

Sompting Big Local

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Summary Minutes of the meeting.

Wednesday 15th June 2016.
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Starting at 7:00pm

Present: Emma Crowter, Ray Downie, Harry Crosby, Paul Mansell, Mel Shaw, Barbra Locke, Alana Gooding, Gill Crowter, Jim Boot, Rebecca Luff- UnLtd, Amy Tamplin- Sompting Community Church- John Haigh-conservation, Alun Jones (arrived late) plus five (5) members of the public.

As per agenda, only change item V will be left till last.

Rebecca Luff- UnLtd: Rebecca explained the role of the organisation, encouraging social entrepreneurs in local areas, start-up grants available progressing to launching of a product or service, the age range can be from school children to senior citizens. The awards range from £500 to £15000. The organisation also provides funding for back up support in training/marketing/first offs/ business planning etc. Rebecca went on to describe current projects sighting two examples. The criteria required to qualify is the business, person needs to be in a Big Local Area (BLA) and the business, and idea needs to benefit local people in the BLA.

It was agreed that Emma would update the SBL web site with contact details so that interested parties could either contact “Unlimited” direct or through SBL.

Amy Tamplin- Sompting Community Church: Amy updated the meeting giving an overview of the youth community work that was being carried out at the Hub each week called “The Drop”. An average of 16 young people visited The Drop each week, some weeks having considerably more. Four volunteers run the weekly sessions including Amy. There are a number of activities planned for the summer, including “litter picking” Amy also visits schools where she has 1 to 1 discussions etc (pastoral care) with young people and supports where practical. Some of the youths are carers and this time spent at the Hub is respite time for them and gives them a safe environment to be themselves.....Amy commented: “ At the start there were more girls than boys, as the boys were more interested in sports, this has changed over time and the ratio is circa 50/50 boys and girls which is a success in getting young men to voice their emotions and relate to others. The Youth group also provide other activities, crafts and “The Drop” model has been used on this group with success. Drama, craft, Disco etc all are making for a more confident group of young people. Amy also gets involved in what’s called “The Space” in schools, where young people can sit quietly and reflect, Amy has 1 to 1 conversations in this quite, safe environment that helps young people cope with the many pressures of day to day living.

Amy will be leaving at the end of July 16; The Chair acknowledged Amy’s contribution and thanked her for her work. Discussions will take place on the way forward post Amy’s departure with Colin Frampton.

Apologies for absence

- Trevor Crowter, Carson Albury, Patrick Locke, Colin Frampton.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Paul Mansell proposed they be accepted and Gill Crowter seconded.

Defibrillator Update and training Days: Trevor in his absence forwarded a summary of the situation to the Chair.

Now that all three Defibrillators are installed and commissioned we now have a wide area of Sompting covered with access to one by being just minutes away: The Marquis in West Street, outside the Chemist in Cokeham Road and now on the wall of St Peter's Church in Silverdale Drive.

These three machines are checked fortnightly by the Guardians to make sure that they are fully functional. If the Guardians are late with their report than we are advised by text/e-mail to resolve the issue. The gathered information is fed back to the Ambulance Service. Every month the boxes are checked by a member of the partnership to make sure the boxes are undamaged, cleaned and the locks oiled.

The plan is to provide more free training in the St Peter's Church hall sometime in early to late July, before the School holidays start. The date is yet to be confirmed but an advertising programme is set to roll when the date is confirmed.

The future is to install a Defibrillator north of the A27 or close to the Hill Barn Junction. The possible location for this machine will be explored in the next few weeks. We need a site that is readily accessible, a supply of power and in a public place.

Hamble update:

Consultations done and action is being seen at the park, two benches will be or have been installed, the grant going forward will be used as agreed with £5k being used on aesthetics, along with a notice board outing SBL, AC & SPC role in the development of the park, the Chair anticipated "spades in the ground" by Spring 2017 Mr John Haigh put forward the contract documentation etc to the Chair for equipment etc...There should be circa six designs where one design will be chosen by the schools for implementation, it was agreed this project had been a very positive experience, well done everyone.

