

Scholemoor and Lidget Green Big Local Meeting @ St. Wilfred's Church hall - 9th August 2012

Attendance – Please see Attendance Record.

Steve Skinner Big Local's Representative welcomed the group and gave a brief overview about the Big Local initiative. Additional money has been made available to get the ball rolling and Bradford CVS with the help of CNet have been given the task of doing this. 10 to 15 board members will now be recruited to decide how the million pounds will be spent and recruitment & selection process is currently being worked upon. A Community Profile and Community Plan will be created upon consultation with the community.

Peter Tate introduced the **CVS/CNet** staff involved in helping get things going. **Corine Campbell** was introduced. Corine will put together a Community profile and a Community plan. She would be keen to speak to as many people as possible to get their views and opinions. A number of community researchers would be recruited to help obtain completed questionnaires from residents to contribute towards the community plan/profile. She will hold training workshops for community researchers. Peter and Abdul said a number of consultations events will take place in the area and a newsletter will be done to increase communication with residents, schools, and businesses in the area.

There was then a discussion about the name of Big Local in this area. It was suggested that a formal name and logo could be sorted out, possibly by running a competition in schools, but in the short term we would give it a working name – various were suggested - Scholemoor and Lidget Green Community Partnership, Scholemoor and Lidget Green Community Board, Scholemoor and Lidget Green Big Local Partnership, SALG Community Partnership Board etc. Some strap lines were also suggested e.g. Scholemoor & Lidget Green, Got to be in to win it.

We had a discussion about the make-up of the potential partnership board. (See discussion paper that was enclosed in participant's packs). It was agreed that the membership of Partnership Board will be a maximum of 15 and was limited to residents only. The Board would recruit additional members as they deem necessary from groups, elected members, specialists and businesses that are in the area at a later stage. It was also decided to have different categories of membership (1) The Scholemoor Lidget Green Big Local Membership - open to all individuals who either live or work in the area - they all would be considered a member of the Partnership unless they opt out (2) The Scholemoor Lidget Green Community Board - The Community Board is the decision making body of the Partnership. This will be made up of residents only. (3) The Scholemoor Lidget Green Community Board Technical Advisors - These are non-voting members of the Partnership who will be asked to make representations to the Board through a Task Group as they possess skills and/or expertise that the Board can utilise. They can be appointed by the Community Board as needed. Draft terms of reference and agreement for the Board were mentioned. As agreed in the earlier meetings, the membership to the Board would be by recruitment and selection in the initial stage with elections held over 12/18 month period or as the Board may decide.

There was a lengthy discussion then about recruiting young people onto the board and what the minimum age should be. Various options were discussed but no age limit was agreed upon. However, it was decided that this was something that could be agreed at a later stage and possibly by the recruitment panel.

Discussion went on about how to ensure that there is a reasonable spread of board members from different parts of the Big Local area. **Abdul H Ismail** explained that the area had been divided into five zones and the recruitment panel will ensure that there is a reasonable representation from each of the area.

The meeting agreed that the Recruitment Panel will be made up from reps from Bradford CVS, Bradford CNet, Steve Skinner and a member of Bradford Council Neighbourhood Services. The closing date was chosen as October 15th with the interviews thereafter. Application/Information packs were available.

Discussions then went onto the consultation and outreach work with groups in the area that would involve getting feedback and people's views in respect of improvements to their area and building their interest in getting involved in Big Local. Some of the names suggested included Northside Mosque, St. Wilfred's Church, Clayton Rugby Club, Scholemoor Beacon Centre, Friends Who Care, Khidmat Centre, Youth Service in the area, Farnham and Lidget Green Children Centre.

No other issues were raised in any other business item. All were thanked for attending. The next meeting would be in September/ October. Date to be advised. The meeting closed at around 8.00 p.m.