

MINUTES - Devonshire West Big Local Board

Tuesday 30th May 2017, 19:00 – 21:00 at Leaf Hall, Eastbourne

Attendees: Sue Morris (SM); Adrian Ley (AL); Brian Lawrence (BL); Jon Chapman (JC); Mary Patrick (MP); Graham Button (GB); Miriam Wilkinson (MW); Steve Wallis (SW); Jim Boot (JB);

Present: Jessica Boelema (JBOE); Samantha Wickens (SWIC)

Apologies: Nigel Goodyear (NG); Amy Solis (AS); Linda Jackson (LJ)

Item	Discussion	Actions/Decisions
1. Welcome and apologies	Sue welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies.	
2. Community Grants	<p>A Band of Brothers SM gave an update on this project – it is no longer able to go ahead due to lack of take up. SM has been unable to contact the project leader to clarify if their application has been withdrawn. The board also had concerns over the project’s impact on residents.</p> <p>Animazing All agreed bringing this to the ward would benefit the community as the exhibition would be free and uses local facilities. The project leader has had previous success running a similar event in Hailsham. This will be a high-profile event which will bring people into the area. JBOE noted the grant application has now been reduced to £800.</p> <p>Boho The application is for £6,685. Concerns were raised over some budget items; Christmas gifts, tree and Father Christmas. It was suggested to approve in principal and work with the project leader to produce a business plan and funding strategy for longevity, in addition to commissioning for longer term. The board agreed that more funding is available from other sources e.g. local businesses (Tesco, Sainsburys, etc.). The board would like to commission this project for the next three years and provide support with its long-term vision to find other funding sources.</p>	<p>Application denied</p> <p>Application approved</p> <p>Application approved on the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet to discuss budget items • Accept support to find other sources of funding • Produce business plan and funding strategy. <p>Action: JBOE to liaise with and provide support to project leader.</p>

