

Note of North East Hastings Big Local General Meeting on Thursday 12th December 2013

Present: Ron Bennett (Ore Valley Forum); Amanda Crisford (The Hastings Academy); Mandy Curtis (18 Hours Ltd); Georgiana de Lussy (Broomgrove Community Centre); Alan Duffy (Little Gran Nan Records); Jane Dodson (HBC); Jill Fulton (resident); Jackie Gaunt (resident); Lauren Gaunt (resident); Meg Harmer (Ore Community Land Trust); Graham Hodgson (supporter); Janice Howe (Orbit Housing); Aubrey Ingleton (resident); Cllr Jay Kramer (HBC); Steve Manwaring (HVA); Samuel Mills (resident); Mags Pawson (resident); Jan Papworth (CDW); Sylvia Potter (resident); Claire Power (Ore Church Mice); Becky Sargent (Ore Community Land Trust); Ian Sier (resident); Richard Street (resident); Mike Thompson (AmicusHorizon); Alan Turner (supporter); Nadine West (resident); Amy Wheeler (resident); Brenda Webber (Summerfields Gym Club).

Apologies: Xaverine Bates; Cllr Peter Chowney; Maureen Curzon; Rev Lee Duckett; Cllr Kim Forward; Rachel Pearson; Helen Pugh; Kim Richards; Gary Rolfe.

Welcome

1. Ron Bennett welcomed the participants to the meeting the aim of which was to formalise the Big Local Group and resident-led Partnership by agreeing the terms of reference, and to appoint a chair. First there was an update.
2. The Communications Group had produced a leaflet based on the previous leaflet produced by the Getting Started Consortium setting out the progress that had been made since the summer and the next steps. The aim was to circulate this as widely as possible over the next few weeks in particular taking advantage of Christmas events in the community. The leaflet also had a short survey for residents and other stakeholders to respond to some of the issues or ideas emerging from the summer's engagement activities such as a youth café and better what's on information.
3. There were opportunities passing such as the recent youth nights at the Adventure Playground that are regularly attracting 40+ young people and the Ore Centre had recently held a Christmas sale. However, Graham reported that he is organising a quiz night at the Ore Centre on 17th January with Big Local in aid of charity which would be a great opportunity to bring local people together in a good cause but also to provide an update and an opportunity for feedback, particularly using the short survey. It is for teams of up to six and its 'bring your own booze'. All the local groups were encouraged to bring teams along.

Approval of terms of reference

4. Ron reported that there are now a number of names on the membership list for the partnership. A draft profile was in production which would enable the partnership to develop its vision for the area and action plan to submit to Local Trust in February. Ron asked if the group were ready to form the partnership made up of the nine residents and nine stakeholders or organisations. This was agreed by a show of hands. The partnership would also produce an annual report and be accountable to local people. Members of the partnership would need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Local Trust (the national body set up by the Lottery to be responsible for the Big Local programme).
5. Two terms of reference had been drafted based on the two partnership development workshops held in June and November, the Memorandum of Understanding provided in the Local Trust tool-kit: <http://www.localtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Making-Big-Local-happen-TOOLKIT-December-2012-updated.pdf>, conversations, meetings and

correspondence with Steve Manwaring of Hastings Voluntary Action and Jim Boot, Big Local Rep and other members of the Interim Steering Group.

6. The first Terms of Reference which was tabled was for the Big Local Group. It was for the Group to appoint the chair for both the Group and the Partnership. It would be down to the Partnership to appoint its own officers. It was suggested that the wording of the ToFR was changed from a maximum of 11 residents to a minimum of 11 or a majority of residents. The ToFR also allowed for co-opted places to bring in special skills or knowledge. Members would need to agree to serve until 2014. Anyone can attend the partnership meetings which will be held in public. The Partnership can form sub-groups as long as it informs the Group at its AGM. The ToFR includes 'how to call a special meeting'. The participants agreed the ToFR as they stand subject to the changes above.

Election of the chair

7. Only one nomination had been received for the role of Chair which was Ron Bennett the current chair of the Interim Steering Group. Cllr Richard Street proposed and Jackie Gaunt seconded Ron Bennett for the role of chair and this was agreed by a show of hands.

Election of the resident led partnership and memorandum of understanding

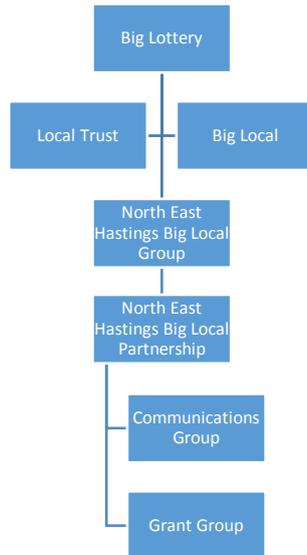
8. The Memorandum of Understanding was circulated for people to put their names forward to join the partnership in addition to those who had submitted formal Applications. It was agreed that additional residents would be sought to join the partnership although nine residents of the Big Local area were now members of the Partnership as well as nine stakeholders or representatives of local organisations. Jim said that it would only be a requirement of Local Trust when the Memorandum of Understanding was submitted to them for a majority of the Membership to be residents of the beneficial area.

Other updates

9. As well as the other updates Ron reported that Jan Papworth had been appointed to the post of Community Development Worker.
10. One of the other strong candidates for the post also had substantial experience to offer the group particularly in writing business plans and funding applications. Ron asked the group if they would support this person being employed on fee basis to start to draw up the action plan based on what had been found out over the summer. This recommendation was supported by the group.
11. The small grants working group had now drawn up a draft application form and people should now consider the Community Chest open for applications. Groups were particularly encouraged to put forward ideas that would deliver some quick wins based on the issues and ideas set out in the new leaflet.
12. The group was reminded that a Big Local Quiz Night was to take place in the Ore Centre on 17th January. More details are available from Graham Hodgson graham@happycrews.com.

Any questions

13. It was asked if Jim could explain the relationship between the Lottery, Big Local and the North East Hastings Big Local. Jim did this with a diagram reproduced below:



Date of the next meeting

14. It wasn't possible to agree a date for the next meeting so Jim was asked to circulate a doodle poll with some possible dates for people to complete.