

**Notes of the Big Local Eastern Sheppey Preliminary Working group held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at The Shurland Hotel from 7pm**

**Present:**

Paul Leacock	Chairman and Leysdown resident
Andy Booth	Eastchurch resident
Emma Daniels	Eastchurch resident
Daniel Perriam	Eastchurch resident
Sharon McNaboe	Warden Resident
Paul Murray	Oasis Academy Rep
Christine White	Swale Community and Voluntary Services Rep
Kim Donahue	Big Local Rep
James Walker	Outreach Worker
George Heath	Bayview resident

**Apologies:**

Sandra Bray	Sheppey Your Way Rep and Warden resident
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**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed by the chairman and introductions were made.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The notes of the last meeting were read and the following changes were agreed; "Funding being allocated between the three areas"

**Matters Arising**

Kim Donahue explained that if the group wished to look at alternative Big Local Reps the Local Trust could provide a number of profiles for the group to consider, but this would take some time to arrange.

It was agreed that the group could look at locally based reps in the first instance as this would be more practical and if nobody suitable was discovered the pool could be widened to reps out of area.

Kim Donahue explained that the group could access an additional £18k that could be used for quick wins or to supplement their budget until the release of the £1m occurred. However she confirmed that this money would come from the £1m.

Paul Murray explained that there was a possibility of a credit union being created by a local church for Sheppey.

## **Big Local Rep**

Kim Donahue reminded the group that there were still some good learning events being run by the Local Trust and encouraged members to attend these as all expenses incurred would be reimbursed.

She also wanted the group to continue to advertise the star people awards and encourage local residents to apply for these.

## **Big Local Budget for Year One**

The group went through the provided spreadsheet of costs for year one projects and made comments where appropriate.

The projects were discussed at some length and following the decisions made by the group it was agreed that James Walker would reproduce the budgeting form so that decisions could be made via email on which projects would be finalised for year one delivery.

- Action JW

### ***It was agreed that:***

- ***the community chest funding be increased to £10k***
- ***the cycle hire become a tender opportunity with £15k support funding***
- ***venue costs be added to the weekly job club budget***
- ***three benches and installations costs be met for each parish council***
- ***no funding be given towards the allotment schemes***
- ***no funding be provided for de-fib units for the village halls***
- ***venue costs be added to the Safety Training and Bike Repair sessions***
- ***that the preferred staffing scheme was a Contracted Local provider***
- ***that some costs be included for staff set up, travel and venue***
- ***that some costs be included for marketing and communications***

## **Big Local Plan**

Kim Donahue stated that the Local Trust would expect the group to consult with residents on the final draft of the Local Plan.

The group discussed cost effective methods of achieving this.

### ***It was agreed that***

- ***SCVS would work upon the Local Plan and get a final draft with budget and timeline included out to the group members for consideration.***
- ***Once agreed the Local Plan would be disseminated to Local Community Hotspots by SCVS for consultation by residents***
- ***All consultation comments received would be collated by SCVS and brought to the next group meeting***

## **Any Other Business**

Paul Murray asked if he could share the budget details with the Oasis Academy staff and this was agreed.

George Heath asked if Swale Borough council could be prompted to include Eastchurch Cricket club within their local profile document.

It was agreed that

A letter be sent to Eastchurch Cricket Club explaining that there was no funding available for them in the year one budget but this did not preclude the possibility of future funding.

## **Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Leysdown Village Hall from 7pm.