



Bradford & District Community Economic VCS Forum

Notes of the meeting Monday 14th October 2019

9:30 to 11:30 am at CNet

Present: Tony Dylak (Royds) (Co-chair), Nasim Qureshi (INCIC) (Co-chair); Carlton Smith (Bradford Trident), Rachael Memmott (Specialist Autism Services); Martin Carter (Manningham Project); Mary Dowson (BCB Radio); Liz Hemsley (Prospects Connexions); Rhys North (WYCAS); Steph Smith (Age UK B&D); Soo Nevison (Community Action); Janet Ford (CNet); Sue Hodgson (Newlands Community Association); Helen Green (CNet); Jon Royle (The Bridge Project); Joel Fagborun (Peacemaker International); Martyn Johnston (Bread and Roses)

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

Apologies: Jenny Scott (CNet), Mark Nicholson (Equality Together)

Item	Details	Action by
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair (TD)
2.	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	
3.	Economic Strategy Update – Mark Clayton, Policy Officer, CBMDC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark’s presentation will be shared with the group. • Broadway: footfall increasing year on year. • Manufacturing Week: opportunities for young people in local firms. • Climate Change: a steering group has been set up. Janet said we should have a VCS rep on this. • The Royal Institute of British Architects has announced that Integreat will work alongside Bradford Council on the Future Place programme, aiming to identify innovative ways to engage with the young, diverse communities of the future in the process of refreshing and updating Bradford’s vision. They will be engaging with VCS organisations. 	
4.	Transformation Fund: Consultant Database – Helen Green, CNet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 50 consultants on the database; over 50% are Bradford based, the remainder are West Yorkshire. • A question was asked about quality assurance; Helen explained that while we have asked each consultant for referees there is no real feedback as yet. • Suggestions were made to share the list with included consultants to update information and have two tabs, one for Bradford and one for beyond. • Application form and database will be circulated to the forum. 	Wendy to circulate

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5.	<p>City of Culture 2025 bid – Mary Dowson, BCB Radio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local launch event was held at Kala Sangam, and Mary also attended a launch event in London. • Bradford Council is a partner and has agreed to put in around £500,000. • The first steering group meeting is taking place at the end of October and recruitment for a bid director is currently underway. • It is felt that Bradford is in a different place to ten years ago when a previous bid was launched. • This has the potential to provide a significant boost to the economy. 	
6.	<p>Bradford Council Procurement and Keep it Local – Ian Westlake, Head of Procurement, CBMDC and Cassandra Walker, Locality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian’s presentation will be shared with the group. • There is an idea for a Bradford marketplace, an online repository of local providers, similar to the database presented in Item 4. • A social value portal including themes, outcomes and measures will replace the old social value weighting. • By April 2020 the Council will announce its procurement pipeline for the next 12 months. By April 2021 they will announce this for the next three years. • Steph mentioned that small providers struggle when the Council extends contracts at short notice. Ian noted this point. • Soo mentioned the Bradford District Compact, which aims to create an effective relationship between the Council and the VCS. • It was mentioned that pre-market engagement could work better and some suggestions were made for improving procurement information events. 	
7.	<p>Member news and feedback from representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cassandra mentioned that Locality have put a proposal in to their funder, Lloyds Bank Foundation, to extend their work for another year. 	
8.	<p>AOB Invite Creative People and Places to present at the January meeting.</p>	<p>Tony/Wendy to invite</p>
9.	<p>Future meeting dates (all held at CNet 9.30 to 11.30 am) Monday 20 January 2020 Meeting closed at 11.30 am</p>	