

Boston Big Local Meeting 9th March 2023
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	Yes
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	
Bill Badham (BB)	Big Local Rep	NR	
Fran Taylor (FT)	Boston Borough Council	NR	

		ACTION
1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies received from CL, GL and JS.	
2.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed DJ, seconded RT.	
3.	Matters arising not on the main agenda: Schools Heritage Project: KR has received a thank you letter from St George's School for the Schools Atlas and shared with group.	
4.	<p>Running things:</p> <p>A. LTO Update: Financial reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Bank balance as at 8th March 2023 - £48,070.88 Current Plan Spend by Theme (Year 7/8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Theme 1 = £34,259.62 o Theme 2 = £71,981.03 o Theme 3 = £83,179.45 o Theme 4 = £57,810.75 o Theme 5 = £33,211.11 o BBL expenditure to date: Year 7/8: £280,441.96 <p>All payments are up to date. DB noted that an invoice for the Beach event would be raised as should be in the new Plan. FT has informed the Finance department it is on its way. KR asked if the Heritage money for the Trumps card had been received. DB to chase.</p> <p>B. BL Rep updates: BB advised the dates for the final Big Local Connects had been announced – October 27th and 28th at Nottingham. More details expected to be released later in the year. As in previous years, there will be three places allocated to each Big Local area.</p> <p>BB reminded that Local Trust are due to visit in April and will confirm timings for arrival.</p>	DB

5.	<p>Doing things:</p> <p><u>A. 2023-24 Plan Development - Update</u> Following the last meeting, the Plan was updated and circulated to the group for final comment. It was submitted on 1st March and Anne Sheriff, who has previously visited and assessed BBL plans, has been allocated as an assessor. Due to her calendar, the earliest she can visit is 20th March 2023. Local Trust has granted a small extension so she can complete her reports but should all be in place for the Plan launch of 1st April 2023. Group discussed having a display of reports, newsletters and items such as Monopoly and Trumps cards so she can see what has been achieved. Meeting is at 6pm at TLCC.</p> <p><u>B. Beach Event update</u> As mentioned earlier, the Beach Event should not have been paid out of the current funds and in discussions with FT it has been agreed the funds should be returned and paid from the next Plan. FT advised a meeting with partners is scheduled for next week to gather ideas of what will be offered in 2023.</p> <p><u>C. Celebrate Boston</u> KR noted that there will be another Celebrate Boston event on Saturday 1st April 2023 at the Stump. This was a nice event last year. JR volunteered to man a stall with KR. DJ also offered. KR to go back to BBC to confirm a stall.</p> <p><u>D. Community consultation</u> KR has received an email regarding a University researcher looking to do a follow-up visit regarding changes in the town since Brexit. MG interested in speaking with them. KR to email back with MG's contact details.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>
6.	<p>Communications Update: MB circulated a draft of the next newsletter for comments. Website has been updated with latest reports and social media articles published about the Plan Review and Community Chests.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB LMVC: KR had asked for an update from Dan regarding funding to cover the rising costs of utilities, as recommended by the Community Chest panel. While funding had been received from Awards for All and the Medlock Trust, the Centre was still approx. £12,000 short on the proposed bills. The residents agreed to fund £10,000.</p> <p>Gazebo: RT asked if the We'll Meet Again Museum could borrow the gazebo for two events over the summer. The group were happy to agree.</p> <p>Play equipment: FT updated that a meeting to discuss tenders for the town Play Equipment was due to take place next week. Due to Purdah, there will be delays in getting the projects up and running. RT to attend the meeting.</p>	
8.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Monday 20th March 2023: Plan Assessment meeting, 6pm, The Local Community Centre, Boston. Thursday 13th April 2023: Residents Panel Meeting, 6pm, The Local Community Centre, Boston.</p>	

Meeting finished at 7.10pm.