

Boston Big Local Meeting 20th September 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	Yes
Mark Baker (MB)	Communications	R	
Carole Lloyd (CL)		R	Yes
Graham Lloyd (GL)		R	Yes
Jody Raggo (JR)		R	
Izabella Meyer (IM)		R	Yes
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	Yes
Fran Taylor (FT)	Boston Borough Council	NR	

		ACTION
1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies received from MG, GL, CL, IM, BB and DB.	
2.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read. Agreed the content was a true record. Proposed DJ and seconded by JR.	
3.	Matters arising not on the main agenda: None noted.	
4.	<p>Running things:</p> <p>A. LTO Update: DB sent through financial reports in his absence. Bank balance as at 20th September 2023 - £46,922.06. Current Plan Spend by Theme (Year 9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Theme 1 = £4,078.70 o Theme 2 = £5,815.98 o Theme 3 = £22,476 o Theme 4 = £43,450.00 o Theme 5 = £6,596.25 o BBL Expenditure to date (Year 9) - £82,416.93 <p>KR explained main expenditure since last meeting was the first quarter Activity Reports, Boston Monopoly invoice and Community Chests. Due to the second quarter invoices in October, the recent Community Chest panel and the St John's Road Play Equipment invoice expected in due course, the final payment has been requested as part of the Spend Report request from Local Trust.</p> <p>KR also explained that the domain name renewal had also come through and that a five-year licence had been obtained to take through to the end of the project and for archived content post September 2024.</p> <p>B. BL Rep updates: KR has received an email from Local Trust about proposed End of Project support, although details are limited at this stage. She is expecting to hear from Local Trust following acceptance of the Spend Report as the indication is that</p>	

	once there is less than £75,000 funds remaining, the support offer and requirements from Local Trust may change.	
5.	<p>Doing things:</p> <p><u>A. Communications Plan To Close</u> MB and BB have worked on a proposed Communications Strategy which was discussed by the residents. This includes a look back at all four themes over the remaining quarterly newsletters, sharing the Boston Big Local stories through the website and social media and gathering information on the impact of Big Local funding on groups/organisations. MB shared the next newsletter which will review the Improving Health and Wellbeing theme. KR to share questions with the groups mentioned. All happy with the proposed approach.</p> <p><u>B. 2024 Community Event</u> KR updated residents on a meeting held with FT and Cllr Dale Broughton regarding community activities in Boston next summer. FT has now had confirmation that the Beach installation is to be covered by BTAC next year. A programme of events to take place in Central Park is being looked at in general but it is proposed that a BBL Celebration Event be included in the programme. Volunteers to be involved with a Steering Group were requested to ensure that what the residents want to achieve is included. JR, DJ and KR volunteered and that Thursdays would be best. FT to go back to Cllr Broughton. FT also indicated that the Stump are keen to meet with BBL to ensure their event is also included in plans.</p> <p><u>C. Big Local Connects – 27/28 October</u> KR has had not further details regarding this but noted that registration had not yet closed. MB and KR are on the waiting list and so far the BBL group will be represented by RT, JR and JS. MB has submitted the video of the Beach Event to be used at the Conference.</p> <p><u>D. Confirmation of Community Chest awards September meeting</u> Letters have been sent out to the provision grant awardees. These were Salvation Army, Friendly Bench and Centrepont Outreach.</p> <p><u>E. Reports from Boston Borough Council</u> FT presented the reports from the Beach Event and St John's Road Play Equipment, which were both completed over the summer break. It was noted that some of the additional events were impacted by the weather and also by issues in the town centre. It is proposed that these groups will be invited to take part in activities planned for Christmas. KR to send reports to MB for inclusion on the website.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>
6.	<p>Communications Update: MB talked about the newsletter and will be continuing to update the website and social media.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB Boston In Bloom: KR congratulated Boston in Bloom who had that day announced they had received the Gold Award again.</p>	
8.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 12th October 2023: Residents Panel Meeting, 6pm, The Local Community Centre, Boston.</p>	

Meeting finished at 7.30pm.