

Revoelution Partnership Meeting

The Brunswick

15th March 2023

Present

Angie Buss (Chairman)
Joyce Folkett (Vice-chairman)
Simon Lawton (Project Manager)
Alison Chapman
Niki Clarke
Leon Davy
Vicky Dwyer
Pat Heaton
Annie Johnson
Linda Mackenzie
Maggie Cornall (BCH) via Zoom
Sian Jay (Local Trust) via Zoom

Angie welcomed us all and offered apologies from Zaida Ali & Denise Williams.

The previous minutes were accepted as a true record (apart from the date of this meeting which was given as March the 25th).

Update

Simon, Angie, Annie and Christina are discussing the future for our Juniors with a view to retaining numbers and encouraging parents take part. We also agreed to a pay increase for Christina who is working on her level 3 qualification. **SL AJ AB CF to action**

We have had 16 responses so far (early days) to the NHS survey and we are now rewarding participants with a £10 voucher.

Ana's husband Mohammed wishes to get involved in the warm Hub, bringing our community engagement team up to five members.

We need to work out how much money we have left for household essentials. **SL to action**

Plan Progress

We have had twenty responses from the community consultation but would like at least 30 more. The environment consultation has been completed and the NHS consultation continues. We will have one more meeting and then will form subgroups for further discussions.

What Next for Revoelution?

As we consider our final plan for Revoelution we need to decide what happens in 2026 when our Big Local funding ends. Do we carry on with our current projects? Do we attempt something new and untried? Or could we try something new that we are *already* good at? Which is community engagement. Should we move up to a higher level? Not just us knocking on resident's doors but being ready with a response when outside agencies knock on OUR door. Outside agencies have

come to Revoe with plans and money to spend but what has the result been? Remember The Masterplan? The council had some wonderful ideas for beautifying Central Drive and Revoe but nothing happened. Other short-term projects have come and gone leaving locals apathetic and cynical about new ventures.

It is difficult to measure how much money has been saved by the NHS and other agencies through our presence but we can see how our work last year with the Romanian hotspot on Ribble Road has led to us being seen as a positive force by the Romanians: and complaints about youngsters playing football on the grass at Ibbison Court saw us take children down to the park where there are now twice-weekly sessions with two FA-qualified coaches.

Helping and supporting people as we have done is marvellous but such projects can be difficult to find funding for. If, however, we were to pitch ourselves as a representative body, able to speak for the population of Revoe we could work with the Council or BCH on projects which would be *resident led*, giving Revoe folk a real voice in their community and were prepared to put funding into local schemes, outside agencies may be keener to put in funding, too. We should then be aware that the people are not a liability, they are our chief asset.

We need to think about possible futures for engagement and how to use it. We need to involve someone from BCH and arrange a meeting. **AB, JF, LM, VD, AC & Suzanne Tomlinson from BCH**

Funding Request

Revoe Minis are fund raising for a portable defibrillator. They have put in a bid for the last £200 of the £1500 they need. Request granted BCH

Building

186 Central Drive (Spiceland) has become available. We need to see if it is fit for purpose. Meanwhile, the Council are re-vamping Revoe Family Hub, possibly with a view to becoming a community space.

Any Other Business

The Green Doctors will be coming with warm packs and leaflets next week.

Linda proposed an evening out for the partnership. This will provisionally be at the Plum Tree. Vicky will organise the minibus.

We also need to arrange a Coronation celebration.

Next meeting

Wednesday, 19th of April at The Brunswick