

BIG LOCAL SOMPTING – NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2013

Present: Alun Jones, Resident; Sue Holland, Resident/NCRA; Jim Boot, Big Local Rep; Trevor Crowter, Resident; Chris Servante, Sompting Parish Council; Nigel Howard, Resident.

Apologies: Beth Pope, Resident; Darren Lewis, Resident/Community Church youth worker; Colin Frampton, Resident/Community Church Minister/School Governor; Rosemary Hegarty, Resident; Jonathan Paine, Resident/Community Church Member; Lee Billingham, Adur and Worthing Councils Community Worker; Kerry Ramshaw, SRWA/Resident.

Family play morning – feedback/wash-up

1. Jim thanked the group for making the Family Fun Morning a great success. The group wished to express their thanks to Lee for all his hard work over the last four months particularly for helping to organise the Family Fun Morning and wished him well for his paternity leave (he has another little girl – no decision on name yet – open to suggestions). The group also wished to thank Simone the manager at the Harriet Johnson Centre.
2. Employing Play Mosaic (the play workers) had worked very well – although they suggested they could have done with a little more help from volunteers on the day. (Perhaps because of the cold weather), there had been a difficulty with supervising children outside as well as inside the hall. There might need to be a bigger pool of people/volunteers for future children's events.
3. But on the whole **it had been a brilliant morning**.
4. Chris said that he hadn't been told the Children's Centre and Neighbourhood Plan would be represented.
5. It was suggested to use St Peter's Hall for future events to engage residents from other areas. The Scout Hut and United Reform Church were also proposed as possible venues. It was also suggested that a local landowner's field might be used. Jim suggested that the group might purchase a gazebo with the Getting Started funding to facilitate street corner/play-ground meetings. It was also suggested holding an event at the play area by the former tip at Halewick Lane.

Process planning workshop – Getting Started submission

6. JiB put up a suggested agenda for the workshop. The workshop's aim would be to gather sufficient information and views from residents and other stakeholders on how to approach the Getting Started phase (to develop the Profile, Vision, Partnership and Action Plan) and to make the Getting Started submission to Big Local/Local Trust. The outline agenda was:
 - a. Welcome and introductions
 - b. What we've found out so far?
 - i. Good Bad Dream results summary
 - ii. Neighbourhood plan survey results
 - c. Methodologies (presentations)
 - i. Questionnaires – Action in Rural Sussex
 - ii. Photography and film – speaker to be confirmed
 - iii. Modelling/Planning for Real® - speaker to be confirmed
 - iv. DIY plus community development worker – speaker to be confirmed

- d. Methodologies (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats – SWOT analysis in groups)
 - e. Vote on preferred methodology (Dot-ocracy)
 - f. Locally Trusted Organisation – what criteria would you use to choose the LTO to hold the £20,000 on behalf of residents?
 - g. Establishing the group
 - h. Any other business and close
7. Chris suggested using the Sompting Residents' Facebook page and Twitter feed as evidence of participation levels. He asked whether the parish council could become the LTO. Jim said that it could potentially as could a voluntary group such as Adur Voluntary Action but the final decision would be with residents/the group.
 8. It was asked whether the action plan would need to look at the whole ten years. Jim said that the few plans that had been published so far were tending only to look 2-3 years ahead in detail.
 9. It was suggested to use the workshop to start pushing the Star People awards. Jim said there was nothing preventing individuals or the group promoting Star People now.
 10. It was asked if match funding was required. Jim said that there was no requirement in the Getting Started submission for match funding although there was a section on the form to record this.
 11. It was asked if the proposed community development worker should be full or part-time. Jim suggested there was insufficient funding to appoint a full-time worker and fund the other work Big Local/Local Trust needed to be carried out.
 12. Chris raised comments made by the local MP on Twitter and Facebook. Jim agreed to look into this.
 13. A survey had been carried out by the school and it was proposed to present these results to the workshop as well.
 14. It was asked who should be invited. Jim suggested the people who had completed an expression of interest form plus other stakeholders (approximately 65 people). It would be an open event so new people could attend. It was suggested that Rectory House be invited.
 15. It was agreed to revisit the Ground Rules at the beginning of the event. Also that food should be provided if it was an evening event.

Meeting with sixth formers at the Sir Robert Woodard Academy (see separate note)

16. The meeting was due to take place on 24th April to ask young people themselves how to engage children and teenagers living and studying in Sompting. Kerry Ramshaw from the academy had arranged the meeting and it was agreed that Trevor Crowter, Jim Boot and Darren Lewis should attend – anymore would overcrowd the meeting.

Politics and declarations of interest

17. Local MP Tim Loughton had attended the Family Fun Morning and had filmed a short-piece outside. His blog featured a ten question survey and it was reported that some of the questions relating to Big Local. Jim agreed to follow this up with Tim Loughton MP.
18. Alun said that he was an election agent for the Labour party in Adur and would be standing as a candidate. He said that his involvement in Big Local preceded his intention to stand. The

group felt that he had done the right thing by declaring this interest but that it wouldn't exclude his future involvement.

Any other business

19. Chris said that he had had trouble sending/receiving e-mails from Jim who said he would look into it. Chris said that he would be updating the Sompting Residents' page on Facebook.
20. The meeting closed at 8.00pm.