

Big Local Conniburrow
Partnership Meeting 85
Tuesday 4th January 2022
By Zoom - 7.00pm - 8.15pm
Agenda

Present:

Partner Members Jimmy Zamek (Chair) Jackie Worby, Mohan Ahad, Beki Dujardin, Emma Adamson

Stakeholders Max Smith (MK Dons SET)

Associates James Butler (Treasurer) Robbie Macpherson (Secretary)

Others - Julia Burkin (LT Rep) Chris Allen (LT Advisor)

Apologies: Leigha Britnell (Community Fridge Coordinator), Carole Devine, Henrietta Haines, Sid Burgess, Andrea Dokhan

1. **Welcome** JZ welcome everyone and thanked them for coming
2. **Conflicts of Interest** none
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were agreed
4. **Matters Arising (from minutes of the last meeting)**
5. **Hub / Community Fridge Report** JW reported Xmas and NY were good with particularly good donations. 93 people came to use the Fridge, all very happy.

All the "old stuff" has been sorted out. RM offered to help transport the cardboard and will buy tarpaulin to wrap in for use at the Orchard.

BD can help on Fridays with waste disposal. EA will contact Nick to seek his help.

In terms of the lease, EA wants to stay at the Hub for now. **JZ will check with the SA** but thinks weekends won't be possible. **CA will ask about extension. Needs key names for Guinness. JuB will send the lease;** she had talked to Philip Stainsby who manages property to CF.

There was some discussion about a sign at Friendship Park which JZ had noticed saying who had done the refurbishment.

6. **SMG** - JZ deferred this item

7. **Finance Report** JB has not had time for a catch up with Titi. He's seeking to change the mandate to 2 signatures but 1 to cash. CF can pay direct for the racking/shelving units for the Fridge. **JB will send TA an email. JZ will authorise.**

8. **BLC Plan Priority Area Reports:**

- a) **Staff recruitment** CA has found another MK organisation. JZ asked about using an employment agency. Or advertise for self-employed. JuB said on costs of using agency will add 100%. **CA will talk to potential LTO. JZ suggested trying local press and social media.** MA wants local people if possible. **CA will draft something for the advert.** JuB said we need people who currently have the skills. JZ said we need people who can "bore residents to death about BLC." RM said we need people who can ask questions and engage people to find out what they want to improve their community. JuB said we need someone who can steer the project. **CA and JuB will report progress to SMG.**
- b) **Social Activity Programme** on hold because of covid restrictions. **EA, supporting SB, will form a task group;** next target is the Queen's Jubilee. MS told us some Covid figures - 400 into hospital and 73 deaths. Also, new HSE restrictions coming at the end of January. JZ mentioned that LB had organised a large Jubilee celebration previously and is willing to lead our effort. CA advised us that we can put plans in place but these will not be covered financially until there is a new plan in place.
- c) **Orchard EA said she'd contact Ben Hammond.**
- d) **Website** EA said we need photos from MA, BD and CD. She has one of SB. JZ is organising badges for Partners. MS said we need to put DBS on badges of people working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

EA said she will investigate training and organising DBS and report to the next Partnership meeting.

9. **LT Updates, including finding a new LTO**

JuB said there was nothing new and the Partnership Review will be on SMG agenda.

CA had an encouraging meeting with MKDons SET. MS said their Trustees, who include four solicitors, will have the final say. CA said Chair, John Cove, was positive about the proposal. MS said MK Dons are short of volunteers at the moment and are using the football club's accountant at the moment. CA reminded us that the LTO's main function is managing and admin of the funding, perhaps also employer and lease holder. MS said the SET CEO, Maralyn Smith is very community oriented.

10. **AHA Community Artist Project** MA is involved with interviewing two potential artists tomorrow.

11. **WEuros** JuBu, (& Beki?) not covered.

12. Policy documents review **JuBu and JZ will audit current documents. RM will share these.**

13. Any Other Business

JuB will organise a Zoom call to explain LT and so on to BD.

RM said he is concerned about the plan/budget as time is getting tighter. CA advised that we can apply for a “bridging grant” with the new LTO.

MA mentioned the damage again to the Little Library. **JW will seek someone to repair. She will also get a quote for the removal of the big fridge from the Hub and report to SMG.**

14. Date of Next Meetings JZ

SMG: Tuesday 18th January 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Partnership: Tuesday 1st February at 7pm by Zoom