

Sompting Big Local

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Minutes

Wednesday 11th March 2015

Sompting Big Local Hub, Cokeham Lane

Present

Partnership

Trevor Crowter	Resident	Alun Jones	Resident
Pat Locke	Resident	Cllr Carson Albury	ADC
Mel Shaw	Resident	Ray Downie	Resident
Gill Crowter	Resident	Sarah Leeding	AVA
Paul Mansell	Resident	Barbara Locke	Resident
Emma Crowter	Resident	Colin Frampton	Resident

Non-Partnership

Scott Crowter	Member of the public.	Jim Boot	Local Trust Rep
Jenny King	West Sussex Credit Union		

Apologies

Kay Vincent	SPC		
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Meeting open 18.52

1. Credit Union

Credit Union was established in 2008, and regulated by financial bodies in UK. Savers do not receive interest but get an annual dividend. To apply for a loan the applicant has to have an income of £120 (excluding housing benefit), loans are based on how likely they are to pay back, and affordability. When applicants pay back loan small amount is paid into a savings account for them to access at end of loan agreement. They most competitive in the loan market of £1500 to £7000. Looking into Bank account so able to pay Direct debits.

It was asked what expectations or requirements were expected of SBL if we were to proceed. SBL would be expected to put a sum of £20000, which would be ring fenced so only residents in the SBL area can borrow.

The chairman asked if there was a pension scheme which is run by credit union, and at this current time there is not. However they do run a Junior saving scheme. Either a paid member of staff (paid for by SBL) or volunteer would go into local schools and pupils can pay into their account there. Jim Boot added that the Local trust may be able to provide training to the volunteers. By having a joint venture between credit union and SBL, we would be able to measure objectives.

It was asked how many of the applicants were turned away by the credit union, Jenny replied with 30% of applications are reject mainly due to affordability.

A further question was asked about the use of SBL money if it should be put into credit union. The response was that the money would be used lent to the community and would be returned at the end of the term.

It was decided that we would need to look at the number of possible savers. Colin and Carson to speak to Richard Kave about the possibility of savers scheme at Sompting Village School.

2. Apologies of Absence.

Kay Vincent sent her apologise as at a Sompting Parish Council meeting.

3. Approval of minutes.

Colin Frampton was present. Kay Vincent suggested a change from "Compass will pay for advertising, but Sompting Big Local will have to distribute them." to say "Compass will print timetables and other advertising, but have asked if Sompting Big Local would be able to distribute them. This change was agreed.

The minutes were passed as correct.

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4. Chairs Report

Jacqui and Ray met with Mike Tristram to discuss the agreement for land use by SBL. It was decided that as Sompting Parish Council have applied to hold a car boot on the Sompting Recreation ground, that Sompting Big Local would not, but would look at the other opportunities. However, Mike Tristram does want to work with SBL. Ray has had a conversation at Glen Souter at Lancing FC, and Glen has said that he is happy for SBL to use the facilities free of charge. Possible change of opening times for the hub, would be discussed after the volunteers meeting being held on the 12th March, so will be revisited in April. Sompting Parish Council have sent a request to Ray to attend their April meeting to give a presentation to Councillors and Members of the public on SBL. It was decided to decline their invitation on the basis we have our public and partnership meeting on the 16th. Further to this the Parish council has nominated 2 of their councillors, Kay Vincent and Gareth Smith, to report back to the council. Ray has requested that all DBS's and Fire equipment is sorted by AVA, and this is being looked into.

Dawn Giles has stepped down as Finance Lead, Alun is happy to for now but not indefinitely. The new Lead should have a knowledge of book keeping and provide suitable references, failing this we would look at employing an independent accountant. Tina Favier has contacted Ray regarding the IT hub at the Harriett Johnson Centre to say that Sompting Parish Council has declined to sign the agreement and instead would use the room as their own IT hub with their own IT equipment. The money given to Sompting Parish Council from Sompting Big Local to upgrade the infrastructure in the Harriett Johnson centre to facilitate the IT hub, would now be given as a Donation. Tina has asked if we would be able to have IT hub in SBL Hub. Partnership would be given the opportunity to view the agreement and a decision would be made before the next meeting. This would be that the hub would need to be refurbished, it was suggested that the office should be moved into the kitchen, heating put in the toilet and blinds on the windows.

It was suggested by Ray to hold an Summer event at Crowshaw rec, possibly a Stoolball tournament, with communications team to look at possible dates so not to conflict with other events.

Finance

2nd Quarter for the finance finished on the 31st March. It was asked what the Albion in the Community was and it is a community project to get young people into work. Jacqui added that the Goals project would no longer be held at the Harriett Johnson as there is no IT facilities. Alun was thanked for his work on sorting the finances.

Communications.

Not much to report, newsletters done and whether we should get a company to deliver next one to make an impact. Put up a few activities on streetlife.

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Co-ordinator.

Usage for the hub was down in February to 743 uses. Millfield will start again after Easter, on 11th April. Fun for Seniors going well, guild care doing exercise session every 6 weeks. Had 9 letters in favour letters. Some residents need a gardener and Jacqui has been in contact with a local gardener. Albion in the Community may move to Crowshaw. Facebook is holding its own. Jacqui Informed partnership that Pot of Gold was unsuccessful. Jacqui and Carson has had a meeting with Youth services in a view to pull resources and for Darren and Sarah to use Hub as a drop in centre. Volunteers meeting to be held on 12th March. Sompting Big Local involved in Adur Festival with a fee of £18 to be paid, with the Hub being open between 4pm-6pm for the 13 days the festival is on for members of the public to help build giant food.

5. Minibus.

It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of a Sompting Big Local Minibus with the budget for this being raise from £3000 to £5000. Lydia Schilbach was asked by Chair to find out about purchasing from West Sussex County Council but has heard nothing. Mel agreed to chase this up. AVA need to approve this also.

6. Any other business.

Out of hours clubs

It was agreed all out of hours to use keypad, as this was the reason it was installed.

Contact details for Metal plaque.

Mel to forward contact details for a company to have a plaque made for the fence at Crowshaw rec to say donated by Sompting Big Local.

The Joyful Whippet

Carson has informed partnership that the application for community asset has been received and it correct, it is currently with legal department.

Spring Event

Local Trust Spring Event to be held in London on 25th April, with 5 places available for each Big Local Area, with Ray, Carson, Emma, Mel to attend.

Twitten/Allyways

Mel asked whether Sompting Big Local in helping to close twittens in allyways in Sompting.

Close 21.37

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