

Notes of the Big Local Partnership for Eastern Sheppey held on Monday 24th March 2014 at Leysdown Village Hall from 7pm

Present:

Paul Leacock	Chairman and Leysdown resident
Andy Booth	Eastchurch resident
Sharon McNaboe	Warden resident
Pat Sandle	Warden resident
Sandra Bray	Together Rep
Paul Murray	Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey Rep
Sarah Williams	Swale Community and Voluntary Services Rep
Lyn Newton	Swale Borough Council Rep
James Walker	Outreach Worker
George Heath	Bayview resident

Apologies:

Leslie Murray	Warden resident
Kim Donahue	Big Local rep
Emma Daniels	Eastchurch resident
Daniel Perriam	Eastchurch resident

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; Lyn Newton and Pat Sandle be added to the list of apologies.

Matters Arising

James Walker explained that the provisional year one budget had been agreed and included in the Big Local Plan that had been sent out for public consultation. He added that copies of The Plan had been sent to all three parish councils and a copy had been on display in the Leysdown Post Office, however no responses had been received yet.

Big Local Plan

James Walker explained that the Big Local Plan was almost ready for submission subject to a few additional decision by the partnership, including a statement from the chairman, confirmation of the provisional year one budget and agreement for the proposed method of implementation of the plan.

A vote was held to agree that the proposed budget for year one be set as £105,552 and the yearly budgets be reviewed regularly.

Paul Leacock asked that SCVS provide him with an example chairman's statement that he could work on to agree his.

Pat Sandle raised her concerns that the costs of implementing The Plan were far too high and she felt that residents would be unlikely to help deliver projects if they knew the costs being paid to a delivery organisation. Pat also believed that based on the proposed delivery of projects for year one there would not be a need to have three days staffing.

There was a lengthy discussion over the amount of expected resident participation in the project and how much need there was for engaging a person or organisation to implement the project deliverables.

It was suggested that the implementation section of the Local Plan be changed to be less restrictive so a final decision could be made at a later date.

It was agreed that

- ***The year one proposed budget be set as £105,552***
- ***That's SCVS be removed from the implementation section of the Big Local Plan making it less restrictive.***

Any Other Business

Following a discussion James Walker explained that the partnership would need to consider appointing a trusted organisation for once the Local Plan had been agreed by the Local Trust. In response to a question he explained that the organisation would receive £5000 per year to administer the Big Local monies but these funds were paid by the Local Trust and were in addition to the £1million funding.

Paul Leacock suggested that a vote be held to re-appoint Swale Community and Voluntary Services (SCVS) as the trusted organisation for once the Local Plan had been agreed.

In response to a question Paul Leacock confirmed that he had been informed that the CVs for new Big Local Reps would be sent directly to him as the chairman but he had not yet received any.

It was agreed that

- ***Swale Community and Voluntary Services continue to act as the trusted organisation for Big Local Eastern Sheppey once the Local Plan had be agreed and implementation begun***

Date of Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 14th April 2014 at Warden Village Hall from 7pm and the following meeting would be held on Monday 12th May 2014.