

**Boston Big Local Meeting 10th June 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	Left meeting at 6.30pm
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	
Bill Badham (BB)	Big Local Rep	NR	

		ACTION
1.	Apologies: No apologies received	
2.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed DJ, seconded JR.	
3.	<p>Matters arising not on the main agenda:</p> <p>Centenary Methodist Chapel application: KR confirmed she had been in contact with Rev Ogden and had explained the partnership's decision. The message had been forwarded to the project board.</p> <p>CAML: KR had had a response regarding the income maximisation question raised at a previous meeting. The information isn't something that CAML can provide.</p>	
4.	<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. DB explained going forward he would be reporting just on Year 7 figures. The final Boston Borough Council invoice for year 6 has been received and paid. The LHP finance system is still being problematic and remains outstanding. Bank balance at 9th June 2021: £108,979.38.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1 = £0 ○ Theme 2 = £0 ○ Theme 3 = £5,800.00 ○ Theme 4 = £0 ○ Theme 5 = £2,141.44 • BBL expenditure to date: Year 7: £7,941.44 • Outstanding invoices: LHP £1,470.55 (year 6 1.2.1). <p>B. BL Rep updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB is aware that Rachel Rowney, Chief Operating Officer at Local Trust, is looking to arrange visits to Big Local areas. She has previously had some involvement with Boston in the earlier years. BB to explore further. • It was noted that Local Trust had indicated that Boston had not been involved in many events. He felt this was not the case as aware of a 	

	number of residents and KR being involved in sessions throughout COVID.	ACTION
5.	<p>Doing things:</p> <p><u>A. Boston Monopoly</u> KR updated the group on activities since last meeting. The BTAC meeting had taken place, which resulted in a subsequent offer of support via the Officers through the Empowering Communities funding. The Council is keen for the funding to be transferred to BBL and KR has forwarded the PO request to DB. DB asked for clarification on who to send the invoice to. KR to forward Nichola Holderness' email address to DB. The final artwork proofs have been forwarded for approval. These were signed off, except for the box base. MB highlighted that the QR code should have a web address added for those who are unable to access the code. He will forward the web address to KR to send on to Winning Moves. KR to send the signed artwork to Winning Move.</p> <p><u>B. Unallocated Pot Application: Boston Book Festival</u> KR had forwarded application details for Boston Book Festival prior to the meeting. The Festival had been unsuccessful in received support from the Arts Council which put the festival at risk. It had attracted a number of high profile authors to the event (scheduled for September). The group discussed the application. In principle, the group were in favour of supporting this year's festival, however requested further information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value to local residents • Future sustainability • Arrangements if the event is cancelled due to COVID <p>KR to contact the group for clarification on these points and forward information to the group for decision.</p> <p><u>C. Shodfriars Hall</u> KR informed the group that the Board at Shodfriars Hall had taken the decision to step down from the Hall renovation project. BBL funding had been used towards electrical work and the decoration of the Billiard Room and an offer of returning the funds had been made. There is still a willingness to convert the Hall for community use and as such it was agreed not to request for these funds back at this time. It was noted that a number of BBL items are in storage at the hall. Rob Barclay has assured KR that these can continue to be stored there until a new organisation takes on the building.</p> <p><u>D. Platinum Jubilee Events</u> DJ asked if it would be possible to create a BBL Platinum Jubilee Pot for small street parties and celebrations in the BBL area. The group agreed to explore doing this. It was felt that there could be some underspend from the unallocated pots to put to this. As well as funding, the group discussed producing packs for streets including bunting and items for celebrations.</p> <p><u>E. SLAs</u> All SLAs are now out to be signed. DB to check with Michele at Age UK that she has received them.</p> <p><u>F. Big Local Connects</u> KR confirmed that three spaces have been booked for this year's Big Local Connects. RT and JR have also written a brief summary for a suggested</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>MB KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>DB</p>

	workshop. Closing date for submission is next week and Local Trust will be in touch in due course if it will be included in the programme.	ACTION
	<p><u>G. Future Meetings and Venues</u></p> <p>DB has had confirmation that LHP is not able to give a date when or if we can go back to using the meeting room at Chantry House due to an internal reconfiguring of space. KR will approach Amanda Wilson at The Local Community Centre about the rooms there.</p>	KR
6.	<p>Communications</p> <p>Newsletter has been printed and delivered. All residents have received a copy. MB updated that the funds given to the Rotary had been used for projects in the town as well as further afield. MB has been posting on Facebook regarding the Buoys Project. It was noted that there were limited mentions of BBL in these posts. He has created a mini-site for the Boston Monopoly and will start to add content to this over the coming weeks.</p>	
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RT had attended a meeting of the Town Deal Board and had seen artists impressions of plans for the area around B&M and the old Job Centre building. These form part of a submission for Levelling Up Funding. However it was noted that the area would be cleared and several arts projects funded by BBL and other Resident Action Groups would need to be removed. The Partnership was concerned that resident-led projects were being disregarded. 	
8.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Residents Meeting: Thursday 8th July, 5.30pm at The Local Community Centre, Mitre Square, Boston.</p>	

Meeting finished at 7.30pm