	<p>Café Waste Not SM raised concerns over policies, however, will meet with project leader to ensure these are implemented effectively.</p> <p>Cascade Recovery Café AL noted that ESCC are paying for this service already. The board raised concerns that most of the budget is going on staffing and rental of their own premises. Supporting substance misuse issues has not been identified as a resident priority. SM noted this project has been run previously and did produce desired outcomes. The board felt that further planning was required, however, would be interested in revisiting this in the future.</p> <p>Cookery Stuff SM declared a conflict of interest for this application and Holiday Stuff and left the meeting. The board felt there were lots of positives with this project in relation to healthy eating.</p> <p>Holiday Stuff The board felt this project also provided a positive contribution to the community and queried the long-term plans for this project, as discussed at the away day.</p> <p>Film Festival All agreed this project is good idea, which could be sustainable and become an annual event. A query was raised over income from ticket and programme sales which have not been accounted for. The venue and activities have yet to be confirmed so unclear if the event will go ahead in the area. It was suggested to encourage the project leader to reapply to run the event next year as more time for planning is required.</p> <p>East Sussex Credit Union SM has spoken to Bourne School who have confirmed they will not work in partnership with this project.</p> <p>Eastbourne Network Concerns were raised over this project is being run by a religious group (Kings Church). Project aims do not meet any resident identified priorities and it is likely other sources of funding will be available to this project.</p>	<p>Application approved</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Both applications approved on the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept support to find other sources of funding • Produce business plan and funding strategy. <p>Action: JBOE to liaise with and provide support to project leader.</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied</p>
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	<p>Expressive Arts SM noted this group have not approached Seaside Community Hub for booking. The board felt this project would have no legacy impact.</p> <p>Help 2 Tidy This application is to help finance setting up a business, which is not applicable for DWBL funding and could have implications on the board e.g. safeguarding issues if we were to fund this activity.</p> <p>H.O.M.E SM & MP declared a non-financial conflict of interest and refrained from voting. It was noted that Helen has already received funding from UnLTD to run these activities. The board raised concerns about the projects impact on residents. It was suggested to instead commission Helen to run longer-term and more targeted activities for residents.</p> <p>Little Stars The project has run previously with tremendous success as shown in their evaluation.</p> <p>Matthew 25 Concerns were raised over the amount budgeted for food and their affiliation with Albion in the Community who have received grant money previously and not spent as promised.</p> <p>Website Creation SM noted the project leader has not secured Seaside Community Hub for their venue as described. It was felt the website creation project is a solution to a problem that does not exist.</p> <p>Mindful Mums MP declared a conflict of interest for this application and left the meeting. MW noted the high quality of this application. A query was raised over how target group for this project links in with resident identified priorities. SM noted this project has already had a significant impact on residents through focus groups and social events. The board agreed it would be beneficial to support this valuable new venture.</p>	<p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied Action: JBOE to liaise with and provide support to Helen to deliver a longer-term project.</p> <p>Application approved</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application approved</p>
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	<p>Pocket Theatre The board liked the idea of this project to introduce people to behind the scenes of the theatre. Concerns were raised over the high costs for wages and venue. No other sources of funding have been identified and the project will be charged to attendees. AL noted the theatre provide the opportunity to go behind the scenes to those who become friends of the theatre, which is free to do.</p> <p>Reformed Eastbourne The board felt it would be better to fund retrospectively by paying for individual residents to attend. This project does not meet any of the resident identified priorities.</p> <p>RVS The board were unsure if this project will directly impact residents. It was noted this project duplicates other services in the area e.g. Leaf Hall. It was felt this project has a lack of self-sufficiency and queries were raised over the budget. JBOE noted we have undersubscribed applications and spending on this priority (older people). It was suggested to monitor participation of attendees to ensure it is mostly residents. JBOE raised the issue with the project leader putting personal name down for the cheque. The board agreed this would need to be paid directly to Leaf Hall instead. Agreed conditionally.</p> <p>SCDA This project is partnering with Leaf Hall and volunteer led. The board felt the project would be good value for money.</p> <p>Seaside Fit Club SM noted the project leader lives abroad and has not approached Seaside Community Hub as described. The board felt it would be better to fund residents retrospectively.</p> <p>Tech Resort SM Bourne School still keen to be involved in this project.</p> <p>Turtle Café MW declared a non-financial conflict of interest. The board agreed it would be beneficial to support Leaf Hall as it is a valuable community facility that is being underused.</p>	<p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application approved on the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor participation to ensure resident take up • Funding is paid directly to Leaf Hall. <p>Application approved</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application approved</p> <p>Application approved</p>
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	<p>View from Within The board felt this project was good value for money and beneficial in engaging new residents whilst utilising DC1 café. An individual is named on the application for the cheque, the board will make some accommodation to either link her with a group or buy the equipment.</p> <p>Youth Enterprise It was noted that it was unclear if this project has been confirmed with Bourne school.</p> <p>Seven Arts The exhibition will be held in Lewes and is also reliant on Arts Council funding.</p> <p>A Mural Tale The board felt this project could be good for the area. It was noted over half of funding is for wages and it is unclear from the application how the activities engage with the vulnerable people that are being targeted. SM noted this group have not approached Seaside Community Hub for booking.</p> <p>Jim Byford The board felt this application was for a large amount of money which is mostly being spent on wages. SM noted there are not enough residents currently living at YMCA to run this project. The project leader has also received some funding from UnLtd. It was suggested to work with Tech Resort to deliver a similar project in the future.</p> <p>Wayfinder Women Mary declared a non-financial conflict of interest and refrained from voting. The board felt the impact of this project would not be worthwhile.</p> <p>Seaside Steamroller SM noted this activity will be timed with the steampunk festival and could be a draw to the area. JBOE noted the cost of the steamroller has reduced from £2,000 to £1,200. A query was raised over costs for insurance which has been omitted from the application and the type of insurance required to operate a steam roller. It was suggested to include designing banners for DWBL as part of the project.</p>	<p>Application approved</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application denied Action: Jess to contact project leader and Tech Resort to discuss working together on a future project.</p> <p>Application denied</p> <p>Application approved on the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance is costed and included in £3,000 funding. • Insurance requirements are met for steamroller operation. </p>
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		Action: Jess to find out more information on steamroller operator and insurance requirements.
3. Micro Grant	The craft club at Seaside Community Hub have applied for a microgrant of £200 for materials.	Application approved
4. AOB	<p>JBOE noted no applications for grants meeting the environment priority have been applied for in this round. AL gave an overview of previously funded grants for this theme, including Seaside Rec and Shackleton Close Community Garden. SW provided information on funding available from EBC to improve local environment e.g. tree planting. It was suggested to include an article on this in the next newsletter. SM invited all to attend the history walk being held in the area and Great Get Together at Seaside Community Hub on Friday 16th June.</p> <p>SM noted Bourne School are currently not allowing external parties to run activities in the school due to updated need to their safeguarding procedures. SM proposed to run Community Stuff's play club at Seaside rec for this term. The board approved.</p>	Action: JBOE/SWIC to produce article on EBC environmental improvement funding in June newsletter.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 13th June 2017, 19:00 – 21:00