Community Club Update:

Emma went through the stats generated from "Age Concern" The club started 8th April 2016 so the data is scant, hopefully after three months then a more realistic picture would emerge. Between 3 and 7 people attend, it is suggested that this will increase in the near future as word spreads. It was stated that the kitchen facilities at the venue would be leased out and a new discussion needs to take place with Age Concern and the new staff. It was agreed that SBL etc need to raise the profile of this activity, Alun to raise it at the SPC meetings in the future...Next update should see more encouraging results.

Any Other Business

Mel asked for the employability network event to be published on our facebook

Barbara: contacted by M.H.Team Corner house, they wish to do a drop-in activity for the people of Sompting that travel to other areas for support on mental health issues etc. They would like to start up in July 16 on a Monday (the Hub is free) It was raised that the Hub needs to start paying for itself ref utility costs etc. It was proposed after discussions that a half day and full day rate should be applied and this would be in the form of a donation. Different rates would be used for Sompting residents wishing to hire the Hub and non Sompting residents.

The Website domain was also discussed, and the cost of £150.00 per annum was not justified for a number of reasons, it was also agreed that SBL looks at the “e-mail” address and should choose a uniform approach to both items, review to be done at the end of July16.

Richard Adams mentioned that a group would like to use the Hub on a Saturday morning as the costs of using a venue in Worthing were disproportionate ref parking etc, Richard to e-mail Emma with details etc.

Jim Boot mentioned that new members of the Partnership should do the on-line survey...Emma please provide a link to the site so that members who have not completed the survey can do so.

Ray talked about Sompting Football Club (SFC) working in partnership with SBL and that three members of SFC had expressed an interest in joining the SBL Partnership subject to all the relevant checks etc, all live locally in Sompting. It was proposed by Ray seconded by HC and the vote was unanimous. Welcome to our new friends.

Ray approached the Head of Sompting Primary school where the commemoration of the Queen’s Birthday was also discussed in relation to local schools receiving a commemorative coin, It was accepted that SPS did something different and agreed that SBL may have been able to support the coinage cost etc.This aside it was also discussed that the school could really do with support in kitting out the football teams both male and female. It was agreed and voted on that a budget of £1000.00 be made available to the school for the kits and that these kits would be branded with the SBL logo. This money would come from SBL “community spend” budget.

The LTO situation was discussed AVA need to submit a financial report by the end of June 16 and a meeting with partnership to take place circa 18th July 16 to discuss the way forward, all to be present.

Alana left the meeting at this point. (8:25pm)

Tender for plan (2017-2019/20)

It was agreed that “The plan for the future” needs to be done by a professional and independent body with experience in such activities, a number of bodies and people were put forward, the tender document with slight changes by Jim Boot would be circulated and a copy either embedded in the mins or attached as an appendix (Emma to do) Jim explained the process of “drawdown” to the meeting, unspent monies goes back to the Local Trust (LT) The plan needs to reflect local needs and aspirations and consultations etc should bear this out. The budget is circa £100k per year. Some names and bodies to be considered for the writing of the plan:

- Nick Waites (has expertise in the area of this type of documentation writing etc)

- Planning for Real (An organisation that has experience in this type of documentation writing) Jim declared that he is a part time consultant to this group.
- Alana Gooding (Experience in writing plans of this nature)
- Susan Shoemith (worked with Devonshire and Eastbourne BL and has experience in this area)
- Action in Rural Sussex to name but another one that could provide the service.

Time scales are tight and a report would be ASAP therefore we need to start the process off in by July 16 for tenders to be back in mid July and commission in August as the plan needs to be in place by November 16. The budget is £5000.00 however concern was expressed that this maybe a little on the conservative side. Each tender will be judged on its content and relevance not on cost; however cost will have a bearing on any decision but not the only criteria being considered. The cost would be met by SBL budget however Jim pointed out that additional monies were put aside for this type of expenditure.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm

H A Crosby. (Volunteer & Partnership member)