

**Big Local Conniburrow**  
**Partnership Meeting 78**  
**Monday 19th July 2021**  
**In the Hub & by Zoom - 6.00pm-8pm**

- 1) JZ welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending:

**Partners:** Jimmy Zamek (Chair, by Zoom), Jackie Worby (by Zoom), Emma Adamson, Mohan Ahad

**Residents** Carol Devine

**Stakeholders:** Max Smith, Robbie Macpherson (Acting Secretary)

Julia Burkin (LT Rep)

Chris Allen (LT Mentor/Co-Chair)

Titi Arufor (Community Foundation, by Zoom)

June Oldroyd (Community Foundation)

**Apologies** James Butler (Treasurer), on holiday

- 2) **Conflicts of Interest** none
- 3) **Minutes of Last Meeting** Agreed p'd JW s'd MS
- 4) **Matters Arising (from minutes of the last meeting)**

**New Partners** CD said she would like to join the Partnership. All present agreed (non-quorate) and expressed their appreciation of her being involved at the Orchard and volunteering to join the Partnership. CD said she had ideas about how BLC spends the funding, and wanted to be involved with her community.

JuB asked her to send their details to formally join and so they can be kept up to date with LT and so on.

- 5) **Chris Allen's role** CA explained that he was funded by LT to support the Partnership in delivering the Project, particularly to ensure we are quorate (at least five Resident Partners) and developing a plan to spend our funding before the end of the project. He has two days per month for six months, assigned to BLC. His role is to observe and advise (as opposed to having authority like JuB to check that things are happening). He has a lot of experience as a rep to other Big Local projects. First he'd like to get to know people - he'd met some people this afternoon and JW and Keith had shown him around the estate. He'd met EA and RM at the Orchard.

JZ asked RM to arrange a meeting with JuB and RM to discuss the role as he is unhappy that CA may just be another person telling BLC what to do. He had said previously that he wanted any additional help to be "hands-on."

- 6) **Hub / Community Fridge Report** JW said the Fridge is working well with about 150

visits from people using the Fridge per week. Donations are good on Wednesdays and Fridays when visitor numbers are higher than Monday and it may be that we should drop Mondays. JZ suggested we consider social activities restarting before we make any decision on that. We have some volunteers willing to try Saturdays (short opening, say, 11.00 - 1.00) and so we could trial opening then instead of Mondays. We agreed EA should establish the level of demand (through social media) and then we'd consider how we can stock the Fridge on Saturdays before trying it out. In any case, we should wait till Andy has emigrated before instituting any change. After all, there are still 50 people visiting the Fridge on Mondays, fewer than the other days but still a considerable number, and saving food from waste.

7) **SMG - key points** Deferred.

8) **Treasurer Report** JB said there's still c £3k in bank and c £150 cash. TA gave headline figures on our spend - it's some way behind our plan, mainly because we'd budgeted for having paid staff sooner and because we're limited by Civd restrictions. RM asked about the CCTV spend which is higher than budget. TA said the supplier's costs had risen. We confirmed that BLC has an input on the sighting of the cameras.

9) **BLC Plan Priority Area Reports:**

- a) **Staff Recruitment** JO reported there were 11 applications - about half look promising. Applications close on July 23rd. JZ, CA and RM said they would like to be involved in short-listing and selection. JO pointed out that the appointment will be made by CF, with advisory input from BLC/LT. It will be an initial three month contract. JO and a CF colleague will be involved in the selection process.
- b) **Social Activity Programme** We discussed the proposed Table Tennis lessons. TT said Sid Burgess at 81 years old will need someone to help him. JZ suggested BLC might advertise and supply bats and balls and SB run the session informally himself. RM said BLC needs to decide whether it's a BLC event or not. If it is, then we need to provide a lot of support and ensure volunteers are properly equipped to run the session. We decided **EA will establish demand through social media**. Then if it's wanted, JZ will speak with MS about the necessary arrangements.
- c) **Orchard** JZ thanked CD, EA, Brent and Nick for their work there. It is looking neat and today now. EA reported that they've planted a few more things and that she is meeting Meg V soon. Nick is a possible Partner. The strimmer is ready to go.

The biggest issue is that residents don't know it's there. JZ said we should hold a small event soon to attract 10-20 people and hold an estate-wide event later. In terms of the event:

- c.i) Carol and Emma leading on it?
- c.ii) BBQ?
- c.iii) Purpose is to say raise awareness about the programme
- c.iv) Might be better if kept small and enticing

- c.v) Also a way to thank volunteers
- c.vi) Sheep and Goats (I had no clue what was meant by that!!)

d) **Website** EA reported:

- d.i) Team page is being developed (photos later)
- d.ii) Documents being uploaded (or are uploaded)
- d.iii) Emma said the email is "[media@biglocalconniburrow.org](mailto:media@biglocalconniburrow.org)"
- d.iv) Links will be made from the website to the Facebook page

10) **Investigation JO** has not responded to the complaint from Colin Clarke yet but **will do so.**

11) **BLC Partnership development** In view of shortage of time, **JuB said she'd send a written report.**

12) **Policy documents review** Deferred.

13) **Any Other Business** Positive response to the idea about a Post Office service in Conniburrow though some doubts about siting it in an off-licence. **CD will research the offer. EA will put a poster on the Notice Boards to advertise what's proposed and run a poll in social media. Then send results to the PO.**

14) **Date of Next Meetings** JZ asked for a change of dates and we agreed the following

**Partnership: the first Tuesday of the month – so, August 3rd 2021**

**SMG: the third Tuesday of the month – so next August 17th 2021**