

Held at The Joyful Whippet, Sompting

Present:

1. Trevor Crowter, Co-Chair and Resident
2. Roger Foregard, Finance Officer
3. Gareth Smith, SPC and Resident
4. Alun Jones, Vice Chair and Resident
5. Adrian Barritt, ADUR VA
6. Andy Brook AVA
7. Carson Albury, Partnership
8. Mel Shaw AWC and Resident
9. Jacqui Matten, Co-ordinator
10. Pat Locke, Resident
11. Barbara Locke, Resident
12. Molly Elmer, Resident
13. Chris Servante, SPC and Resident
14. Kay Vincent SPC and Resident
15. Stuart Cooper
16. Barry Mears SPC
17. Jean SPC
18. Judith Howarth, Minute Taker

1. **Welcome**

The co-chairman opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance.

2. **Apologies for absence were received from:**

Nicky Hellard  
Ann Godley  
Philip Godley  
Gill Crowter  
Johnathan Paine  
Jim Boot

3. **Declarations of Interest**

It was agreed that these be made aware as and when appropriate

4. **Minutes from the 8th General Meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and matters arising:**

No issues arose and the minutes were agreed.

5. **Co-Chairs Report**

Jim has a new area - Eastern Sheppy so therefore we will be seeing less of him. They have their meetings on the same rota as ours so Jim will now be coming to alternate partnership meetings.

We need to start using the Big Local Trust website for more support. Their website is full of information and stories of how other Big Local areas are using their money to improve their communities. Well worth a visit.

We do need more support in the Big Local Hub, I would like to echo Jacqui's request that some of the partnership members who are free / available to spend an hour or two from time to time in the Hub. Jacqui and I are working towards a better job description for the Big Local Hub Volunteers.

We continue to make contacts with other service providers, both statutory and voluntary. These contacts take time to make and time to build up their confidence and trust in what we are trying to achieve. It is necessary that we, as a group, do work with these other providers and we must do all we can to move this process forward. While it is true that we are not always happy with the way and speed they work I am sure that they could say the same of us. We must be mindful of what, where, how and to whom we speak to.

Big Local Trust are conducting a survey and will require our responses, some of this will be covered next meeting, some will be provided with questionnaires to complete.

6. **Standing Items**

a. Big Local Plan

- i. This was submitted at the end of July. All members should have received a copy.

- ii. There will be an official copy made available once it has been approved.
  - iii. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at the Hub, our copy will be discussed. Members of the Partnership and the community are encouraged to attend.
  - iv. Please look through the Plan at the cost and budget section. There is an extra column to say who is responsible for each area in the Plan. If you would like to take responsibility for an area, please put your name forward.
- b. **Finance Report**
- i. RF to include
- c. **Co-ordinators Report**
- i. JM to include
  - ii. In brief, Jacqui would like to thank Mel, Barbara and Pat for helping in the hub.
  - iii. Yarn bombing has been good, but two of the bollard covers have been removed!! More being made.
  - iv. Seniors at the Whippet have been an overwhelming success. Guild Care has reported that it has made a difference to two of their service users. All the elderly people that are coming along are really enjoying the experience. If any of the Partnership Members are available to come along on a Thursday, even if it is only for 15 minutes to see what we are doing, you would be made very welcome.
- d. **Communications and Website Report**
- i. No new website updates to report
  - ii. There is a meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at the Big Local Hub where a company is coming to talk regarding how to develop communications. They will be able to help set up a website and be able to train people on how to update. We would need an Audit of what we have before spending out sums of money on a website. The website design needs to be useable and user friendly. Maintaining it would be done by a core of volunteers. No decisions will be made at the meeting, this is for information only.
- e. **Millfield Engagement**
- i. See Co-ordinators Report
  - ii. In Brief, Jacqui has said that residents have had mixed reactions, from some positivity to I don't know why you bother. Jacqui has left her business cards with residents and has said to call if flowerbeds are damaged or unsavoury items are left. The day will go ahead regardless of the weather. It would be very much appreciated if members of the Partnership would be able to spend an hour or two to help on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August.
  - iii. The Flower Beds in Millfield are an ongoing event. Due to the resources donated, we can maintain the beds for 3 years. We have received £2000 from the CIF funding. Approximately two thirds of the money has been spent. Of the resources bought, many items can be used by all of the community. Many garden centres have donated seeds for free. We have even had a quarter of a ton of manure donated!

## 7. Transport Group Report

### See Report attached to last month's minutes

- i. In brief, there are 4 members in the transport group.
- ii. We need to note that this is just a pilot scheme so we can source further information to put to other organisations.
- iii. Approval was given by the Partnership for the route proposed plus another route to take it to Sainsburys. This will allow the Transport Group to approach other agencies.

## 8. Any other Business

### IT HUB at Sompting Community Centre

- i. To make this project viable we would need approximately £2000, for equipment and Fire Doors.
- ii. The consensus was that we should move forward.

**9. Closed**

The meeting closed at 9pm

**10. Time and Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September - 7.15pm until about 9pm

Venue: Community Room at Sompting Village Primary School.