



Development Manager's Update
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UPDATES

HOB Finances

Wording still needs to be sent to Zoe at Local Trust, that she can include in her closing letter to HOB.

Funding

Micklefield Community Tutoring

MCT has been made aware that the grant application was successful – minus the costs of computers, and a one off 'start up' grant will be paid once:

- Community vote cards have been collected
- All child protection conditions are fulfilled
- Proof that most of the children attending are from Micklefield has been submitted

Community Fridge

This is currently in process with members of the team.

Foodie Friday

Vicky has offered to be the lead partnership member on this application, which is still in process.

First Saturday Breakfast

The final First Sat breakfast of 2019 took place on Dec 7th at Marsh Baptist Church, with 31 people attending (not including M+M). There were about 10 people there that I had not personally met before.

Michael Brown made amazing Christmas breakfast food and we played a collective game of pass the parcel, which was a lovely idea that Elaine suggested.

I have sounded Michael out about being the ongoing caterer for FSB – perhaps bringing a cooking workshop element to the event. This needs more thought as does whether a single venue for this event in each area would be better than moving it around.

We also need to have a clear sense that team members are able to continue hosting breakfast before scheduling them in for 2020. Breakfasts for the next 6 months would take place on these dates:

Feb 1st / March 7th / April 4th / May 2nd / June 6th / July 4th

I will send out a doodle poll for this before the next team meeting.

Another question is whether FSB could be used as a central place for consulting the community on the next 5 yr plan.

SEE SENSE CHECKS + DECISIONS

Staff Roles

Carol has agreed to take on the Admin role as a 6 month fixed term contract at 15 hrs. a week. We intend to get Carol started in mid Jan.

Vicky's social media contract will be reviewed in Jan.

The Mayfly

The Winter issue has been printed and distributed through all local community hubs and many shops etc. It is also online on the website and social media and has been sent out through the mailing list.

This has meant for a much cheaper production (as we printed half the amount of papers as well as not needing to pay for distribution) However Luci and I have spent approximately a 1.5 days each distributing.

My sense is that there is not as much of a 'buzz' around The Mayfly using this method of distribution, and it is very hard to know how many people received it. I would like to try and find out what the residents prefer so as to work towards creating a volunteer delivery method either way.

On another note, we could use The Mayfly somehow as a method of reaching the wider community when planning 5 yrs. of M+M. This could be simply to advertise participatory planning events, or The Mayfly itself could have some sort of consultation insert, and perhaps even tell the story of M+M BL so far. Although The Mayfly as a rule is meant to be about the wider community, not about M+MBL (and we have to keep the integrity of this), I think there will be a way to integrate this as a one off. We would need to do this in the next issue, which is early March.

SEE SENSE CHECKS

Community Health & Fitness

In late 2019 Chris Birrel, director of Chamelecon Ltd contacted M+MBL. Chamelecon have developed a Community Strength & Conditioning Unit / Fitness hub that can be dropped into a community in a shipping container. I have attached two PDF files, one is an overview of Chamelecon as a business and the second is a statement from the head coach at Billingham Rugby club who have benefitted from one of their units.

Chris has asked if he can present the idea further and have a Q&A session with M+M.

In a very speculative way, we discussed the MUGA facility in Micklefield and The Rugby club on the mead as possible partners.

SEE DECISIONS

SENSE CHECKS

I would like to sense check some ideas around how to prepare the next 5 year plan at the team meeting – these ideas will be very early ones as I will be preparing them just before the meeting.

In the meantime please give the areas below some thoughts around how some of the things we already do can be used differently to help create the next plan:

The Mayfly – can this next issue (March) support participatory planning / consultation for the next 5 yr plan. The Mayfly is supposed to be about / for the wider community, so we should be careful about using it for our own purposes. However there will be subtle ways to do this that mean we don't hijack the paper completely - like creating an extra pull out page.

Similarly should FSB be evolved to include participatory planning / consultation aspects?

The Mayfly

What are your thoughts/feedback re: door-to-door distribution vs. community hub distribution now that we have tried both? (Digital distribution can go with either of these).

DECISIONS

First Saturday Breakfasts

Are team members able to continue hosting these? (see doodle poll for ref)
Should we nominate one venue in each area for these for the next 6 months?

Community health and Fitness

Would the team like to hear more from Chris Birrel at Chamelecon?
If yes - Would a team member like to pursue this, or would you like a staff member to pursue it?