

Boston Big Local Meeting 10th March 2022
The Local Community Centre, Boston

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	Yes
Jody Raggo (JR)		R	
Izabella Meyer (IM)		R	
Lind Anso Edwards (LAE)		R	
Jo Snell (JS)		R	Yes
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	
Emma Fawcett (EF)	Restore Church	R	Left meeting at 6.30pm

		ACTION
1.	Welcome and apologies: The partnership welcomed Emma Fawcett, of Restore Church to the meeting.	
2.	Restore Pantry Presentation regarding an Unallocated Funding Pot Application: EF talked through the application for a contribution towards a Pantry Manager. The group heard that since December 2020, the Pantry had enrolled 501 memberships, made up of 799 adults and 594 children. On average, 50 members use the Pantry each week. The Pantry works with food surplus partners such as Fareshare, Neighbourly and His Church, as well as local food donations and allotments to stock the Pantry and on Christmas Eve alone distributed 700kg of food to local residents. The Pantry is currently manned by volunteers, who also need support. The proposed role would support the volunteers as well as look at ways in which the pantry could grow. Approx 80% of members live in the BBL area, with about 40% originally from Eastern Europe. EF explained how the role would be funded with contributions coming via Restore Church and also a Councillor's Funding Pot. The group thanked EF for her presentation and she left the meeting. Residents found the presentation insightful and were happy to support from the 2022-23 Plan. KR to inform Restore Church about next steps.	KR
3.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed DJ, seconded RT.	
4.	Matters arising not on the main agenda: KR had circulated prior to the meeting Declaration of Interest forms. Hard copies were also provided at the meeting for completion.	
5.	Running things: A. LTO Update – DB had circulated reports prior to the meeting. DB now has access to the bank account after a new code reader was sent across. The second instalment of funds has now been received and invoices are up to date. Bank balance at 9 th March 2022: £83,649.16. KR has had some invoice issues with Boston Borough Council regarding the Play Equipment, which FT is following up.	

	<p>Year 7 Spend by Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Theme 1 = £11,897.85 o Theme 2 = £11,225.95 o Theme 3 = £37,404.80 o Theme 4 = £43,910.75 o Theme 5 = £15,097.13 o BBL expenditure to date: Year 7: £119,536.68 <p>B. BL Rep updates: BB highlighted there was an opportunity for RT to put forward KR to join the Community Practice Network. Local Trust has organised this for Workers. KR expressed an interest in joining. Early indications have also been given that Big Local Connects will be taking place later this year in Nottingham again. No further details available at this stage.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>RT</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Doing things:</p> <p><u>A. Legacy Project – Social Value</u> Following last month’s discussion KR has spoken with the Measuring Change team, who have offered the services of Renaisi, who are doing an impact exercise in another Local Trust area. While it was a different direction than what the residents had discussed, it would be a useful exercise to pursue and was included within the Local Trust offer so could be a starting point to explore other areas. KR to message back.</p> <p><u>B. Inspire 2022 Youth Funding</u> KR had attended a webinar on the Local Trust element of Inspire 2022 Youth Funding programme. It was clear that due to the short and as yet unknown timescales for the programme it was aimed at areas with existing links to youth support. However Local Trust is planning on running youth engagement programmes later in the year and would be in touch. The group discussed ways in which young people could be brought into BBL decision making and wondered whether there could be an opportunity to bring young people in to the Community Chest panel.</p> <p><u>C. Annual Meeting</u> The group discussed reinstating the annual meeting, the last being in May 2019 before the pandemic. It was decided that the meeting would be best held later in the year (September/October) to incorporate planning for the final Plan. KR to discuss dates with the Len Medlock Voluntary Centre.</p> <p><u>D. Community Events – Celebrate Boston 19th March 2022</u> The recent Volunteering Event at Centenary was attended by KR, DJ, RT and JR and had been useful. BBL has a stall at the forthcoming Celebrate Boston event and volunteers to help KR and RT would be appreciated to cover breaks. FT updated on the Beach Event. A number of groups have met to discuss what activities are planned. FT noted that the sleepers for the beach have had to be replaced but will be sponsored and paid for by Witham Timber. The 1940s event planning is also in full swing with all the entertainment now booked.</p> <p><u>E. Boston Belle Meeting</u> RT informed the group that he has been invited to the Council for a meeting regarding Boston Belle. The company is looking into the future sustainability of the Belle and is investigating the possibility of becoming a Community Interest Company. RT to report back to the group after the meeting as unsure what level of involvement the Council is looking at BBL having.</p>	<p>KR</p>

	<p><u>F. Unallocated Funding Applications</u></p> <p><u>i. Boston Book Festival:</u> An application has been received for funding support towards the 2022 Book Festival. The group agreed to fund at the level of a Large Event (£4500). KR to make contact with the group. It was noted that there was still a Community Chest allocation for Blackfriars that had not been claimed. KR to investigate further.</p> <p><u>ii. Boston Community Transport:</u> KR had received an application prior to the meeting from Boston Community Transport for support towards the rising fuel costs for the volunteer drivers. RT had seen a feature on Calendar News earlier in the week about the issues the organisation is facing. The group agreed to fund the application for £5000. KR to make contact with the group.</p> <p><u>G. Boston Monopoly Update</u></p> <p>Confirmation has been received of the costings from Boston Monopoly and it will be same price as before. The costings have been forwarded to BBC but at this stage they would not be able to contribute from the funds they did last year. JR reminded the group about the two unallocated pots. MG contacted the Rotary to check if sponsorship was still required for the Children of Courage Event. The 2022 event is not funded but would be grateful if funds could be used for next year's event. No decision was made on the third allocation.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>
6.	<p>Communications Update:</p> <p>Since last meeting, MB has finished the newsletter and printed a draft for the residents to view. Once feedback has been received, he will organise for it to be printed. MG asked if a leaflet from the Rotary Club could be included. All happy with that. MB is sharing some of the outcomes from the last activity reports on the Facebook page.</p>	
6.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KR updated the group on the Event application that was submitted by the Boston Lithuanian Group. It was discussed about the possibility of a food festival to include different foods and cultures. 	
8.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 14th April, 6pm: Residents Meeting, at The Local Community Centre, Mitre Lane, Boston.</p>	

Meeting finished at 8.00pm.