



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

**UPDATES**

**Funding**

**MCT** – would like to continue to provide extra tuition support for families during lockdown until the end of the school term.

A report from Nasreela MCT is attached.

Previous application and report attached for ref.

**See decisions**

**Hills Café** have requested to draw down the second installment of their Covid19 grant, a report is in process.

**Micklefield Mosque Food Bank** may request financial support.

**Community Laptop Scheme**

10 laptops have been prepared for families at Ash Hill School who are struggling to connect to online learning. Creating this project has been a steep learning curve, Andrew Lyon from Lycom has done a great job in working out how best to do this, and make the laptops secure and we have worked together with the school to resolve GDPR and Child protection issues. Luci has also created a nice M+M branded instruction booklet which includes a personal message from our chair.

Andrew is also in the process of creating a related support site, which is not finished yet – and will be improved visually by Luci once the content is confirmed:

<https://www.mandmhub.co.uk>

The first test run is taking place this week. Ten laptops will then be delivered on Friday, with five more to follow.

I have asked the school to ask the parents for feedback.

Once this is sorted we will start work on providing a similar service for Beechview.

**Food Partnership / Beechview**

Maddy has been sourcing and forwarding volunteer support to Beechview School to assist with the buying of food. The school is buying enough for approx. 42 food parcels to be sent home every week, and is struggling with the logistics of this.

**Communications**

**The Mayfly**

Four editions of the Mayfly have been produced since the beginning of lockdown. Whilst this has been hard work there is a sense that the newspaper has really gained momentum during

this period. It has enabled M+M to be regularly present in the community and continue to engage various groups and new people, including through new writers and competitions. We have also worked hard on e-distribution including getting Red Kite and Home group to distribute through mailing list.

### **Website**

Unfortunately I did not ask Vicky for an update in time to be included here, but I should have something for the meeting.

I would like to add a page to the website that is specific to the Mayfly, as I have been advised tie-ing the website and the newspaper closer together would strengthen the M+M identity.

Also others have pointed out that this would be a good idea to enable quicker access to the Mayfly. I have not yet had a cost for this.

### **Social Media**

Rebecca has compiled a list of all M+M groups and organisations based on the list I created of all historical grants made, plus the info some partnership members sent in about groups they are aware of. She is endeavouring to link up with and promote as many of these organisations as possible on our FB page.

### **Cinema**

It is still up in the air whether cinema event will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021. I think we will have a greater sense of whether this is possible in a few weeks when it becomes clear whether or not eased lockdown restrictions increase infection rates. If things progress positively, I think it would be good to try and find a way to hold the movie night.

### **Staff**

I am in the process of discussing with the WMC if we can use the downstairs space to go to work and social distance. I need to consult further with the staff but envisage a return to the WMC in some capacity, for some of us next week.

We still have two staff meetings at 10.00 am in Wed and Fri on zoom, which the partnership members are welcome to check into. Please drop me a line if you would like to attend.

### **Volunteers**

Rebecca Benet has resumed volunteering as Social Media lead following a month or so where Maddy and I stepped in in order to enable Rebecca to focus on Hills.

No volunteers or enquiries re: the Graphic design role as yet.

### **Big Local**

There has been a huge amount of activity from Big Local – Maddy has been leading the way with this, and staff have engaged with some zoom meetings with other BL's as well as workplace.

### **Planning the next 5 yrs**

I am keen to start this work, and find ways to do this during lockdown, however there is still too much demand for Covid 19 related initiatives to concentrate on this.

### **Micklefield Community Centre**

Closed – so no progress.

## SENSE CHECKS

### Community Ranger

John T is currently furloughed, and the Ranger project is paused. It is unclear at the moment when he will return to work, or whether other Rangers will return before him, and may be able to take on his role temporarily.

Please could the partnership indicate if they would prefer a Ranger to return to the community ranger role soon (albeit with restrictions on how much direct community engagement work can be done) or to wait until potentially September to reinstate the Ranger fully?

### CR LTO

The agreement between M+M and CR as LTO runs out at the end of September.

Does the partnership envisage continuing with CR as LTO?

### AR RAHMAN Food Bank (Micklefield Mosque)

How to proceed?

### Credit Union / Community Bank

Gauging interest.

## DECISIONS

**Micklefield Community Tutoring** - grant requested to continue work supporting families with home tuition until the end of the summer term @ **£1365 / months x 2 until July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. = **£2730**.

Previous application and report attached.

### Finance

Local trust did not action our request £19,400 allocated to grants in previous draw down periods be moved into the current one.

LT have asked for justification of forward expenditure, I have put together a proposal detailed as follows and in the spreadsheet attached:

**For the period from April 2020 – September 2020, I propose that the partnership asks for full amount already allocated to this period, plus all underspend accrued since Feb 2019, in order to cover extra spending associated with the pandemic.**

**Partnership led to be increased from £19120 to £51295** due to increased 'partnership led' initiatives in response to Covid19 such as laptop loans schemes.

**Core to be increased £34756 to £40664** to include core costs and salary contingency.

It is difficult to predict what core costs will be if the pandemic continues. To date staff have worked excess hours during lockdown. To date this has been done with goodwill, however if the situation continues some staff may wish to ask for overtime.

**Community Partnerships to be reduced from £15000 to £9922**, as this will cover community partnership invoices due this period

**Grants is increased from £12500 to £31672** to cover increased grant spending on Covid19 support initiatives such as Hills Café, and Micklefield Community Tutoring, and also to cover grants whose second installment is due in this period.

**Does the partnership wish to ask Local Trust for these changes?**