

**Boston Big Local Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020**  
**Via Zoom**

Name	Title	Resident/ Non Resident	Apologies
Richard Tory (RT)	Chair	R	
Don Jenkins (DJ)	Deputy Chair	R	
Mike Gilbert (MG)		R	Yes
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	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	

1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies received from CL, GL, NT, IM and DB – comments on reports received from CL and GL prior to the meeting	<b>ACTION</b>
2.	<b>Presentation by Ady Paul, Boston Co-ordinator for the Fenland Pike Initiative:</b> Ady introduced the group to the Fenland Pike Initiative. He explained that there are illegal fishing activities taking place across the Fenland area, which includes Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire. This is partially down to a lack of cultural awareness as in other countries it is legal to fish, catch fish and take home to cook. There have been a number of occasions in recent years in the Boston area when fish have been taken illegally. He spoke of a number of initiatives that have been set up, including Operation Traverse (a multi-agency project involving the Angling Trust, Environment Agency and The Police). This includes the provision of training to the police and the courts to raise awareness that it is an offence to take fish. Another initiative is the Building Bridges project, which has involved the Polish Angling Society. MB asked Ady how Boston Big Local could support them in raising awareness. Ady explained that a Facebook page had been set up and that they need more people to report any incidents or issues to them so that they are able to go to the Environment Agency with information. MB suggested applying to the Community Chest to purchase signage or the communication channels that we have such as the newsletter and social media pages. KR thanked Ady for his time in explaining more about the initiative.	
3.	<b>Communications update:</b> MB updated that he had done a number of posts on Facebook since the last meeting, including an update on the face masks project and the virtual coffee morning. He is working with RT and KR on the Top Trumps project and now has the templates to design the box, cards and information leaflet. He is also compiling the next newsletter. He asked the group for their views on the newsletter – should this be digital only or should we explore other delivery options? RT explained that he will not be going to Peterborough as regularly going forward so a local delivery company would be better. He also suggested looking at Royal Mail as a delivery option. FT added that the walking groups were looking at returning shortly and can discuss with them. MB to explore options. MB left the meeting.	<b>MB</b>
4.	<b>Approve minutes of last meeting:</b> Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed RT seconded JR.	

5.	<p><b>Matters arising not on the main agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KR has notified Boston College that their application has been unsuccessful and has come to an arrangement with Joan Barnes regarding accessing her Community Chest funding.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION</b>
6.	<p><b>Running things:</b></p> <p>A. LTO Update – DB sent his apologies to the meeting and forwarded the financial figures, which were circulated to the residents prior to the meeting. The first payment for 2020/21 had now been received. Bank balance at 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020: £53,554.87</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Theme 1 = £250.00</li> <li>○ Theme 2 = £0</li> <li>○ Theme 3 = £7,811.32</li> <li>○ Theme 4 = £0</li> <li>○ Theme 5 = £1,447.85</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BBL expenditure to date: £9,509.17</li> <li>• Overspend: Nothing to report.</li> <li>• Underspend: Nothing to report.</li> <li>• Outstanding invoices: Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p>B. BL Rep updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BB informed the group that the Local Trust has revised its deadlines for a Legacy Statement. This was originally due for September but in light of the current circumstances this has now been moved to March.</li> <li>• BB reminded the group that this year's Big Local Connects, which was due to take place in July, has been postponed. However workshops and seminars will now be held throughout the weekend online. He advised the group to keep an eye out for more information in due course.</li> <li>• All the partnership should have received an email asking them for their views as part of the Partnership Review process. Hard copies can be ordered. DJ confirmed that he had completed it but advised that it does take some time to go through.</li> <li>• BB reminded the group about accessing Workplace. Workplace is the sharing platform for anyone who is part of a Big Local area to share views and contribute. To access Workplace, you simply email <a href="mailto:info@localtrust.org.uk">info@localtrust.org.uk</a> with your: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Name (first and last)</li> <li>○ Big Local Area</li> <li>○ Role within that Big Local Area (e.g Partnership member, worker etc)</li> <li>○ Email address to be used for the account.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Doing things:</b></p> <p><u>A. Community Chest Funding Update</u> KR has received an update from the Spilsby New Life church who were setting up the Boston Uniform Bank, which was funded via the Community Chest pot. Prior to lockdown the group were talking with the Restore Church in Boston as being the Boston base and this looks likely that this is where it will be. A number of schools have provided uniform to the Bank during lockdown so they are busy making this available for parents ahead of a return to school in September. They will continue to keep KR informed of progress.</p>	

	<p><u>B. Top Trumps</u>  RT explained to the group progress so far in this project. He and KR had met with Alison Fairman (Boston Preservation Trust) and Matt Bentley (Townscape Heritage Initiative) this week. Matt Bentley has confirmed he is able to match fund the project and both had started working on the descriptions of the buildings and the recategorizing of the Listings. Matt had explained that the Heritage weekend is still due to go ahead in September – this year’s theme is about Past-times and Past Times so the card game would fit well with this. KR was also made aware that the card company provide an actual copy proofing service which is refundable if over 100 packs of cards are ordered. In order to meet the September deadline, everything will need to be sent to the suppliers by mid-August. KR is working on a project plan. MB is happy to do the artwork for the cards.</p> <p><u>C.Virtual Coffee Morning</u>  KR updated the group on the first Virtual Coffee Morning which saw 22 groups attend. Feedback from this meeting was that people wanted a regular morning going forward and it was roughly 50/50 between themed meetings or a general catch up. Other than funding, which most groups said they were in need of, attendees wanted a forum where people can meet and talk about how COVID-19 is affecting them. As such a second Virtual Coffee Morning for groups and organisations has been arranged for tomorrow (Friday). The administration is being done through Eventbrite as there were some issues at the first meeting and the format will be having two speakers from organisations who have adapted or continued to deliver services during this time. These are Liz Hopkins from Centrepoint Outreach and Dan Lewis from the Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex. Twenty-three people have signed up, with some new groups also signing up. KR and FT are exploring a funding themed coffee morning for the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b>KR</b> <b>MB</b></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FT updated the group that she had been maintaining contact with community groups via email during this time. Some are not currently able to run or she hasn’t been able to make contact with but she has signposted to the virtual coffee morning and to other areas of support. It is clear that a lot of groups are able to adapt to deliver services and reach clients but that a number of these are running out of money. KR advised FT to pass on BBL’s details and make contact with us.</li> <li>• FT also asked regarding the underspend from the events pots as there were elements of the park redevelopment that BBC are still seeking funding for. RT advised FT to provide more details for the group to consider when things became clear.</li> </ul>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Residents Panel Meeting, 5pm and via Zoom assuming the situation remains the same.</b></p>	

Meeting finished at 6.50pm