looking to visit Boston during 2020. KR has suggested the Cycling Roadshow in July. BB has invited him and will come back to KR when known. 	ACTION
5.	<p>Doing things:</p> <p><u>A. Update from Boston Buoys Project (Transported Report)</u> KR circulated an update on the Boston Buoys project submitted by Transported. All happy with the report. KR had met with Jo Chapman, one of the artists involved in the programme, who is keen to get words about journeys from local residents to be added to the steel seaweed, jetsam and flotsam which will be on her installation. KR to circulate the postcard wording to the residents, which she can forward onto the artist.</p> <p><u>B. Connecting with Science/Artist in Residence Pilot Updates</u> KR updated the group about progress with these projects. She has spoken again with Christina from the British Science Association and confirmed that a feasibility event to take place during Science Week was the chosen way forward. There were still some things to be worked out but KR has provisionally booked The Local Community Centre for March 13th 2020. KR hasn't received any further update from Grace regarding the Artist in Residence Pilot. KR to chase.</p> <p><u>C. Reports received from Community Chest Grants</u> KR circulated reports from the East Lincs Down Syndrome Group and Shodfriars Hall. All happy with the reports.</p> <p><u>D. Boston Christmas Market</u> KR informed the group that BBL had been invited to have a stall at the 2020 Christmas Market and asked if they were happy to proceed with this. All were. This year's date is Thursday 26th November, 12pm until 8pm. KR to complete and send application.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>

	<p><u>E. Events run by Boston Borough Council</u> MB raised concerns following his experience of trying to book a stall for the Samaritans at the Christmas Market. Existing stallholders are given the option for a stall before it goes out to other businesses and groups on a first-come first-served basis during March. He felt this made it difficult for new groups or those who haven't previously had a stall to get a stall if every one of the existing stall holders take up the offer. FT explained that her events are all first-come first-served basis but that there is a waiting list for the Christmas Market for stalls or trading areas. The Council were looking at areas to expand into, which would provide more space for traders. RT suggested that BBL apply for their own stall, but offer out to groups that they share part of the BBL stall if they were unable to secure their own stall. A rota could be put in place. FT asked why this had been brought to the BBL meeting. RT explained that Boston Big Local is a supporter of local groups and it wasn't to highlight a particular case but the potential disadvantage to other groups that we support.</p> <p><u>F. Change of date for August meeting</u> Due to the August meeting falling on the first day of the Beach event and KR will be on holiday, KR asked for views on moving the date to the previous week – the 6th August 2020. All happy to move the date.</p>	
6.	<p>Communications update: MB explained he has been doing a number of posts on Social Media linked to our priorities this month.</p>	
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MG raised concerns that as part of the PE21 project, two of the proposed Buoys look likely to be affected in the event of redevelopment. RT explained that the Buoy near the bridge will not be affected, although the Fishermen's Memorial may need to be moved. The Buoy near the Len Medlock Centre is likely to be affected and it is proposed that it will be moved to the proposed Linear Park. • JR advised the group he had made contact with Haven High Academy for an update on the Boston Monopoly. He is due to meet with Academy staff early in March and will feedback at the next meeting. • JR noted that BBL has funded the Strictly Lincolnshire even but he was disappointed that our logo does not feature in the publicity materials. KR to contact Butterfly Hospice about this. • DJ brought an example Perspex plaque to show. He suggested that this could be an option for project funding recognition. 	<p>JR KR</p>
8.	<p>Date & Time of next meeting: Thursday 12th March 2020. Chantry House 6pm.</p>	

Meeting finished at 8.25pm.