

Notes of the Big Local Eastern Sheppey Preliminary Working group held on Monday 20th January 2014 at Warden Village Hall from 7pm.

Present:

Paul Leacock	Chairman and Leysdown resident
Pat Sandle	Finance Officer and Warden resident
Andy Booth	Eastchurch resident
Emma Daniels	Eastchurch resident
Daniel Perriman	Eastchurch resident
Sandra Bray	Sheppey Your Way Rep and Warden resident
Paul Murray	Oasis Academy Rep
Christine White	Swale Community and Voluntary Services Rep
Julie Blackmore	Outreach Co-ordinator
George Heath	Bayview resident

Apologies:

Kim Donaghue	Big Local Rep
Sharon McNaboe	Warden resident
Lesley Murray	Secretary and Warden resident

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed by the chairman and introductions were made.

Minutes of the last meeting

There were no minutes presented for consideration.

Big Local Rep

The issue was raised that the Big Local representative had been helpful during these initial stages of the project, but the group might consider asking for a new representative to be allocated once The Plan had been agreed to capture a different perspective on delivery.

Julie Blackmore was asked to look at how Big Local areas had progressed with their Big Local representatives..

It was agreed that once The Plan was in place the Local Trust would be asked to provide a new Big Local representative.

Big Local Social Investment

Paul Murray reported back on the Local trust “Loaned not given” event that he had attended on 8th January. He stated that the main subject of consideration was credit unions and how they could help tackle economic difficulties in Big Local areas.

Big Local Plan

It was asked that some initial costs were researched for the projects that the group had allocated for delivery in year one of The Plan. For this to be as accurate as possible there would be a need to set some specificity to some of the projects.

There was consideration given to the funding being allocated equally between all three areas and that a budget of £100k should be set for each of the ten years of the project lifespan.

A vote was held and it was agreed that the draft budget be set as £100k spending per year of the ten year project with a review being undertaken in year two.

Any Other Business

George Heath reported back on the bicycle hire scheme giving details about the London “Boris Bikes” and also other smaller schemes.

There was a discussion about the funding proposals made by Eastchurch Cricket Club, but it was agreed that as this was not part of the original Plan no funding could be allocated at this time, however it may be looked at in the future.

Consideration was given as to how some quick win projects could be carried out and it was asked if the £20k funding was available for use in addition to the £1million funding.

Date of Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 17th February 2014 at The Shurland, Eastchurch from 7pm.