Big Local Oldham Partnership Group meeting
General Meeting
Held at Neon Hub, Holt Street
2 March 2020 at 6pm

Attending:
Janet Thorpe (JT), Dave Wilkinson (DW), Wayne Needham (WN), Keith Taylor-Bradley (KTB), Naeem Iqbal (NI) (Chair), Caroline Lawson (CL), Peter Dean (PD), Abbi Robinson (AR)

Action Together (LTO) staff attending: Sharon McGladdery (SM), Ella Walker (EW)

Big Local Rep: Anne Sherriff (AS)

No.	Item	Action
1.	**Welcome and Apologies** Abbi Robinson, the Assistant Principal of Oasis Academy Clarksfield was welcomed to the meeting Apologies: Simon Shuttleworth, Amjid Mohammad	
2.	**Declarations of Interest** No new declarations of interest.	
3.	**Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising** The minutes were approved as an accurate record.	
4.	**Project Updates** • **Greenacres Gardening** The planters have been made and delivered. JT and CL are looking at planting perennials once the weather improves. • **Clarksfield Alleyways** Updates from Galliford Try and Groundwork are awaited. • **Big Local Treasure** 4 applications have been received so far and EW has arranged a drop in at NEON on Wednesday 4 March for interested groups and	

	residents to discuss their ideas and the fund further. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2020. • **Bullers Park** BLO have agreed to contribute £10,000 to works which will cost approximately £30,000. £4,000 will be contributed by Councillors. The remaining £16,000 is the subject of a bid to Oldham Council's LIF Fund. The bid has been successful at the first stage and a final decision is awaited.	
5.	**Update on Community Engagement and New Project Ideas** • **BLO Drop in Events** Monthly drop in events will be taking place at different venues throughout the Big Local area. The first one is at 1 to 4pm at NEON on Wednesday 4 March. EW will provide details to AR. • **Waterhead Park event** This will take place on 4 July at VIP and is part of a national "Have a Field Day" celebration promoted by Fields in Trust. EW will contact other partners to invite them to attend and possibly provide an activity on the day. • **OCL Activities to be planned in Clarksfield** EW is working with Clarksfield Academy and OCL to arrange activities in the area • **BLO Calendar and Newsletter updates** EW will start to produce a monthly newsletter. • **Mental Health First Aid Training** The training will comprise 2 full days. Various dates were discussed but it will be difficult for some people to commit to 2 full days training. EW will check if the provider can deliver the training in 4 sessions 10am to 2.30pm instead. • **Bereavement Café** The Board approved a £800 budget to the end of April 2020 to enable a Bereavement Café to be set up at VIP. The Board will look at a longer term plan as part of the new Big Local Area Plan and this may or may not include a budget for counsellors. • **Pool Table** The pool table that BLO bought towards the end of the last plan has been well used and is in need of repair. The Board approved expenditure of £394 for reclothing the table and an accessories kit. • **St Barnabas Community Room**	EW EW EW

	St Barnabas are planning to make some alterations so that they can have a medium sized community room. Funding is being sourced from a number of funders and BLO will be willing to consider making a contribution once further details about the proposed works have been provided and the Board have had the opportunity to consider them. • **Exercise systems in Waterhead Park** PD mentioned that the Council, Waterhead Rugby Club and OCL are working together to look at providing fitness and exercise systems in Waterhead Park. This may be something that BLO may be asked to be part of as the scheme develops.	
6.	**New Plan** The Board had a meeting on 24th February where they carried out a review of the current BLO Area Plan. AS, SM and EW are working together to write up the review which will be submitted to the Local Trust by the end of March 2020. The Board are now starting to gather ideas for their new plan which is due to start on 1 May 2020, and are meeting straight after this Board meeting to look at their Legacy Statement and reflect on their journeys during their involvement with BLO.	
7.	**Any other Business** EW mentioned details of a training course that is relevant to legacy planning. She will attend but it would also be useful for a resident to attend as well. Details for the session can be found at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-might-the-future-hold-for-englands-local-communities-tickets-95634849409	
9.	**Date and time of next meeting** Future meeting dates **(all at 6pm at NEON)** are follows: 4 May 2020 6 July 2020 7 September 2020 2 November 2020	