

**Boston Big Local Meeting 10th September 2020
Via Zoom**

Name	Title	Resident/ Non Resident	Apologies
Richard Tory (RT)	Chair	R	
Don Jenkins (DJ)	Deputy Chair	R	Joined meeting at 5.20pm
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	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	Yes
Lorraine Lenton (LL)	Community Chest Panel Member	NR	Yes
Joan Barnes (JB)	Barnes Collection of War Memories	NR	

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1.	Presentation by Joan Barnes: KR welcomed Joan Barnes to the meeting. JB was awarded a small Community Chest grant in May 2020 to start to carry out research on the Boston Grammar School War Memorial and had applied in the recent round for the balance of a Community Chest grant. In order to understand what progress had been made on the project, and to aid decision-making, JB presented some of the findings and spoke of a number of Boston Grammar School pupils who had sadly lost their lives in conflict during World War One. The additional funding will help JB continue with her research, to widen the research to overseas and also help with preparing displays for her to showcase her findings. LL commented thanked JB for coming to present the application to the group and that it was fascinating to hear that the research had gone into the families of the lost soldiers. It was building a picture of life in Boston in the early 1900s. MG agreed as the research was also taking in the sitings of war memorials elsewhere in the BBL area. KR thanked JB for attending and would be in touch with a decision in due course. The group were satisfied with the work that had been carried out so far and agreed to fund the balance of the Community Chest application of £1030. LL left the meeting.	KR
2.	Apologies: Apologies received from CL, GL, NT, IM, DB and FT	
3.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed DJ seconded JR.	
4.	Matters arising not on the main agenda: KR read out an update from FT regarding the Pirate Ship in Woodville Road, Park, following the departure of the Travellers. Thankfully there was no damage to the ship itself but it was thoroughly cleaned the BBC grounds team. The whole site also had to be cleared, again by the BBC staff who did an excellent job. The query regarding charging for his work was raised but as the travellers have no fixed abode the council are unable to contact them. BBC are exploring the possibility of installing concrete posts to avoid travellers gaining access onto green spaces such as play areas.	

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5.	<p>Running things:</p> <p>A. LTO Update – DB had previously forwarded the financial figures, which were circulated to the residents prior to the meeting. Bank balance at 9th September 2020: £36,746.38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1 = £2,422.83 ○ Theme 2 = £2,887.75 ○ Theme 3 = £14,300.74 ○ Theme 4 = £1,375.00 ○ Theme 5 = £5,331.34 • BBL expenditure to date: £26,317.66 • Overspend: 5.2.2 – Overspend by £218 on insurance due to not being budgeted for. • Overspend: 3.4.2 – Overspend by £145 due to the unexpected purchase of Hand Sanitiser units. • Underspend: Nothing to report. • Outstanding invoices: Nothing to report <p>KR reported that she had met with DB to look at the overall spend for the plan and an additional spreadsheet tab has been added to the document sent out. It also shows where some project spend has been moved and expected underspend. The residents found this a useful addition.</p> <p>B. BL Rep updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB reported that he has been feeding back nationally on the strength of the BBL group as part of general COVID conversations. The wider conversations are turning towards different themes such as mental health support and the digital divide. While the group has links with mental health support agencies such as Samaritans, the partnership may need to look into the digital divide and what may be needed with this. • BB thanked the residents for completing the Partnership Survey. There had been good numbers submitted in the end. It is coming to the time of completing a Partnership Review but obtaining signatures may be difficult due to not meeting in person. BB is proposing to send an email to residents to confirm their involvement with the group, sign and send back. • BB turned to legacy and to look at the ways Big Local is investing in the area. BB will draft something for the group to look at and if happy RT will put our name to it. 	
6.	<p>Doing things:</p> <p><u>A. Plans for Annual Meeting and Community Conversation</u></p> <p>BB started the discussion about the group’s plans for starting the Community Conversation for the next plan. He highlighted that Zoom is working well for partnership business and the group had invested in FT to develop the links with the local community. KR added she is planning a number of Virtual Coffee Mornings, the first being about funding, which will hopefully start the conversation and highlight what needs there are in the community.</p> <p>DJ added that he liked the way that the group has been responsive to the needs during the pandemic, giving the face visor material donation as an example. BB commented that this could be the approach that the group takes for the next plan – identifying from the existing projects what could be supported going forward and then building in a large pot of money that the group could quickly access to respond to community need. RT suggested that</p>	

