

Greenmoor Big Local – Community Partnership Board Meeting
Thursday 14th March 2019 – 6:00pm @ Lidget Green Healthy Living Centre

Present:

Abbas Najib (AB), Shieraz Bashir (SB), Mazhar Ellahi (ME), Meena Jeewa (MJ), Abid Zaman (AZ), Susan Moreland (SM), Sanaa Jafry (SJ), Rehana Kauser (RK), Shabir Ellahi (SE), Mevish Abbas (MA), Javed Khan (JK), Zafar Afsar (ZA), Tayyiba Jarral (TJ), Humair Shahid (HS), Steve Skinner (SS), Shafiq Ahmed (SA), Hamzah Yousaf (HY), Awais Hafesji (AH)

Welcome and Declarations of Interest:

The chair extended welcome to all present.

Project Updates:

First two pieces have been installed in Spencer Fields. Horton Grange Primary and Lidget Green Walking Club were present for the mini launch event. In the next few weeks dates will be finalized with the groups for the installation and launches of the remaining groups. These dates will be circulated as soon as possible to all board members. AZ raised concerns as to why he wasn't notified of the launch, SJ confirmed that all board members were notified as soon as CNet were informed of the date by Artworks and the short notice was beyond our control.

Matters Arising:

ME had forwarded the photos and write up of the Dementia project launch to CNet. The quarterly report for the Dementia Project was still outstanding.

Action Point: ME to forward a quarterly report for the Dementia Project to MJ.

AN explained to the board that in the last board meeting there had been confusion around whether the board had voted on the foundation model of the CIO.

Previous meeting minutes have been checked to clarify if the board had voted on choosing the CIO model at the September board meeting. It has been cleared that the board had not voted and made a decision. Post the last board meeting AN emailed all voting board members giving both options for the CIO model. The board voted and decided to go with the foundation model.

A heated discussion around the registration of the CIO took place between board members

AN clarified that the models can be changed the meeting was quorate and in order to maintain transparency and civility he was happy to start again if necessary.

The board also discussed that other Big Local areas had set up CIO's without carrying out feasibility studies. ZA asked if this was the case why there was so much emphasis on the feasibility study for Greenmoor. ZA asked JK could Greenmoor have set up the CIO without the feasibility study? JK clarified the primary purpose of the feasibility study was in terms of legacy and what Greenmoor wanted to do going forward. They did not need to wait for the feasibility study to decide about the CIO.

AN asked JK to clarify what the board had done wrong regarding the CIO. JK clarified that the issue was that at the September board meeting the discussion around the CIO was purely for information no decision was taken. At the board meeting in January the board stated they had decided and voted on the CIO model in the September meeting, which was incorrect. To rectify this mistake AN in his capacity as Greenmoor Chair had contacted all voting board members post the January meeting and the voting members had reached a unanimous decision on the foundation model CIO.

CLLD

AN explained that a couple of board members had raised questions regarding the CLLD funding. Therefore they had invited Shafiq Ahmed (CLLD Programme Manager) to clarify any questions. SA gave a brief introduction to the CLLD programme and the 5 activities within the programme. ZA asked would there be small projects within each activity or would it need to be one large project only. SA explained that it would be one large project however the smaller projects would all fit into the larger project. ZA asked SA if Greenmoor Big Local were under any legal obligation to continue with funding

the CLLD. SA explained the board needed to decide what Greenmoor wanted for the area. Based on this they could see which activity met what they wanted to achieve and they could request their number of outputs from the deliverer for the amount agreed. The deliverer would be under a legal contract to deliver the specified outputs for Greenmoor. AN explained to the board that Greenmoor had pledged £50,000, no contract had been signed and no money had been transferred; Greenmoor would specify their requirements. CLLD would put together the specification for the activities highlighting the required number of outputs required by Greenmoor. Once the tenders are received if they do not match the Greenmoor requirements they would further discuss their options. JK advised all present that European funding worked in a certain way and if £50,000 was withdrawn from the overall pledge it could potentially result in the entire CLLD project being withdrawn. SA advised for Greenmoor to decide what they wanted to achieve and form a CLLD working group and he would meet with the group and further discuss if required.

Councillors & Greenmoor

AN discussed an article which was published in the local newspaper highlighting that Greenmoor Big Local was only funding sporting projects and not tackling anti-social behavior and drugs. A response had been sent to that article and was published in the newspaper and shared amongst the board. In the response the councilors had been invited to this board meeting but were unable to attend. AN explained that post that article he had requested CNET to cease any reporting to the council as it was deliberately being misconstrued. The board in detail discussed if Greenmoor Big Local should report to the councillors. All board members were in agreement that Greenmoor Big Local is not accountable to the council. AN highlighted that MJ had attended the Area Committee meeting and had been targeted unfairly, this was preplanned, malicious and deliberate and he felt that Councillor Joanne Dodds instigated this.

