



Minutes for Brookside Big Local Partnership Meeting: Monday 28th November 2016, 09:30 until 11:00 at Brookside Central.

Present for Meeting: Tina Rogers, Nicola Anderson, John Maguire, Steve Thayne, James Loveridge, Clare Lloyd, Fiona Moore, Helen Fairweather, Gillian Bailey and Sian Makin

Apologies: John Trubshaw, Barry Wade and John Edwards

Introductions

As the Chairs weren't present Tina Rogers chaired the meeting. Introductions were made to Sian Makin who has joined Fiona Moore's Telford and Wrekin Council's Community Participation Team.

Minutes from the Morning and Evening Partnership Meeting - 28th November 2016

The Minutes from the the two Partnership Meetings held on Monday 28th November were approved and are awaiting the signatures of Co-Chairs John Trubshaw and Barry Wade.

Declaration of Any Other Business

Helen Fairweather

- Housing in Brookside
- Brookside Little Local
- Brookside Big Locals Second Worker

Local Trusted Organisation's Report

The Local Trusted Organisation's Report will be forwarded to Partnership Members later. A hard copy was distributed at the meeting. Here's a brief summary:

Appendix 1

Gillian gave a brief synopsis of what was returned to The Local Trust. This is money that we have budgeted for but due to our efficiency in retrieving other funds, we haven't used it. £56,002. This money is still Brookside Big Local's, however, The Local Trust will hold onto it for us.

Appendix One also gives the Partnership information on how much is being spent and where. Gillian is going to add an additional box, that shows a little summary of how much of the one million has been spent and how much is left.

Tina Rogers has raised an additional £2,000 for the Windmill Community Garden Project from Sainsbury's. Well done Tina! This additional £2,000 will not be managed by Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council. This £2,000 will be spend on:

- *Food Waste is an issue, this money will fund future workshops on cooking on a budget*
- *Sharing on a budget, for example, bulk buying On-Line and sharing the cost*
- *The funding is for Brookside and surrounding communities: Stirchley, Randlay etc*
- *Sainsbury is provide Support*
- *Tina will be working with Corrine on this initiative with the help of our Lead Gardner Kevan.*
- *2 or 3 Tablets will be purchased to aid people with the purchase of food on-line.*
- *Fabulous Idea and again well done to Tina for her hardwork and continued dedication to our community.*

Brookside Central

Gillian Bailey and Sam Middleton have negotiated a temporary licence with Telford and Wrekin Council with regards to Brookside Central (CIO) taking over the management of Brookside Central from the 3rd of January 2017; the time-table created by Brookside Central's Steering Group.

Everything the Steering Group put in place is being implemented:

- *Brookside Central (CIO) – Responsible for Strategic Overview*
- *Brookside Central Operations Group – Responsible for the day-to-day running of the Centre*
- *Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council – Interim Lease Holder have overall responsibility of the Management through Sam Middleton who is Brookside Central's Facility Manager.*
- *Telford and Wrekin Council are there for support and advice.*

The application to The Charity Commission is being processed, the Christmas Break has slightly delayed the application, but it is still within the 40 days stipulated on the Commission's application procedures. The Partnership will be continually advised of the progress.

Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council's Youth Initiative 2017

Gillian mentioned that the Parish Council will be focusing on the Youth of our Communities throughout 2017 and beyond. This evoked a passionate discussion of ideas, which covered Helen Fairweathers Any Other Business topic of Brookside Little Local. Here are some of the ideas that were discussed:

- Youth Work Projects working together as a Steering Group, bringing like-minded people together to create an organised community panel or steering group.
- Brookside Little Local – a presentation created by Christopher Maguire for the younger children aged 5 to 13, to be organised
- Brookside Homework Club – to assist with SATS and other exams, over Christmas there was at least 13 youngsters interested in this initiative.
- Using talented youth workers like Sam Smith, Rebecca Blount and Lyndsey Kennedy
- Cre-Active

This subject created a very enthusiastic discussion and The Parish Council and Brookside Big Local will work together and create an inclusive program for our young residents.

