

Podsmead Big Local Panel Meeting

Held via The Zoom Video platform

10th January 2021 at 18:00

Present:

Marcus Ridler (Chair)

Gerry Hartin

Lisa Jevins

Sue Cunningham (GLC)

Penny Ridler

Seb Field (Podsmead Councillor) *

Chris Allen (Local Trust Rep)

Nicholine Wirsy (GCH)

Les Jevins

Al (GCU)*

Mark Gale (GGT)

Apologies:

Debbie Etheridge

*Seb and Al had to leave the meeting at 18:30

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and Apologies:</p> <p>Everyone was welcomed to the meeting; it was noted that Seb and Al needed to leave the meeting early due to other commitments.</p> | MR/LJ |
| 2. | <p>Minutes of last Meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to reflect the content of the last meeting and were a true record.</p> | LJ |
| 3. | <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Most matters arising from the last meeting are on the agenda for discussion and will be dealt with as individual items.</p> | MR/IJ |
| 4. | <p>Finance Reports:</p> <p>Gerry: Little activity on the account. Discussion on use of account.</p> <p>Al: Funding for stage 3 of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is due to be released this period. This leaves us with around £10,000 with £4,000 committed to Play Gloucestershire.</p> | GH/AJ /SC |

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| | <p>However, the money for Play Gloucestershire is not required until April as they have gotten Covid funding until then. The Ride on mower is still outstanding, but they are waiting for the new season to start in March.</p> <p>There may be applications coming as we are aware of Pods Tots and a Health/Exercise group who may soon make applications.</p> <p>Podsmead bank account; Gloucestershire Credit Union are ok if we need to use them, further discussions are to take place. Mark at Gloucester Gateway Trust also offered to hold any gift money we may receive.</p> <p>Fairshares can be paid in and out and then transferred. Crowdfunder/café money to be paid in and used as quickly as possible to reduce the amount held in the account. Les to look at changing the way payments are made from annual to monthly payments.</p> <p>At this point we left finance for Seb to input to the meeting (See below) before returning to the Finance discussion.</p> <p>Sue: Robyn is to remain on furlough. Sue sent out the staffing costs spreadsheet and noted that we have £38,000 underspent on staffing. Les' contract expires end of March.</p> <p>Chris commented that £35,830.45 could be drawn down from the Local Trust.</p> <p>Re-staffing: a separate meeting to be arranged to discuss future staffing. (Les/Sue will not be in attendance due to conflict of interest) However, Les and Sue can email out comments and information for consideration if required.</p> | |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Update from Seb Field (Podsmead Councillor)</p> <p>As Seb needed to leave the meeting early he provided the panel with the following feedback.</p> <p>He has nothing new to bring to the meeting but can provide some feedback on existing topics.</p> <p>The local elections are still set for May and the regeneration is still going ahead. The expectation is that they may be ready to submit a planning application for end of summer/Autumn.</p> <p>Seb still has some council funding available and will be able to fund small projects. Please let him know if you would like to apply for this.</p> | <p>SF</p> |

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| | <p>Seb has some book and craft packs from the "Read with me" project which can be distributed via schools and Podsmead Big Local.</p> <p>Seb was informed about concerns of flooding at Milton Avenue. He will investigate it.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Grant Applications:</p> <p>There were no applications for discussion this meeting. Although we are aware that there are some groups that are interested in applying for funding.</p> | <p>Project Champions to complete actions and AJ to check budget and complete Due diligence.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Poets Pantry:</p> <p>Not much has moved forward since the last meeting. We are still waiting for the electrics to be signed off. We have a meeting with Gloucester City Homes due shortly and we hope to make some progress from this.</p> | <p>LJ</p> |
| 8. | <p>AOB:</p> <p>Gerry: Has arranged the legacy meeting/webinar for 27th January 2021. Information to be sent out prior to our next meeting. 18:00 via zoom. After the meeting we would need to look at details regarding roles/management. This depends on the type of organisation we choose.</p> <p>Documents have been shared by Gerry/Sue/Chris in preparation for the meeting.</p> <p>Marcus: will send out the link for the staffing meeting.</p> <p>Sue: Blackbridge: Sue to attend a Local Trust webinar relating to Sports/Recreational community development. People can apply for shares in the Blackbridge Project.</p> <p>Lisa: Has a meeting with Nicola from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to discuss setting up walks that will help to connect the various green spaces throughout Podsmead.</p> <p>Chris: commented that Gloucester/Podsmead high COVID-19 infection rates.</p> <p>Les: is to start with regular COVID-19 (LFT: Lateral Flow Test) testing which is being made available to community workers and those who cannot work from home in Gloucester.</p> | <p>LJ/ MR/SC/ Lisa J /GH</p> |

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| 9. | Date of Next Meetings: Panel meeting: 10 th February 2021 at 18:00 via zoom. Legacy Follow up Meeting: 24 th February 2021 via zoom. | All |