

Minutes of
William Morris Big Local - Partnership Meeting

Locus, 1 Chingford Road, Walthamstow, E17 4PW
Tuesday 8th May 2018

Partnership members present

Angela Rouse
Lawrence Walker
Peter Stanton
Valentina Lewis

Others present

Gabriel Edwards – WMBL Development Worker (minutes)
Paula LeSurf – Crest WF (L.T.O)
Sian Penner – Local Trust Rep

Apologies

Adam Taylor
Chrys Christy
Emily Rogers
Mohamed Khan
Rezia Wahid

1. Welcome	Actions
Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting. 2 Truths and a Lie participant was Lawrence. Next up is Angela and Peter.	1. AR/PS

<p>2. Resources for next 12 months</p> <p>Gabriel explained that since the last meeting the theme groups had been working on what activities to take forward in the next 12 months and looking at the resource needed for them. The information collated to date was still fairly broad and needed more detail to help the partnership make an informed decision on resources.</p> <p>Gabriel circulated some templates for each theme to capture what activities were to be started when.</p> <p>Discussion was had around the table with the following points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to be realistic with what can be achieved in year 1 - Monitoring and evaluation work will need to be included. - Each grant pot takes an average of a day a week - Need to weigh up what to deliver in house and what to commission out - Need a framework that builds in one or two key activities from each theme in addition to the core running of WM Big Local. - Enterprise has quite fixed plan of grants, promotional work and developmental work. - Open spaces activities selected for year 1 are based on first open space meeting; Green Grant, Tool lending library, Front garden scheme, and developmental work (towards a larger scale project, Greener City fund) - Year 1 Community Theme activities to include; the Multifaith and Multicultural grant scheme, Support for community groups and local charities. Community events including the WM Tea Party. - Outdoor space event for year 2 <p>Agreed that mapping activities month by month be done in themes. Sian and Gabriel will support the work, collate and send out to the Partnership at least 1 week before the next meeting.</p>	<p>2. Themes + GE/SP</p>
<p>3. Grants</p> <p>Gabriel shared a handout with all of the approved applications from the Green Grants and Community Chest applications. Angela and Gabriel summarised some of the different types of projects received.</p> <p>Green Grants = 13 applications, of which 11 approved. Total £7,705 worth of grants approved out of £8,000 budget.</p> <p>The meeting made the following observations and comments about Green Grants;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good mix of project types - No applications from businesses. Grant had been open to all, 	

<p>businesses would have been eligible if applying to improve a public facing area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring and evaluation needs some thought and development. Angela offered to help Gabriel with the thinking on it. - Sian said that Local Trust is in partnership with Shared Assets – an organisation that helps communities reclaim public realm. Sian to put details on Slack. <p>Community Chest = 28 applications, 11 approved. Over double the number of applications received compared to budget available.</p> <p>Comments and discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repeat applications could only be considered after 1st time applicants had been looked at. - Partnership members involved in applications were not part of the decision making. - Sustaining projects beyond the grant period is important and we should support groups in planning for this. - There were three multifaith grants applications which were received that were similar in aims. The panel has put £1,000 aside for the three applicants to work together and put on a combined programme of events subject to receiving more detail. <p>£6,441 approved + £1,000 for revised multifaith application out of £7,500 budget.</p>	<p>3. SP</p>
<p>4. Events</p> <p>Gabriel shared an approach from Blackhorse Workshop for involvement in this year's Garden party. They have some funding but are seeking extra funding to support their project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blackhorse Workshop is curating the creators' tent. - In the run up to the Garden Party, 2 week programme where 15 young people are teamed up with 15 creators to design and make pieces relating to a theme called 'body building'. - Each creator and young person has a stall at the garden party making the pieces with members of the public. <p>Partnership discussed proposal and potential other ways WMBL could be at the Garden Party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities relating to the outdoor space theme - Basketball court area activities would link to youth engagement - What do we want to get out of the Garden Party this year? - Contact the organisers and see what options are available <p>Gabriel to look into options and bring back to the partnership</p>	<p>4. GE</p>

Next Meeting:*Monday 4th June, Gnome House, 7 Blackhorse Lane, E17 6DS*

Summary of Action Points arising from meeting	Person/s responsible for Action	Timescale
1. Angela and Peter next participants for 2 Two truths and a lie	Themes / SP / GE	<i>Week before next meeting</i>
2. Mapping activities work	Themes / SP / GE	<i>Week before next meeting</i>
3. Sian to upload contact details for Shared Assets on to Slack	SP	
4. GE to look into Garden Party options	GE	<i>Before next meeting</i>
5. Lawrence to speak with Chrys about partnership member resignation situation	LW	<i>Before next meeting</i>
6. Gabriel to book new Get Together date/venue	GE	
7. Advert in newsletter for recruiting new partnership members.	GE	<i>For next newsletter</i>