Brookside Big Local Co-Ordinator Report

Tina Rogers has written a clear and concise detailed Report, please see attached

- Be-Active is self-sustaining
- Brookside Tool Hire will be re-Launched
- Step Right Up running well
- All events are being well attended
- Brookside Celebration Week is going to be fabulous, Well done to Tina Rogers with the support of BEG in the successful application for the funding for these events. BEG and Tina are hard at work booking and organising these events. The attendees of this Partnership Meeting have offered their help.
- A Better Tomorrow is hit a little problem in attaining a four bedroomed property on Brookside, however, the Sub-Group supporting this project are working on solutions.
- Outdoor Gym is postponed until April, quotations are in place.
- AGM on February 13th has been discussed, voting by Proxy is permitted.

Any Other Businesses

Helen Fairweather

Brookside Housing

The attendees discussed The Wrekin Housing Trust and it's aggressive policy to sell the flats in Brookside and how some buildings are boarded up. The Wrekin Housing Trust have been awarded a

contract to build 300 new homes near Shrewsbury. www.goldthorpe-bolton-biglocal.org, was mentioned briefly.

The attendees discussed the possibility of purchasing houses and renting them out, this is a possible project for the future. A conference with Bourneville Village Trust and The Wrekin Housing Trust with rookside Big Local, Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council and Telford and Wrekin Council should be organised in the near future. It was suggested that another sub-group be created for this project.

Brookside Little Local

Was discussed passionately through Gillian's Local Trusted Organisation report.

Brookside Big Locals Second Worker

This will still happen, though it's been put on-hold until March.

Legacy Planning/Reflection and Evaluation

Shouting about what Brookside Big Local and its supporting partners have done in Brookside and the surrounding communities needs to be addressed.

Utilising the media, for example: The Listening Project on local radio would be a wonderful idea for residents, volunteers etc to talk about their experiences and their stories.

The annual review of our Plan is happening around August (there was a wee debate about that).

Helen gave everyone the Big Local Training Calendar for 2017. Perhaps John could put this on both Brookside Big Local/Brookside Central's Website/Facebook Pages? There are a few worthwhile courses that our volunteers/residents could benefit from.

The Partnership has geared itself towards having realistic expectations.

The Partnership feels that it needs to work on the process of engaging the community and encouraging members of the community to becoming members of the Partnership.

Communication needs to flow better and that is something that the Partnership aims to address.

Next Meeting will be 13th February 2017. This is our AGM and The election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be decided. Please email the Partnership Secretary with nominations/interest.

Tina thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting which ended at 20.40.

Important Dates For Your Diary

Monday 20th February
10am – 2pm at Brookside Central

Brookside Business Expo

An opportunity for local businesses to showcase and promote their business at Brookside Central. Spaces will be provided free of charge and will include lunch provided by the Take 5 Café for all exhibitors

Tuesday 21st February
10am – 6pm at Brookside Central

Cinema Experience

A Cinema Experience on our doorstep. Entry will be free and hot dogs/ burgers included provided by Take 5 Café for all cinema ticket holders. The venue will be able to cater for approx 70. Arrangement are being made with Flix in the Stix to provide 2 family films.

Wednesday 22nd February 11am – 2pm at
Brookside Central

Family fun Day

Lots of activities planned for families to enjoy learning new crafts and taking part in activities provided by Maws Craft Centre and local craft groups to showcase their skills and promote their groups.

Thursday 23rd February 11am – 3pm
At Brookside Central

Mini Food Festival

Invitation for local food producers to showcase what they offer. Introducing fresh local produce tasters for the community

Friday 24th February
2pm- 4pm at Brookside Central

Tea Dance

Invitation to enjoy an afternoon Tea Dance (1950's style) Buffet and music will be provide free. Invitation only. The venue will cater for approx. 60 guests with the view to further develop this activity in the future.

Saturday 25th February 12noon – 6pm at
Brookside Central

Mini music festival

Music festival experience for the community on their doorstep which will enable local residents to enjoy free with catering supplied by Take 5 Café.

“Let`s All Celebrate Brookside Finale”

Fireworks Display 7.30pm

Community Fireworks Display to be held at the Windmill Primary School (10 minute display accompanied with music.

