

MINUTES - Devonshire West Big Local Board

Tuesday 14th November 2017, 19:00 – 21:00 at Seaside Community Hub, Eastbourne

Attendees: Sue Morris (SM); Adrian Ley (AL); Jon Chapman (JC); Miriam Wilkinson (MW); Mary Patrick (MP); Jim Boot (JB); Graham Button (GB); Nigel Goodyear (NG); Karen Stewart (KS); Jane Dubery (JD); Jessica Boelema (JBOE); Samantha Wickens (SWIC)

Apologies: Brian Lawrence (BL); Steve Wallis (SW);

Item	Discussion	Actions/Decisions
1. Welcome and apologies	SM welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies received. MP announced she will be leaving DWBL Board after the December meeting due to family relocation to Somerset. SM and the board thanked her for her contributions. The board co-opted Jane Dubery as a new board member.	
2. Minutes from the previous meeting and matters arising	All actions completed or carried forward for discussion at the next meeting.	
3. Finance	AL noted previous discussion on awarding SLAs to groups in the future to strengthen DWBL legacy. The previously agreed SLA for Boho/Leaf Hall is in the process of being finalised.	Action: AL to present paper on the SLA process at the next board meeting.
4. Community Grants Round 6 Applications	SM noted we have received 20 applications in this round. <u>Age Concern - £2,937</u> All agreed to fund with no additional conditions. The board agreed to monitor this project and evaluate success after 2 months. <u>Audio Active £2,940</u> Concerns were raised over targeting of residents. The board suggested including Cavendish School in taster sessions, rather than Eastbourne Academy as Devonshire West is outside of the catchment area for this school. AL noted Devonshire Collective's engagement with schools has been problematic due to Bourne school blocking access for any external party and there are no secondary school in the area. JD suggested approaching other children/young people's groups e.g. scouts and cubs, which could bring in more local children. The board suggested requesting statistics from pilot group as more detailed information on resident attendance is needed before a decision can be made. This application will be reviewed at the next board.	Action: JBOE to liaise with Age Concern to raise awareness of similar projects that have taken place in the past, ask how the area will be open to residents once completed and seek clarity on marketing and engagement with the community. Action: SWIC to add Audio Active grant application to agenda for December board meeting.

<p><u>Boho Tree- £1,336</u> This application has now been withdrawn.</p> <p><u>Clean Air Eastbourne - £2,988</u> The board were enthusiastic about this project and are particularly keen to collect local data on air quality. JC noted Brighton University are also supporting this project. All agreed to fund with no additional conditions.</p> <p><u>Creative Force – Brides & Public Engagement - £2,880 and £2,275</u> Concerns were raised over the exclusivity of target audience. The board felt the public engagement project was interesting and the data collected could be beneficial, however, it may exclude some communities. MW suggested to instead commission work with Teri/other groups for integration with all multicultural groups with the aim of bringing different communities together. The board declined both applications but will look into commissioning work in this area in the future.</p> <p><u>Culture Shift - £2,980</u> The board were unclear on the purpose and benefits of this project. Application declined.</p> <p><u>EMEP – Global Big Local, £2,690</u> Concerns were raised over the staffing budget and exclusivity of event. Application denied. The board discussed linking this in with future commissioned work to include a more inclusive multicultural event.</p> <p><u>EMEP – Language Lessons, £1,574</u> The board raised concerns over the exclusivity and cost of this project. Application denied.</p> <p><u>EODS - £3,000</u> The board queried the direct benefits of this project to residents. JBOE noted that local residents are not entitled to any discount for events, despite this being promised as part of a previously DWBL funded project. Application denied.</p> <p><u>Friends of Seaside Rec - £3,000.00</u> JB suggested including disabled access picnic benches, which Sompting Big Local have recently installed. Application approved on the condition that 1 of the 4 benches are disabled access.</p> <p><u>Hippodrome - £50,000</u> AL noted the lease arrangement has changed, however, the Hippodrome trust is still responsible for the management. This change enables the Hippodrome to apply for funding from other sources as the lease has been extended. Application approved.</p>	<p>Action: JB to send GB details for company which provided disabled access benches to Sompting.</p>
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HOME, £3,000

MP noted there has been an increase in young people's attendance at the sessions.
MW suggested granting an SLA to HOME and the Hub to deliver this project longer term and support both organisations.

The board agreed to fund application.

LGBT Group (Heart Touching Photography) - £3,000

JB queried DBS checks and child protection policy of group – SM noted herself and Helen Owen are supporting and mentoring the project leader to run the group and meet legal requirements.

The board agreed to fund application.

Little Stars - £2,650

The board discussed the high concentration of baby massage/sensory groups in Eastbourne.

MW queried the demand for baby groups in the DW area.

It was noted the venue has not yet been confirmed, therefore, funding would be subject to a confirmed venue in the DW area.

Application approved on the basis of a confirmed venue and receipt of a completed final evaluation of current funded project. Further funding may be released subject to popularity of weekly sessions.

Managing Change (Calverly Communications) - £2,955

Concerns were raised over the bank account being a private business account with only one signatory.

The board felt the application lacked of clarity and the aims and purpose of the project are not explained fully.

MW suggested 3VA could provide support to apply for Building Stronger Communities Fund as this may be more suitable.

Application denied. The board suggested further support is required to reapply for funding in the future.

Shinewater Shaftsbury Centre - £3,000

Jess has received further information on the projects aims

Venue has yet to be confirmed.

Jess suggested offering support to find a suitable venue.

Concerns raised over calculations/funds requested – over £3,000 and more accurate rent figure needed.

Application approved in principle - £3,360 provided venue is confirmed and further information on referral routes.

Wayfinder Women - £1,899

The board raised concerns over this project overlapping with other local employability groups.

MW queried need for women exclusive projects as this has not been identified as a DW priority.

Application denied.

	<p><u>We Push Ducks - £2,990</u> Queries were raised over need for young people’s fitness classes. It has been previously suggested to fund young people to attend existing health and fitness groups on an individual basis. The board felt some aspects of the project would not be viable, particularly healthy eating workshops for children under 10 years old who do not have the ability to control their diets. Application denied, however, further support will be offered to apply for funding in the future.</p>	
<p>5. Any other business</p>	<p><u>Community Stuff</u> Requested a change of use of funding awarded in round 4 at previous board meeting due to relocation of Eastbourne Foodbank outside of DW area. SM proposed offering a range of cookery classes to older people, based at Age Concern, including winter warmers and classes targeted towards men. The board approved the change of use for this grant.</p> <p><u>Leaf Hall</u> NG and JC noted planning is underway for historic murals to be exhibited at Leaf Hall. NG/JC will present a paper on this project at the next board meeting with the view to apply for facilities grant funding.</p>	<p>Action: SWIC to add Leaf Hall Murals to agenda for December board meeting.</p>

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 12th December 2017, 19:00 – 21:00