BLSW11 - Exec Committee Meeting

Tuesday 20th October, 6pm, Zoom

**Present**: Stephen Holsgrove; Robert Musgrave; Syeda Islam; Wendy Speck; Marlene Price; Mario De Souza; Lisa Idrisu; Kate Stock; Senia Dedic; David Stone; Amardeep Kainth; Jennie Fortune; Tessa Strickland; Felli Ubrette (attended late)

**Apologies:** None received

**Chair:** Stephen Holsgrove **Notes:** Amardeep Kainth

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| **Agenda Item** | **Key Discussion Points** | **Actions** |
| **Chairs Introduction** | (SH) Community is key to the spirit of the Big Local Project - the project is not just about the money, but also about bringing people together.  This meeting will hopefully unite us to get us unified on that core mission. SW11 are halfway through the programme, and it's time to get things running and flowing. Our next plan is due to start in August 2021   * The plan review gives us a chance to lookover what we have already done, celebrate success, find learnings, and build for our next plan * This funding is unrestricted, and at this stage of the project, we can support innovation and take some risks. We can be entrepreneurial and make things happen for local residents |  |
| **Community and Belonging** | (SH) The Chair opened with an amendment to what was on the agenda, with a view to enabling more work to happen before the plan review. SH invited the partnership to consider for the Community and Belonging proposal:   * **A merger of the intergenerational and grants budget (£30,000)** * **Support Donna and Wendy to lead on this work** * **Enable them to develop and start some work; and have them report back on progress at the January PEC meeting**   Chair invited partners to give input:  (Marlene)   * Agreed with C+B as a concept; but with the condition that the partnership must retain a grants programme. * Until we had a fuller discussion amongst ourselves on the type of items that we will include in this project I will not agree to it as it will not become an agreed project by default as the Alliance. * The paper that David circulated with projects and Inputs, Outputs and Costs breakdown was never presented to the Partnership and that until these items have been discussed and a decision taken as to whether it should be in this project before it can be considered as agreed.   (Mario)   * Feeling encouraged that this could be approved - it has felt like a long process to approve something straightforward * Big benefit to the community - Huge asset and investment to the community * Presents opportunity for the partnership and the local community to learn and grow   (Jennie)   * Agreed with Mario - definitely need to support the community actively at this time * Very keen to see the project moving forward   (Senia)   * Remind new members BLSW11 is a social experiment to support residents to drive work forward * Agreed that Community and Belonging was always an essential part of our plan based on the initial consultations with residents * Keen for there to be direct work happening in the community as there is great need * Noted some skepticism about the merger due to the emphasis on match funding; feel that we made a mistake by rushing into the Alliance and giving money to wealthy organisations which is just get absorbed into overheads * Wants to see the Intergenerational Scoping report   (Syeda)   * Commended the team for the paper; excellent and incorporates lots of great things that we as a partnership stand for * Concerned that the approach seems all-encompassing - suggested having divided subgroups to enable everyone to contribute * Not a no, but as a partnership we would need to be strategic about how we build this up * Noted dissatisfaction with the lack of consultation with the existing intergenerational/grants subcommittees in the development of this work * Highlighted that she has not seen the scoping paper for the Intergenerational work * Defining a clear remit will give some clarity on the specific work of the C+B group   (Lisa)   * Pro the C+B proposal * As a resident here , I’m keen on something more fresh. Commented that her children grew up here and are growing up here, and would like to see some more active/direct projects   Tessa   * Very excited about this project, and that we can possibly get to work. It's a very practical, sensible, and workable idea * The legacy is an important part of BLSW11, and C+B will build some important social capital and will give something sustainable * Unless we start work directly, the opportunity will fizzle out and the partnership won't have achieved anything * Likes the idea of trialing something and building social capital and embedding that in the community * Covid19 has really emphasised the need for this work to happen; and now   (Kate)   * Pro the proposal - there is a clear need to get this work happening in the community * The partnership should put trust in this committee like it does with any of the other subcommittees * Defining the remit of C+B - the scope seems to be: Mental Health, Loneliness and Isolation * Suggested increasing the budget. Many in the community are struggling as furlough ends, as people haven't been able to connect - encouraged the partnership to not sit on money and resources   (Robert)   * C+B isn't a catch all thing - Mental Health, Loneliness and Isolation is a sound remit for C+B * Echoed the chair to highlight there is lots of scope for other projects and there is invitation for others to propose too * This is a good opportunity to draw in more partnership members through this work * Grants - don't have to be absorbed in here - its not an either/ Or proposal, and our current grants programme is running well   (Wendy)   * C+B is not a catch all project - keen to bring in others too, especially the newer members as we weren’t getting to meet * This project is a great tool for engaging in the wider community; and reinvigorate the original ethos that we designed in 2014 * From the consultation, more residents are keen to join and engage in the partnership but at the moment people feel like we just meet and maybe don't do much * Keen to build more networks with other orgs for more resources - not just money   The chair invited David to comment on Match Funding  (David)   * BLSW11 is a non constituted body so cannot access match funds.