

**Partnership Meeting**

**Notes**

**15th January 2020,**

**St Ambrose Parish Centre**

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

1. **Present:** Sarah, Laura, Brenda, Beth, Jayne, Robert, Matthew, Vander and Stuart

**Apologies:** Helen, Adrian, Siri and Jo

1. **Notes** **from November’s meeting:**  Read and Approved.
2. **Conflicts of Interest** – none
3. **LTO – St George’s finance update** **–** Robert gave a brief overview of his spend report.
4. **Meeting Stuart –** Brenda officially introduced Stuart to the Partnership.
5. **Budget Proposal for Legacy Development**- Stuart had put together a proposed budget of what is needed to run the Legacy Organisation for the next 12 months. Sarah proposed and Matthew seconded a principal agreement of this budget on the grounds that a more detailed budget would be circulated at next month’s Partnership meeting.
6. **Big Local Chat – 5th February** - Brenda explained that the event will be in the same format as last year and asked that all partners can attend again, having a question each to ask attendees. Stuart is going to create simplified questions and will send these to partners beforehand to ensure there aren’t any issues.

1. **Sladen View Update –** Jayne informed the Partners that we now have working wi-fi! We have a transportable box that up to 10 devices at a time can use. This can also be used for other groups too, such as Sion Hill and our youth group. BBO’s first session of their Job club started yesterday, but unfortunately no one turned up. BBO are to do more marketing via a door drop to create awareness. Joanne the new steward started on 6th January. She is settling in well and will be paid on a self-employed basis. She will also support the Big Local Chat by making hot drinks for attendees. Jayne asked Robert if we can increase the float from £450 to £600 in order to pay Joanne via bank transfer on a monthly basis. This was proposed by Vander and seconded by Matthew.
2. **Sion Hill Update –** A worker from Citizen’s Advice attended December’s meeting and advised residents about Universal Credit, which was useful. They are happy to have drop-in sessions to advise in the future. Sarah mentioned that there has been some interest from residents who can only attend evening meetings. Next month we will have a morning and evening meeting to try and reach out to more residents. The pantomime was a huge success, 11 families attended and it helped us to engage with more local people and explain to them what we are doing in their area. Beth circulated a proposal to cover costs for meeting refreshments and smaller day trips. This was proposed by Sarah and seconded by Matthew. Adam from Local Trust has been in contact and has some interest in the project from an inclusion and diversity perspective. There may be a potential event at Big Local Connects that we could speak at about this project. Brenda thanked Beth and Vander for the work that they have done so far.
3. **Santa Visit –** Jayne informed the Partners of how successful both events had been in the Horsefair and up Sion Hill and how great Santa was with the children. We have finally engaged with people in the area, as around 150 people turned up in the square between the Horsefair flats to meet Santa, which Jayne believed had been due to door dropping flyers. Brenda thanked Jayne, Beth and Matthew for their help in running the event. This will now be an annual event in the Horsefair too.
4. **The Big Essay Feedback –** Jayne and Brenda went to London today for the launch of the Counterweight Report by David Boyle, that features Big Local DY10 HGB’s story along with two other areas who were seen to be ‘levelling the scales of local power’ in different ways. It was a good session which will become a podcast.
5. **Measuring Change Project –** Beth and Vander had a catch-up call with Gitanjali on Monday, to define what the Young Foundation will support us on with the rest of our allocated time. This has been split into three priorities: **Sion Hill**- helping us to look at measuring change within the current resident group and the wider area as a whole, **grants**- reworking our feedback reports, **evaluation**- ideas for evaluation plans for smaller achievements that create a ripple effect. We have already had guidance from them regarding grants and will be discussing this in our next meeting.
6. **Food Books – Update** Beth circulated the new food books that had arrived. After working out how many the food bank will need, we realised that we will have many more spare books than anticipated. Jayne suggested having a taster session of the food in Sladen View to target families in the area. Jayne also mentioned that her daughter works with youth who live alone in the flats and wondered if we could donate a dozen food books for them. This was unanimously agreed.
7. **A.O.B.**

**Grants** – January’s grants meeting will have to be rescheduled due to key members being unable to attend. The Partners were asked if anyone was willing to step forward as a stand in, incase this happens again. Matthew has offered to be stand in. This meeting has since been re-scheduled for 17th February.

**Leadership Academy** – Local Trust are working on a Leadership Academy scheme and Vander and Matthew have been put forward to take part. Brenda suggested that we look at two internal leadership roles for them that they can take on. Sarah decided to step down as Vice Chair and Vander was voted in to take her place. Matthew will be taking on a hands-on role in the Legacy Organisation and working closely with Stuart. Brenda recommended that we create a brief for both and define their roles so that they have some guidance.

**Partnership Member** – Laura has attended two meetings so far. The next meeting will be her third, making her a fully-fledged member of the Partnership.

**Big Local T-shirts-** Matthew suggested that we have t-shirts for the Big Local Chat do differentiate Partners from the organisations at the Big Local Chat. Jayne will order these.

**Sarah-** safer neighbourhood partnership- crime stats Broadwaters are very high. A comment was made to say they do not need to do anything about this as BL already cover. Brenda said she thinks it’s time that we invited councillors to a meeting. Sarah to look at dates and inform us when is convenient for the councillors. This will be discussed in more detail in February’s meeting.

The next Partnership meeting will be Wednesday 19th February at 7pm.