

**Boston Big Local Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

Name	Title	Resident/ Non Resident	Apologies
Richard Tory (RT)	Chair	R	
Don Jenkins (DJ)	Deputy Chair	R	
Mike Gilbert (MG)		R	
Mark Baker (MB)	Communications	R	
Carole Lloyd (CL)		R	
Graham Lloyd (GL)		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	

		ACTION
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies received from DB	
2.	<b>Approve minutes of last meeting:</b> Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed DJ, seconded MB.	
3.	<p><b>Matters arising not on the main agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approval of Plan:</b> RT confirmed with the group that the Plan for 2021-23 had been approved. There had been correspondence from Local Trust during March indicating that there could be a delay in signing off. However approval came through just before Easter. BB congratulated the group on their efforts.</li> <li>• <b>Boston Monopoly:</b> RT has heard from Maddy Eyre at BBC and the BTAC proposal will be heard at the next meeting in May. This is just ahead of the final deadline with Winning Moves for copy. A Powerpoint presentation will be put together.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Running things:</b></p> <p>A. LTO Update – DB had previously forwarded the financial figures, which were circulated to the residents prior to the meeting. The first instalment of year 7 2021-21 has been received. Bank balance at 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021: £123,657.22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Theme 1 = £11,731.67</li> <li>○ Theme 2 = £13,984.88</li> <li>○ Theme 3 = £36,554.38</li> <li>○ Theme 4 = £24,942.40</li> <li>○ Theme 5 = £15,113.99</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BBL expenditure to date: £102,327.32</li> <li>• Overspend: 5.2.2 – Overspend by £218 on insurance due to not being budgeted for.</li> <li>• Overspend: 3.4.2 – Overspend by £145 due to the unexpected purchase of Hand Sanitiser units.</li> <li>• Overspend: 5.3.1 – Overspend by £776 due to unplanned delivery cost of the newsletter</li> <li>• Underspend: Nothing to report.</li> <li>• Outstanding invoices: Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p>Invoices have been received for some of the Q4 work, but there should be a small underspend on the outgoing plan.</p>	

	<p>B. BL Rep updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Local Connects 2021 is planned to take place in person from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham. It is expected COVID-19 restrictions will have lifted by and the event is run in line with all government guidance. There are three spaces available per area. Registration begins at the end of May.</li> <li>• Local elections are coming up and here Local Trust guidance on political activity. <a href="https://localtrust.org.uk/big-local/programme-guidance/political-activities-and-big-local-areas/">https://localtrust.org.uk/big-local/programme-guidance/political-activities-and-big-local-areas/</a></li> <li>• The Day After Tomorrow is a resident proposed initiative to continue Big Local networking beyond 2026. A group has done some initial work and wants to open it up to all areas through a Zoom session on 16<sup>th</sup> April 202. KR to send details to the group.</li> <li>• Feedback from the Assessor on the Boston Plan was superb. MB to add Plan and Feedback to the website.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b>KR</b></p> <p><b>MB</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Doing things:</b></p> <p><u>A. Quarterly Reports for Discussion and Approval</u>          Reports were circulated prior to the meeting.  <b>Boston Stitchers:</b> Noted that the group were now independent from the Embroiderers Guild. All happy with the report.  <b>Arts for Dementia:</b> All happy with the report.  <b>BOSFIT:</b> All happy with the report.  <b>Boston Samaritans:</b> All happy with the report.  <b>Boston In Bloom:</b> All happy with the report. RT informed the group that the official unveiling of the Buoy is due to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.  <b>LCVS Environmental Project:</b> All happy with the report.  <b>Neil Watson Photography:</b> All happy with the report.  <b>Citizens Advice Mid-Lincolnshire:</b> All happy with the report. Group asked if it was possible to know what the additional benefits realised figure could be identified. KR to ask.  <b>Hanse Group:</b> All happy with the report.</p> <p>KR will circulate the invoices that had been submitted for approval.</p> <p><u>B. 2021-23 Activity Schedule Discussion</u>          KR had circulated the Activity Schedules submitted prior to the meeting. Discussion about what detail is needed for the document. Group agreed that the schedule should highlight the outcome measures to be achieved during the lifetime of the funding. The narrative provided as part of the quarterly monitoring should reflect these. KR to post on Workplace for feedback from other areas on Activity Schedules and SLAs.</p> <p>LCVS had submitted a request for approval of the Naturehood sites, some of which were just outside of the BBL area. All happy with the proposed sites, although it was noted that the College site wasn't open to the public.</p> <p>The discussion prompted concerns about fly-tipping and littering in the town. MB was concerned that decisions made by Boston Borough Council on rubbish collection was impacting on the community, and projects that BBL were funding were being called upon to clear up the area through volunteer action. The group agreed to keep an eye on the situation as the paper (purple) bins were being rolled out.</p> <p><u>C. Virtual Coffee Morning – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021</u></p>	<p><b>KR</b></p> <p><b>KR</b></p> <p><b>KR</b></p>

	<p>KR is hosting a Virtual Coffee Morning with Transported next week. Invites have been sent out. So far, about 15 people have signed up. MB to publicise on Facebook next week.</p> <p><u>D. Annual Meeting</u>  RT explained this had been added to the agenda as in light of restrictions being lifted and missing last year's event, it would be good to start to think of an Annual Meeting later in the year, possibly September. KR added she hopes to do an in-person Informal Coffee Morning in late June/early July.</p>	<b>ACTION MB</b>
6.	<p><b>Communications</b>  MB has been updating the website and Facebook. BB's report has been added and will share the new plan and feedback shortly. He has been posting about the BBL themes as well as sharing good news stories. RT asked if there had been enough newsletters for the latest delivery. MG said there was, providing businesses weren't delivered to. MB is aiming to have the next newsletter to be ready for delivery at the end of May.</p>	
7.	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first Community Chest Panel is due to take place in May. KR checked that the provisional date was ok with everyone.</li> </ul>	<b>KR</b>
8.	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting: Community Chest Panel – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 5pm via Zoom.</b>  <b>Residents Meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm via Zoom.</b></p>	

Meeting finished at 7.00pm