



**Development Manager's Update  
Lisa Meaney June 2020**

**UPDATES**

**Funding Summary**

We have created a project report form – as guidance on how to report was requested by an applicant.

**Micklefield Mosque Food Bank**– no application received as yet

**Hills Café** - Have sent mid project report attached

**Micklefield Community Tutoring** – amount of funds for books reduced by approx. £350 per month with consent MCT due to lower demand

**Khepera** – have acknowledged recent correspondence and accept that the application has been declined.

**Jenni Bean Consultancy** Has offered to do presentation to community

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**Applications to consider**

**Marsh Infants School** Drama therapy project

**WRISE** – Extension of Mental Health support project

**Micklefield community Tutoring second installment** – was dependent on submission of business / future plan this is attached

**WMEG Note** – application not received but is a Covid Emergency response request

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**Finances LT + Funding**

There is currently around £5000 of unallocated funds in our account.

I have submitted all information for the next draw down to Tony as per our last meeting, he has forwarded to LT.

Zoe has been in touch to say she may have some questions but money should be with us Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Community Laptop Scheme**

10 laptops have been prepared for families at Ash Hill School who are struggling to connect to online learning and delivered to homes. Some families are still struggling with Internet connectivity. We have offered to work on solutions for these families.

10 Laptops ( Chrome books) have been ordered for Beechview School and we have worked out a simple partnership (they need less support than Ash Hill). However there is a global supply demand issue with the chrome books we have ordered and they have not arrived yet.

### **Food Partnership / Beechview**

Maddy has been leading on this – but I have included for info.

The food and farming charity Sustain, with support from the Rothschild Foundation, is leading a scoping exercise to see if there is demand for more joined-up work to support food and farming in Buckinghamshire.

1. Answer some key questions using this online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BucksFoodPartnership2020>

2. Book your place on an online Buckinghamshire food stakeholder discussion group on 1st July at 2-3pm, or 2nd July at 6-7pm

3. Or get in touch with [hannah@sustainweb.org](mailto:hannah@sustainweb.org) to have a more in-depth conversation.

We look forward to hearing from you. The survey closes at 5pm on 31st July 2020.

### **Communications**

#### **The Mayfly**

We have decided to go to monthly production due to staff capacity.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Lockdown issue has been produced.

Luci will be leaving for university in Sept but has offered to produce remotely until we find her replacement.

#### **Website**

I am awaiting Vicky's report

Luci is organising for a dedicated Mayfly page and an easier sign up system.

I have uploaded minutes for the last year onto the website – but they are currently hidden as some info may need to be redacted.

#### **Social Media**

Rebecca is still leading on this but with some constraints due to home educating and Covid.

#### **General**

As a team we have begun to think about how to strengthen comms in preparation for a community consultation. We are learning to use remote work shopping app 'MIRO' to do this.

In relation to this, Carol has been in touch asking all partnership members for any potential additions to the mailing list – to date she has had no response to her email.

### **Staff / WMC**

The WMC has not yet received the go ahead to open along with other community centers across the country, however the assumption is that these guidelines will follow the guidelines for pubs and restaurants. We are unable to use downstairs at the moment due to decoration. We can however use the office if following social distancing guidelines.

### **Local Trust**

Maddy myself attended a Digital inclusion event:

<https://localtrust.org.uk/news-and-stories/blog/why-is-digital-connectivity-important-for-communities-during-covid-19-and-beyond/>

Maddy Carol and myself attended Post Covid Futures:

<https://localtrust.org.uk/insights/research/our-covid-future-the-long-crisis-scenarios/>

These were both excellent.

### **Micklefield Community Centre**

I have written a report on the support we have offered the Community Centre over the last year, it is attached. I would be interested to hear any feedback from this.

### **LTO**

Chiltern Rangers have been informed that we would like to carry on with them as LTO and Carol is currently trying to find a date to hold a review of our partnership so far. This is likely to take place late July / August. We could also use this date to review the Ranger Project.

### **Movie Night**

We know Movie night is important, and could be even more important this year given the need people may feel to come together. The screen providers have told us that out door cinema is already allowed as long as socially distanced – but I would like to look into that a bit further as doesn't seem to be coherent with other guidance about gatherings.

Event planning needs to start in July at the latest in normal circumstances, with the new context of Covid we have a lot to rethink. Jenny and I have talked Movie night through and will be talking again at beginning of July. A decision will need to be made then about whether to go ahead.

