

Bradford & District Community Economic VCS Forum

Notes of the meeting Monday 8th October 2018

9:30 to 11:30 am at CNet

Present: Shafiq Ahmed (CLLD Programme, CBC); Carlton Smith (Bradford Trident), Rachael Memmott & Laura Raynor (Specialist Autism Services); Anne Shand & Tony Nolan (St Vincent's); Jenny Scott (CNET); Peter Horner (Community Action); Gerry Hannah (Parenting Together); Martin Carter (Manningham Project); Nasim Qureshi (INCIC) (Co-chair); Javed Khan (CNet); Sarah Lala (Family Action); Ibrahim Maynard (school governor x 3); Laura Cope (Family Fund Business Services); Mary Dowson (BCB Radio); Mark Nicholson (Equality Together); Tony Dylak (Royds) (Co-chair)

Apologies: Ian Brewer (BDCU); Katherine Wyatt (CBC); Wendy Spencer (Airedale Enterprise Services); Healthy Lifestyle Solutions; Lynne Faulkes

In attendance: Mark Clayton (CBMDC); Cassandra Walker (Locality); Wendy Collins (CNet) (minutes)

Item	Details	Action by
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair (TD)
2.	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes accepted as accurate record.	
3.	Economic Strategy Update – Mark Clayton, CBMDC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economic Strategy was launched in March this year and is a high-level vision which has lots of room for VCS input. • A performance framework has been devised to track activities against outputs, as well as a simple pro-forma delivery plan. Mark asks that organisations complete these with information on the work they carry out. • Mark to send framework and delivery plan to Wendy to circulate. If the framework does not represent the work an organisation is carrying out they should contact Mark to discuss. • Once the information on activities has been received it will be bundled into strands to work out what is being achieved across the district. • Discussion took place around the Strategy and what it does and doesn't include. 	Mark to send documents / Wendy to circulate

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is felt that CEF should get behind the Strategy fully. 	
4.	<p>Keep in Local – Cassandra Walker, Locality</p> <p>Cassandra’s presentation was circulated with the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it Local was started around 2011 and picked up by Lloyds Bank around 2015-16. They worked with six local authorities, including Bradford, and are now continuing the work with two LAs: Bradford and Bristol. The hope is to elicit culture change within the council; experts will be meeting with them to speak about how they could do things differently. It is felt that the procurement process is not fit for purpose as it is the same across all sectors. The next phase will be to work with the VCS on capacity building and enhancing work that is already being carried out. They would like to hear from the VCS about any contracts they could intercept. Discussion took place around a contract where the procurement process hasn’t worked very well, in an effort for Locality to learn from this. Discussion took place around the social value weighting of contracts; it is hoped the VCS could influence an increased weighting. 	
5.	<p>CONSULTATION: An opportunity to contribute to the Bradford District Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group’s Approach for Tackling Poverty 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Johnston sent her apologies. Javed led on the item. The group read through each of the priorities in the draft plan and fed back any comments or suggestions, which were noted down by Wendy. Any further comments should be emailed to Wendy or to Helen directly. Wendy to collate these to send to Helen. 	<p>All to forward any further comments Wendy to collate feedback and send to Helen</p>
6.	<p>Member News and Feedback from Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Cope handed out leaflets for a CiN grant programme, Emergency Essentials Programme. 	
7.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda</p> <p>None</p>	

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8.	AOB None	
9.	Future meeting dates (all held at CNet 9.30 to 11 am) Monday 21 st January 2019 Meeting closed at 11.30 am	