- so KLS is a vehicle * Assured partners that KLS cannot access the funds * With C+B - we can try to get additional money and in kind support from other funds and institutions   (Amardeep)   * The remit for this work seems clear - Mental Health; loneliness and Isolation * Any projects can always come back and get more money if needed - the Local Trust finance procedures have mechanisms in place for this * Encouraged partners not to only think about money as a resource; partnerships doing work like this get so much in kind   **Chair summarised that the proposal had consensus from the partnership to go ahead with a £30k budget until the end of the plan (31st Aug 2021) with a remit for Mental Health; Loneliness; and Isolation**   * Agreed grants should not be absorbed * The proposal document is a bit of a catch all with the projects - but reminded the partnership that they are ideas at this stage rather than one universal piece of work * This is a great opportunity for the partnership to pilot and implement some things before the next plan * Concerns highlighted are valid, which can be addressed as the programme builds | **Partners agreed to the proposal put forward by the Chair**  **Donna and Wendy to start C+B work with a £30k budget from this current plan**  **Wendy to circulate the recent intergenerational Scoping report** |
| **Governance Review** | **Chair proposed that:**   * A Small group convenes to review and revise the Terms of Reference (TOR) to develop Governance that reflects the spirit of the Big Local Project; based on best practice and enabling impact   Wendy   * A resolution was sent and not added to the agenda * Expressed concern that there are barriers to bringing in new members to partnership * Suggested that having someone independent review would be constructive   Amardeep   * Suggested that an external Local Trust Rep would be able to support this process independently, and with a strong understanding of the ethos of the work   Kate   * It’s not just about the TOR, but also about the broader way in which we work as a collective * Keen to review email voting at this meeting; due to the constraints of the pandemic; and how infrequent meetings have been * Need someone independent to really review the TOR | **Amardeep to reach out to appropriate Reps for support**  **Stephen and Amardeep to bring together a working group**  **A revised draft TOR to be presented by the working group at the next Partnership meeting in January** |
| **Plan Review; Training and Development** | Amardeep presented the training options and dates available for all partners to participate in, along with the worker and LTO representative.  Amardeep also shared the timeline for the plan review and the development of the next plan; and how these parts all connect over the next 9 months.  The current plan and the attached Grant agreement with the Local Trust expire on 31st August 2021 | **Training dates doodle poll to be circulated** |
| **Covid19 Fund Update** | Syeda   * To date, have funded 21 orgs with 60k given out * Issues tackled are varied - food; gardening; Mental Health Support * Have tried to give out to a broad range of orgs, and it's been efficient and effective * Are continually adjusting based on internal learning and needs * Has been a struggle to get evaluation forms back - and some orgs haven't met the stipulations of the grant, but so far these have been small issues * Will be adapting the criteria, but waiting until lockdown ends to make sure its fit for purpose * Need some Social Media support * Have funded 3 RA’s which have done good work, and the panel would like to do outreach to all RA’s in Battersea, but proving to be a struggle as GDPR means we can't get the contacts from the local authority * Felli used to live in Maysoule Road and will do outreach there * Want to proactively outreach and support people who may have barriers to apply - whether its IT or drafting support **May ask for some support to run training/drafting skills workshops**   **Syeda queried whether additional funding is available for paid promotion of the Grant; Robert confirms this can be covered by contingency funds**  David   * Great value in doing an evaluation exercise on both an individual and organisational level to capture learning and impact   Robert   * Good panel - with diverse members/volunteers; well led by syeda and supported by Marlene and David | **All partners to outreach to orgs and RA’s about the fund** |
| **Alliance Update** | Robert   * No verbal update as reports already circulated * **Alliance and Partnership social - Zoom on Monday 7th December in the evening**    + Both new staff members will be there   Marlene   * Can we get some BLSW11/ LT /Community Fund logo on the docs - **Robert to Follow up** | **Everyone to attend Social on Zoom if possible (Monday 7th December; pm)**  **Robert to follow up with the alliance team on use of appropriate logos** |
| **Comms** | Robert   * Partnership comms are not great and we need to get better at communicating our work and progress   **Felli is a comms specialist and offered her expertise to support this** | **Felli and Robert to speak RE BLSW11 Comms** |
| **Finance** | Robert   * No full update as reports have already been shared * Syeda and Robert to review budget heading and report back to the group | **Syeda and Robert to review and report back to the group** |
| **AOB - Ideas from Felli** | Felli   * Would like to develop a project for women and mothers returning to work by building self confidence and mental health; sharing the services and grants that are available to build * Would like to develop something for the residents of the Maysoule Road area as they are underserved and overlooked; and likely to be experiencing even more hardship due to the pandemic * Proposed reviewing the needs of residents of Maysoule Road and sharing that with the partnership in January with some ideas   **Support from all partners for Felli to initiate and explore these two projects; and offers of support** | **Felli to:**  **- Develop idea for Womens project**  **- Community Needs review specifically for Maysoule Road area** |
| **Closing** | Syeda queried what was agreed at this meeting  Stephen highlighted that there was consensus for the following:   * C+B approved; and to receive 30k from merging the old budgets of intergen and Grants * Support for there to be a separate Grants panel * Governance Review to happen * Felli to talk to Robert RE Comms * Felli to develop a womens project and review the needs of residents on Maysoule Road   **The Chair noted that the discrepancy regarding voting highlighted the issues with the current TOR; and the need to undertake a Governance review for the partnership at the earliest.** |  |