**Our Sale West Board Meeting**

**4th April 2019**

**Sale West Community Centre**

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| **Present: Board Members** | **In attendance: Non-Board Members** |
| Ralph Rudden – Chair/Resident | Tony Mullen – Big Local Rep |
| Freda Eyden – Vice Chair/Non-Resident | Maria Garnett – Irwell Valley Project Manager |
| Chris Leslie – Vice Chair/Resident | Pip Tarmey-Holmes – OSW Project Devel. Manager |
| Dan Bunting – Local Councillor | Robina Sheikh – Trafford Council |
| Simon Whittaker - Resident | Sam Cooper – OSW Engagement Officer |
| Rob Chilton – Local Councillor | Lynne Stewart – Community Information Hub Co-ord. |
|  | Cath Johnson – OSW Admin Assistant |
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|  | **Apologies:** |
|  | Zoe Marshall – Non-resident |
|  | Bella Okpalugo – Resident |
|  | Denise Pluples – Resident |
|  | Dan Shelston – Non-resident |
|  | Alison Whittaker - Resident |

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|  | Item | Action |
| 1. | Tony was leading the first part of this meeting as he wanted to deliver a “Toolkit” project workshop that could help with measuring change along with evaluating and demonstrating the impact on the local community.  He pointed out that this project is still at the trial stage and that our involvement could help build this toolkit and it could then be taken to Big Local Reps day in June.  Tony described the reasoning behind why the evaluation of previous accomplishments was so important. It helped to understand both the positive and negative outcomes of projects and how to learn and build from that.  Monitoring and feedback within the local community would be a way to measure change. The information gathered could be used to evaluate the progress the Big Local funding was having within the area and to highlight any positive outcomes.  Tony also added that it would be useful to build up case studies from those individuals or groups that had benefitted from grants awarded to them. The feedback on how the grants had helped change things for themselves and those that were involved in the schemes was needed to help demonstrate that Big Local funding was having a constructive effect in the community. |  |
|  | OTHER AREA DISCUSSED: |  |
| 2. | Big Local have various workshops taking place and if anyone is interested in booking places, please let Pip know as soon as possible. Full details can be found using the following link:  <http://localtrust.org.uk/events/>  The next workshop will be on 10th May in Sheffield and the topic will be “How do we know we’re making a difference” Please contact Pip if interested. | **ALL** |
| 3. | Maria discussed her recent project to provide training for younger people aged over 19. The i-Tec courses proved very successful with those qualifying for a BTEC award.  She is now looking to put on a Child Care course starting 29-04-2019 for a 10 day period and asked if anyone would be interested, could they let Pip know. |  |
| 4. | Ralph asked how the group felt about having future meetings on a Tuesday in the café as it would work well with space, noise levels and food/beverage provision. The group discussed this and it was felt that Thursdays would work better for most. |  |
| 5. | IV were unable to provide funding for the lady that provided short story sessions for younger groups. Pip is looking at getting quotes from elsewhere and it is looking at costs being around £125. If it was agreed that OSW would fund the sessions, we would ensure that it is well publicised to ensure it is well attended. |  |
| 6. | Louise Phillips had approached Pip to discuss a resident that was seriously struggling financially and had no power to his flat or funds to help get him to an imminent job interview. Pip and Ralph had discussed this and had made an executive decision to donate money to him to help get him out of this predicament. The group were asked to consider the setting up of a “Small Donation Fund” that would not be publicised but would be available if the need arose in the future. |  |
|  | **THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE ON THURSDAY 9th MAY AT 6PM IN THE YOUTH CENTRE** |  |