

Boston Big Local Meeting 12th March 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	Yes
Graham Lloyd (GL)		R	Yes
Nick Thompson (NT)		R	Yes
Jody Raggo (JR)		R	
Izabella Meyer (IM)		R	
Katy Roberts (KR)	Plan Coordinator	NR	
Darren Bayley (DB)	LTO	NR	
Bill Badham (BB)	Big Local Rep	NR	
Fran Taylor (FT)	Council and BBL	NR	
Jackie Lane (JL)	LCVS	R	

1.	Apologies: Apologies received from CL, GL, and NT	ACTION
2.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed MG seconded DJ.	
3..	<p>Matters arising not on the main agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KR confirmed that BBL has a stall at the Christmas Market which could be offered to groups. FT asked that if we are sharing that all groups provide BBC with the necessary documentation. • KR updated the group regarding the decision not to hold an event for Science Week due to possible duplication with other events happening in the Borough already. The British Science Association is still keen to work with the Boston group and will keep in touch with KR. • JR explained he had had a number of emails with Haven High Academy regarding the Monopoly project and the meeting mentioned at last meeting has been postponed. He is awaiting an update from Charlotte for next steps. • KR has contacted Butterfly Hospice regarding the logo. • KR confirmed that Matt Leach has accepted the 24th July 2020 date for his visit to Boston. 	
4.	<p>Running things:</p> <p>A. LTO Update – DB presented the monthly budget report, confirming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank balance at 12th March 2020: £30,717.28 • Year 5 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1 = £14,397.18 ○ Theme 2 = £32,198.22 ○ Theme 3 = £37,940.83 ○ Theme 4 = £6,786.50 ○ Theme 5 = £14,744.63 ○ BBL expenditure to date: £106,067.36 • Overspend 1.3.2 by £422. This relates to the cancelled event due to the weather. 	

<p>JL asked for feedback from the group on what could be included in leaflets and newsletters to explain the role and what projects are being sought. MB happy to work with JL to create a leaflet and asked that JL send over some ideas for him to draft up a leaflet.</p> <p>The group were pleased with progress so far. KR asked if JL could make a note of postcodes of where volunteers come from to include in future monitoring reports.</p> <p><u>B. Update on Heritage Group and Town Deal Board</u> DJ brought the group up to date with the Heritage Shopfronts Town Centre Enhancement Scheme. The project has a year left but it can be extended. A number of shops have benefited to date – a scheme of work has been approved for the old Millets Shop, with Heritage England involved in this; Crumbs have had planning approved; a curved window is to be reinstated at Beauts and Co and Launchburys are also involved. There is a Youth Ambassador programme and a Heritage Skills Festival is planned for April with Building Masterclasses, Tours and Lectures planned.</p> <p>RT updated the group on the Boston Town Deal, a government scheme inviting 100 towns to apply for up to £25 million. RT felt there were a lot of similarities with how BBL set up. The Board are looking for ideas for potential projects, so far has 80 projects which makes Boston ranked no.2 at the moment. Feedback is still being sought. The group is looking to submit early summer. MB asked who makes the decision? RT wasn't sure but believed it would be signed off by the Government. BB felt it would be useful for the Big Local approach of resident-led community consultation to be incorporated in this process.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>MB/JL</p>
<p><u>C. Artist in Residence Pilot/Central Park Community Garden</u> KR updated the group with the Artist In Residence project. Local Trust has identified Transported as a possible group to link up with. There is still some unknowns with the process but KR will keep everyone informed.</p> <p>FT informed the group of the plans for Central Park. Phase one, a multi-use sports area, has been completed, phase two will see the construction of a skate park on the old bowling green, which BBC has been consulting on for the last 10 months. It is hoped that this will be completed in July. Phase three sees the development of a community garden, which would incorporate the Central Park buoy. The Council has secured funding of £10,750 from the Parks Improvement Fund and a further £7,500 from the Migration Project funding but a further £7-£10,000 would be needed. FT showed some of the plans for the garden to the residents. FT asked if the unallocated arts funding could be used. KR explained that at this point the unallocated pots were being set aside for the Artist In Residence Pilot however there could be potential of linking the two projects together.</p>	<p>KR</p>
<p>RT and KR questioned when the Buoy was going to be sited as this would need to be in place before the garden work started. FT had been told it would be June however both RT and KR had been told that the buoys would be sited much later in the year. FT will check on timescales for this. The group were favourable to the project in principle however would need more details before making a decision on financial support. FT offered to bring the garden designer to a future meeting. The group felt this was a good idea.</p> <p><u>D. Celebration Event</u></p>	<p>FT</p>

	KR and FT have met to discussed ideas for a Celebration Event/AGM. The event would be a combination of networking and the AGM business but through FT's consultation work, identified groups who have not previously been in touch with BBL could be invited and encouraged to speak with existing grant-holders. Originally a date in May was discussed however with the uncertainty with Coronavirus this could now be moved to later in the year and incorporate the consultation for the next two-year plan.	
6.	Communications update: MB has produced the next newsletter, copies were distributed to the group. He explained he will be using the Peterborough company for delivery but is still keen for a local group to benefit from having a regular donation for delivering the newsletter.	
7.	A.O.B. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FT showed the group the posters for the forthcoming 1940s Event and explained the activities that are planned for this. She will bring a full report to the next meeting. 	FT
8.	Date & Time of next meeting: Thursday 9th April 2020. Chantry House 6pm.	

Meeting finished at 7.40pm.