

Ramsbottom Community Hub Minutes

Date & Time: Monday 8th June, 7-9pm

Venue: Nuttall Park Base

Attendees: Michelle Bajda, Gillian Parker, Hannah Wells, Ian Wells, Helen Jackson, Pete F, Pete C, Pete B, Colin Barkley, Stuart Barkley, Jess Hyde, John S, Gwenda, Christine Gilies, Lee Ball, Tony, Martin Chepner, Jane, Sarah.

1. Networking

2. Apologies for absence

Jennifer Ashworth, Danny English, Ann-Marie Trevena, Elaine Speakman

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Minutes are a true reflection. Please review minutes prior to next meeting.

4. 'Nolan' Principles & managing conflicts of interest

Can you sign up to the Nolan Principles below to become part of the community hub?

NOLAN PRINCIPLES

1. SELFLESSNESS- Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. 2. INTEGRITY- Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

3. OBJECTIVITY- Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

4. ACCOUNTABILITY- Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

5. OPENNESS -Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

6. HONESTY- Holders of public office should be truthful.

7. LEADERSHIP -Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

5. Adoption of the group constitution and election of group treasurer

The constitution discussion was shelved until the July Meeting as DE was unable to attend.

The group elected Colin Barkley as RCH Treasurer. We hope to define the role as soon as possible.

6. Organisational models, company types and formation of sub groups

Co-op?

CIC Community interest company?

Social Enterprise?

FC United Model?

Charity?

It was suggested that we contact an accountant who would be willing to assist the group. In the first instance we would benefit from hearing the pros and cons of the different models.

Key words and actions that we would like to achieve as RCH are: self funding, not for profit, paid positions, provide a community building, research and apply for funding available, artists space (commission), Creche (affordable), voice of the community, voice on the high street, share ideas, affordability, events based around the people, support micro businesses, hub help, working in partnership with other groups, bringing groups and information together.

7. Community Hub Logo

Please create a logo which has a friendly Ramsbottom feel, incorporating the 6C's. Community, collaboration, creativity, cohesion, cooperation, contribute.

The logos should be sent only to Paul so that he can keep the designer anonymous prior to June 22nd. The logo will be voted on via facebook.

8. First hub projects (Midsummer Nights Dream Show/market stall/Ramsbottom Sports Week/New suggestions

Midsummer Nights dream will advertise the RCH on its posters, a portion of any profits will be donated to RCH. **11th July £7/ticket**

Any publicity that may arise will strictly state 'donations to Ramsbottom Community Hub for the benefit of the community'.

Market Stall

Helen from The Fairtrade Emporium will make her stall available on Saturdays in August to discuss RCH with pedestrians who show interest in our flyers.

With a view to gathering views, starting a mailing list, etc. Possibly use lining paper and post it notes to find out what is working now in our community and why is it good? What can we duplicate that works?

Bicycle Maintenance

Aiming to hold an event at the fire station to encourage young people age 7 and above to use basic maintenance skills to fix their own bikes. Possibly obtain bikes which can be dismantled for small groups to rebuild.

ACA Cycle Academy recycle and sell bikes cheaply. Contact ACA.

Veladrome Trip was mentioned/ Ramsbottom Sky ride??

Cycle sub group – Ian, John S, Michelle, Ann-Marie, Pete B.

Ramsbottom Community Sports Week

Local research on what Ramsbottom Sports week used to look like, where were they held etc.

Contact & Involve local schools, guiding groups, scouts etc & sports groups.

Activities: Darts, Tiddlywinks, Tower run, Angling, Football, Dog agility, swimming, tennis, cycling, dodgeball, rounders,

Places: Ramsbottom swimming pool, field near the pool, Nuttall park, Topp park, Holcombe hill

We would like to work with Ramsbottom Heritage Society, friends of Nuttall park & local businesses etc.

9.Digital matters (Websites, data collection & communication)

Software group: Lee Ball, Pete F, Gillian P.

Create a website offline?

What will go on the website?

What do we want to convey through the website?

Shared hosting? It was discussed that shared hosting could become problematic in the future so it is probably best to be hosted separately than attached to any individual.

The website should be attached to the committee and not singularly attached to any individual. (Simply because local charities have fallen foul of managing companies. As in that when they attempt to change managing company the original one switches website & email access off prior to the switch causing major disruptions).

10.A.O.B

- Sarah – Ramsbottom Bolton Road West Topp Park. There will be a 6 town housing event there on Tuesday 25th August 2 – 6pm. Anyone able to represent the hub please contact Sarah via Michelle.
- Ketso feedback: Skills Gaps: An individual skills audit of what we can offer or pledge. Interview a partner and log name, contact details, their pledge as well as strengths & weaknesses.
- Christine G has offered her services as proof reader.
- Steve Bailey has event management skills he may well be able to assist the hub.
- There is a bike race up the rake in 2 weeks.
- Link with Tennis Club – Sue Lawson
- First Aid – Heart Start – Martin Stembridge is the contact if anyone is interested in CPR training and learning how to use a defibrillator. As you may have seen there are more defibs being positioned around Ramsbottom. BRW Topp Park, Nuttall Park Base, Near Lloyds Chemist Bolton Road, The Railway Pub externally.....

11.Items for action before next meeting

- Logo design & vote
- See Elaine Speakman re accountant for pros & cons of group model
- Contact the Heritage Society re information on Ramsbottom Sports week historically.

12.Date & Time of next meeting

Monday 6th July 7pm – 9pm at Nuttall Park Base