<p>a contingency pot could be included in each of the themes rather than one larger pot. Events may need to be done in this way too.</p> <p>KR highlighted that there were a number of local groups have come back to the Community Chest on several occasions but haven't supported through the main grants before. Also some common themes that had come up through the coffee morning such as support for carers groups needing to adapt service delivery could be explored. MB regularly asks local groups that have been supported by BBL in the past how they are going. The residents will continue to do this to build a better picture.</p> <p><u>B. Top Trumps</u></p> <p>RT updated the group on progress so far with this. The order has now been placed for the packs however there has been in a delay due to the card not being in stock and the printing press breaking down. This has meant that the cards will not be ready for the planned Heritage Open Days. RT, MB and KR have met with Heritage Lincolnshire to discuss ways to promote the cards and are looking at another planned event – the Heritage Skills Festival – to start to build interest in the cards with the possibility of doing something in October Half Term.</p> <p>The delay is being compensated by additional packs of cards being sent. The discussion with Heritage Lincolnshire was useful and there is the possibility of linking in with a local Walking Tour provider who could do a Top Trumps Tour with the thought of providing her with packs that she can sell to walk participants. In the meantime, MB has been working on a QR code link to a Google map which will show the walking routes that RT has compiled. The link will have the text from the card. MB is now working on a dedicated Trumps website for this. KR confirmed the delivery is planned for 25th September.</p> <p><u>C. Remaining Community Chest Funding</u></p> <p>KR explained that there is approx. £16,500 funding remaining in the Community Chest pot for the plan. Sadly she had had confirmation that the Santa Run has been cancelled for this year so an additional £950 is available for distribution. Typically about £7000 is granted in each Community Chest round so with only one round remaining for the plan cycle, the funding panel had discussed how to use this money. The residents were in favour of a one-off, COVID specific funding round early in November for groups to apply for funding to help with the recovery from COVID. BB happy for the group to explore this.</p> <p><u>D. Universal Basic Income Discussion</u></p> <p>KR had circulated the Powerpoint and recording from last week's meeting with Michael's email and discussed what the next step may be for this. The group felt that the pilot scheme was very early in the process and expected it to be further down the line. MB had put a post on Facebook to ask for opinions on UBI in general and the feedback was generally negative. Boston was the first Big Local area to take part in the discussion and a paper is being produced. The group agreed to wait to see what comes from this before exploring what the next steps may be.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
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6.	<p>Communications Update: The newsletter had now been delivered by the Rotary Group and feedback from them was that they were pleased to be involved in this. MG will organise for an invoice to be sent to KR. MB has been working on the map and website for the Top Trumps and has been sending out social media posts on the Universal Basic Income meeting and the Hand Sanitiser Units.</p>	ACTION
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KR had circulated a report from Jackie at Lincolnshire CVS on the Environmental Project. A number of events are planned and Jackie is looking for volunteers but also suggestions on areas to target in the litter picks. MG suggested the area around Nelson Way including the green space near the Five Lamps around to Nelson Way and roads leading off there and the area on the opposite side of the A16 near Blue Street. KR will forward these suggestions to JL. • RT noted that he and KR will be meeting with Lincolnshire Credit Union tomorrow to discuss ways forward with regards to the funding found when merging with Nottinghamshire Credit Union. • KR advised that the Buoy was now in place in the park in the area of the Community Garden and work will be starting on this in the near future. This was also referred to in Jackie's report from LCVS. • DJ asked if anyone knew how Blackfriars Theatre was doing in the pandemic. KR will make enquiries. 	<p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>
8.	<p>Date & Time of next meeting: Thursday 8th October, 5pm via Zoom assuming the situation remains the same.</p>	

Meeting finished at 7.03pm