The board voted on the following:

1. The LTO no longer report anything to the council or attend any council meetings on behalf of the Greenmoor Big Local Board. **Voted in favor.**
2. The LTO invite the council to a board meeting every 6 months in which they will be allocated a 30 minute time slot to ask any questions they have. **Voted in favor.**

Previously an email had been received from the council stating that they had no councillors available at the time to be on the Greenmoor Board. We have now received an email from the council asking if we would like any councilors to be on our Greenmoor Board. It was discussed if the Council should allocate one councillor from each ward to be Greenmoor Board Members. The councilors would adhere to the Greenmoor terms of reference and will be accountable to the Greenmoor Board. The board felt that till date they had not had any substantial support from the councilors who were on the board.

The board voted on the following:

1. LTO to reply to the email stating that the Greenmoor Board would get back to them regarding this in due course, and to forward the Greenmoor Big Local Board Chairs details should they wish to discuss this any further. **Voted in favor.**

Action point: MJ to email the council stating the above decision.

New Projects

Alpha United Juniors Football Club

AN presented the project proposal to the board. AN stated the proposal was sports related and the task group had discussed this at great length and the issue around the T&A article the council had released. But the task group had decided to consider the project on its merit and not the wider criticism. The proposal had been approved by the Youth task group for the total amount of £13,950 and was now before the Greenmoor Board for approval.

Alpha United would like to expand and further the work of their club. The club would like to offer a mentor scheme for the older players. The scheme would be to offer the players £15 a session and train them to become Level 1 & Level 2 qualified coaches. This will give the young people skills to show they have coached and worked with young people giving them a greater chance of employment. The project had been piloted for the last 12 months. The club will have contracts with all the young people to remain as coaches with Alpha United for 12 months after they qualify. The sustainability of this project is that each qualified coach will be able to bring more youngsters to join the club resulting in expansion of the club. Currently the club does not have enough coaches to deal with the demand of young people wanting to join the club. 11 Young people will be trained to Level 1 of which 5 young people who complete level 1 and can commit the time will go on to level 2. This will be progression and personal development of Greenmoor young people. SM expressed concerns around paying the Junior coaches £15 a session as this was not minimum wage, it was explained this was not as a wage it was covering out of pocket expenses and this should be stated in the conditions to ensure the correct terminology is used.

The board voted on approving the project at the full amount of £13,950

5 Votes in favor

1 Vote abstained

Project approved.

Legacy Project

Feasibility report draft is due on Monday 18th March. Potential sites and costings were being looked at. Research is being carried out and objectives discussed as to how the CIO could benefit the area and existing organisations. The draft will be circulated to the board members once received. It was agreed when the final report is complete a meeting for all board members to attend will be arranged.

Local Trust – Future Support

SS explained that the Local Trust is aware that many Big Local partnerships are now half way through their 10 year spending programme. They have now started a new learning programme to support partnerships. There are many regional events taking place regarding this and SS will circulate the information regarding these. If anyone would like to attend they would need to book as soon as possible. SS collated information from all board members on the role of the Local Trust rep.

AOB

Monitoring

AN explained he has requested MJ to start collating all the monitoring for all projects. Monitoring is to be completed for all projects at the end of the project. All projects are to ensure they provide all the required documents for the monitoring reports.

5th Year Celebration

MJ explained, as we are half way through the project we would like to have a celebration event. The event would be a community celebration tied in with the public meeting. The board suggested having this after Ramadan, which would be the middle of June. As this would allow more planning time and better weather. It was also suggested looking at a different venue for the event. SM offered Scholemoor Beacon to host the event and said a Saturday would be suitable to them.

Action Point: MJ to circulate suitable dates and commence planning

Away Day

An away day was over due. But the board decided to hold this off till next time.

Keighley Big Local Visit

Keighley Big Local has invited Greenmoor to attend their board meeting. SB and ME expressed interest in attending the July board meeting.

Action Point: SJ to arrange for ME and SB to attend. Transport to be arranged also.

The Chair asked all resident board members to stay behind after the board meeting for 15 minutes if possible at the request of a board member.

Meeting Closed

Next Greenmoor Big Local board meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 6pm at the Healthy Living Centre.