We are currently working on the assumption that a safe and socially distanced Movie night should be possible and that distancing measures may half the capacity of the site (Max 150) We had hoped to trying to keep the audience level up by having an early screening in the afternoon, but this is not possible due to light. We could however hold a much later double screening – going into the night. We would need significant support to do this, i.e., everyone prepared to work until 1.am.

Movie night costs around £3-4k to run regardless of audience size.

Due to Covid there is also an increase risk of cancelation and associated costs.

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### **5 yr plan**

Prior to Covid 19 I had put forward a proposal for a community consultation in order to create a 5yr plan and enable the draw down of related finances from Local Trust. This was approved, however the staff team were instructed to put this on hold to focus on responding to the pandemic.

Matt and Maddy have also expressed their desire to step down from their positions as chair and vice chair.

At the moment we do not have a plan or any finances allocated after Sept 2019. In relation to this from the Local Trust Perspective by the end of August we need to either:

- Ask for a 6 month (or shorter) extension (in addition to any existing extension)
- Ask for additional money to tide us over by submitting an interim plan
- Submit a full plan to be assessed (and the assessment will be virtual)

Given there is uncertainty around all of the above. I have no sense of how we will function as a staff team to serve the community in the future. As development manager I need to think at least around 3 months ahead – this is not currently possible.

My view as staff lead is that we also urgently need to strengthen and expand the partnership to prepare for Matt and Maddy stepping down. The staff cannot deliver a project that works for the community without strong representation from the community on the partnership *and* a chair and vice chair representing them to us.

From a staff lead perspective there are various directions we can take now, here are some suggestions

- A) Ask for a 3 month extension until Christmas  
Spend the next few months developing the partnership - so that a consultation can reach out to the wider community through a strong diverse partnership  
Do the wider consultation in the autumn.
- B) Ask for a three-month extension until Christmas, carry on as we are, focused on a Covid response until September and preparing for a consultation. Preparing for a consultation could include for instance recruiting 'street connectors' – people whose sole role is to go out and talk to households as groups about community development.  
Launching a consultation, along with street connectors in September.  
Trying to build the partnership through this consultation.
- C) Do the consultation now – try and build the partnership through it as well as develop a five-year plan, aim to submit the 5 yr plan in August. This will need strong time commitment from partnership members / and or staff overtime. (Although I personally would be unable to do any overtime)

I am sure there are lots of other ways that this can be done.

My view is that producing a 5 year plan, if done properly could be transformative for the project and therefore the community. So how we go about it is a really important decision.

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#### **5 Year Plan**

**Please could the partnership decide which of the following routes it would like to take,** (bearing in mind if we are aiming to have a 5 yr plan by August, the staff team need to start work on it now)

- Ask for a 6 month (or shorter?) extension (in addition to any existing extension)
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Please could the partnership respond indicate which of the A/B/C suggestions above we should be working to, or decide upon an alternative, so that the staff team knows how to proceed?

If the partnership agrees developing the partnership is work that needs to be done before the consultation or as part of it, please could the partnership confirm who will be doing this work?

#### **Movie Night**

**Is the partnership happy to spend £3-4k on a reduced audience?**

*(Bare in mind our first movie night only had approximately 130 in the audience)*

**Is the partnership happy to risk between £1-2.5k. (paid in deposits etc.) on this event given a higher risk of cancellation?**

**Will the partnership support a later double bill (and literally be there late at night) - to keep audience levels up – and better justify the expenditure?**

#### **Funding**

**Marsh Infants School**

**WRISE**

**Micklefield community Tutoring second installment**

**WMEG**

#### **Eligibility criteria**

**Could the partnership confirm whether private companies are allowed to apply?**

Eligibility criteria is attached

#### **Coaching**

Shelby Coaching has been in touch and is keen to train us online

**Would the partnership like to do this now, or keep this on hold?**

#### **Website**

Should Development Managers reports be uploaded along with minutes ?

### **SENSE CHECKS**

**Jenni Bean Consultancy** – Jodie would like to present her learning to the partnership, would the partnership attend such an event?

#### **Mental Health Cluster**

M+M has invested significant funds into Mental Health Support

Jenni Bean / Wycombe Wanderers/ Wise / Marsh Infants .

Joy Langley writes regularly for the Mayfly, MCT – offers informal support.

It is quite unique that all of these grass roots services are operating in our area.

I think that it could be good to connect these initiatives up and at least have them talking to each other and be able to signpost. An even more developed connected Mental Health Cluster for M+M could be very positive for residents.

This would need some keen leadership and probably financial support.

What does the partnership feel about exploring this with the above groups/individuals?

**Acceptable pricing for services**

Please see draft for comment