

Boston Big Local Meeting 13th January 2022
The Local Community Centre, Boston

Name	Title	Resident/ Non Resident	Apologies
Richard Tory (RT)	Chair	R	
Don Jenkins (DJ)	Deputy Chair	R	Yes
Mike Gilbert (MG)		R	
Mark Baker (MB)	Communications	R	
Carole Lloyd (CL)		R	Yes
Graham Lloyd (GL)		R	Yes
Jody Raggo (JR)		R	
Izabella Meyer (IM)		R	
Lind Anso Edwards (LAE)		R	
Jo Snell (JS)		R	
Katy Roberts (KR)	Plan Coordinator	NR	
Darren Bayley (DB)	LTO	NR	Yes
Bill Badham (BB)	Big Local Rep	NR	
Fran Taylor (FT)	Boston Borough Council	NR	Left meeting at 6.45pm

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1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies received from CL, GL DJ and DB.	
2.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed MB, seconded JR.	
3.	Matters arising not on the main agenda: KR to follow-up on Declaration of Interests review.	KR
4.	<p>Running things:</p> <p>A. LTO Update – DB had circulated reports prior to the meeting. Bank balance at 12th January 2022: £22,547.92. DB is to make contact with Local Trust regarding release of second half payment. KR has let DB know that invoices to hand are in excess of the funds in the bank. Spend in last month was predominantly in Theme 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1 = £9,335.35 ○ Theme 2 = £6,685.66 ○ Theme 3 = £26,800.00 ○ Theme 4 = £24,239.33 ○ Theme 5 = £13,451.88 • BBL expenditure to date: Year 7: £80,512.22. The Newsletter Delivery invoice could not be paid as the new bank details provided were missing a digit. KR has now received the correct details for this to be paid. <p>B. BL Rep updates - No updates to report.</p>	
5.	<p>Doing things:</p> <p><u>A. Update from Fran Taylor</u></p> <p>FT had joined the meeting to discuss a possible Showcase-style event. Her intention is to showcase all the groups that BBL has supported but wanted resident feedback on whether the event should be a standalone one or dovetail with another planned event. Residents felt it should be a standalone event, although consideration could be given to when the beach would be installed. FT confirmed the beach was to be removed on the 5th September so pencilled in September 4th as a possible date. Residents highlighted their vision, including a</p>	

<p>possible “afternoon tea” tent, inclusion of Vegetable Olympics and that while the focus should be the Community Groups, there should be something to pull people in. At this stage, the amount in the Large Events pot that remains unallocated is £10,500. FT highlighted that several items have increased in price since the events were last held in 2019 and some items such as the sleepers for the Beach frame were needing to be replaced. FT was reminded that the Council has been allocated funding based on the funding requests made however if additional funds were needed, FT should come back to the panel nearer the time as there could be underspends by that point. However this wouldn’t be known until that time. KR to forward a list of groups that have been supported by BBL to FT.</p> <p>B. <u>Approve Q3 quarterly reports and spend</u> It was noted it had been a busy quarter, with most projects now operating near-normal.</p> <p>Boston Stitchers: All happy with the report. KR noted that MB and herself had attended the Open Morning at Len Medlock and viewed the progress of the project.</p> <p>Woodcarvers: All happy with the report. Invoice approved.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Housing Partnership – Memory Lane: Activities now up and running. All happy with report. Invoice to follow.</p> <p>BOSFIT: All happy with report. JR noted that BBL rarely gets a mention, it has been raised before. KR noted that she had received paper invoices dating back to July just before Christmas as had been posted to Chantry House. However they were all incorrect so have been cancelled and will be reissued. She has asked BBC for invoices to be sent via email.</p> <p>Boston Samaritans: All happy with the report. Invoice approved.</p> <p>Boston Borough Council Environmental Report: No report received. JR asked if Jen Moore was still in post as had seen that flytipping reports are to be made to a new person. KR had also seen this but not aware Jen was no longer our contact. KR to look into.</p> <p>Boston In Bloom: All happy with report. Invoice approved. RT noted that there had been a discussion about the town planters and specialist plants needed for these at another meeting. KR shared there was still nearly £3500 available to Bloom in the current year’s allocation.</p> <p>Five Lamps: Report noted. It is expected that the plans for the Lamps will be submitted this quarter.</p> <p>LCVS: All happy with the report. BB asked if volunteering figures for this and other projects could be included in future reports. KR to request for next quarter. Invoice approved.</p> <p>Broadfield Lane Play Area: Installation has now been completed. All happy with report. Invoice to follow.</p> <p>Beach Event: All happy with report and update.</p> <p>Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire: All happy with report. Invoice to be forwarded for action.</p> <p>Christmas In Boston: All happy with report. It was noted that there had been favourable comments about the town lights on social media. Invoice approved.</p> <p>Boston Volunteer Centre Charity: KR has received an invoice for the equipment. She reported that the install was happening that day and the following day. All happy to approve the invoice with a report to follow.</p> <p>C. <u>Unallocated Funding Applications</u> 1. <u>The Friendly Bench:</u> In CL’s absence, KR raised her concerns about the materials used for the bench, the ongoing maintenance and whether it was the right time for a project of this type given the current COVID numbers. The group</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>
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	<p>looked at pictures of the proposed bench and discussed suitability. It was felt that the area was not one that had been supported greatly by BBL funds and could bring local residents together. All agreed to support to £5250. KR to contact Jackie Lane.</p> <p><u>2. Restore Pantry:</u> The group requested further information about the project regarding sustainability post-BBL support. KR to invite the contact to speak at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>D. Boston Monopoly Update</u> RT gave an update on the Boston Monopoly and Trumps sales. There are some amendments to be made to the table as he had spoken to Matt Bentley earlier in the day, who will be making a contribution towards the Trumps cards. It was noted that from the Festive Markets, cash from sales of the boards and cards had been taken to be passed onto local organisations. It was agreed to make donations to Headway Lincolnshire (£420), Boston Swimming Club (£160) and the Rotary Club (£420) for their Children of Courage event. A decision on the final £420 will still be needed.</p> <p><u>E. Community Cycling</u> KR had met with Lauren from Cycling UK and had passed details onto the Geoff Moulder Leisure Pool and Fran Taylor regarding possible funding options. At this stage it doesn't appear that this is something the council will be pursuing. Group discussed potential other groups or individuals. JS to make contact with one of her colleagues.</p>	<p>ACTION KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>RT</p> <p>JS</p>
6.	<p>Communications Update: Since last meeting, MB has focused on the Boston Monopoly promotions before moving onto the Community Chest funding. Posters are now in place in Pescod Hall. He will be promoting the current reports received and doing some social media posting about the Play Equipment on Broadfield Lane.</p>	
6.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAE noted that the Boston Book Festival is scheduled for September 2022. • LAE is hosting an art exhibition at Fydell House and invited residents to join her for the Open Evening on Wednesday 9th March 2022 from 6pm until 8pm. 	
8.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Tuesday 25th January, 6pm: Community Chest Panel, at The Local Community Centre, Mitre Lane, Boston. Thursday 10th February, 6pm: Residents Meeting, at The Local Community Centre, Mitre Lane, Boston.</p>	

Meeting finished at 8.05pm.