

## Minutes of the Hebden Bridge Partnership

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 7pm

The Greenwood Room, The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge

### **Present**

Robin Dixon (Chair), Amy Leader (Secretary), Katie Kinsella (Tourism, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council), Polly Webber (Alternative Technology Centre), Stephen Curry (Angeldale B&B, Hebden Bridge Community Association), Susan Quick (disability representative), Mandeep Kaler (PCSO, West Yorkshire Police), PS 2650 Julian Hartley (West Yorkshire Police), Tom Black (Tom Black Architects), David Fletcher (Pennine Heritage, UCVR), Jae Campbell (Neighbourhood Co-Ordinator, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council), Andrew Bibby (Hebden Bridge Community Association), Councillor Janet Battye (Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council), Lesley Mackay (Sustainable Transport Group), Jerry Smith (Hebden Bridge Community Association), Ben Oubridge (Heb Veg).

### **1) Apologies**

Emma Housman (Hebden Royd Town Council), Judith Parish (National Trust), Bear (Transition Town), Rebecca Yorke (Pennine Prospects), Chris Standish (Hebden Bridge Community Association), Sarah Lister Blow (The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge), Michael Newton.

### **2) Minutes of the last meeting**

Item 1) Apologies

Lesley Mackay and David Fletcher's apologies weren't noted.

Item 4) Neighbourhood Plan

Susan Quick raised that she had contacted Calderdale Disability Partnership for their accessibility questionnaire but had no response.

ACTION: AMY TO CONTACT THEM AND AS OFFICIALLY AS FOR THE QUESTIONANIRE RESULTS FOR USE BY THE GROUP FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Item 3) Announcement from Dongria she was standing down as Treasurer

Andrew raised the issue that he was still receiving bank statements at his home address. He also suggested we approach Hebden Royd Town Council in taking over the rols of company secretary to complete the annual returns. It was agreed this should be considered.

ACTION: ROBIN TO CHANGE THE TREASURER'S ADDRESS WITH THE BANK.

### **3) Officer's reports**

a) Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council. Katie Kinsella.

- The tourism team recently held a successful conference with over 70 businesses from Calderdale attending.
- A new Piece Hall brochure is out (and was available for those present).
- There is a lot of activity taking place organising the Olympic torch event which will take place in the Piece Hall on 24th June.
- The tourism team have been working closely with Grand Central to offer a deal for Londoners to get out of the city and into Calderdale over the Olympic period.
- The tourism team recently organised, in conjunction with Leeds Metropolitan University, a social media event for high growth businesses in Calderdale. This was funded with ERDF money. There has been interest in similar events in the future.
- The result of a Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the Rochdale Canal will be given in June. This, if successful will assist access and interpretation along the route. The 'Adopt A Length

scheme' was proving successful and had already attracted local support and involving members of the community looking after a section of the canal, from a canal watch and tidy up perspective.

- Claire at Leeds Metropolitan University would like to come and speak to the group about the environmental focus of some ERDF funding.

ACTION: POLLY TO PASS ON CLAIRE'S CONTACT DETAILS TO AMY.

ACTION: AMY TO CONTACT CLAIRE AND INVITE HER TO A MEETING.

b) Hebden Royd Town Council. No representative present.

Robin asked whether it would be good to engage the town council in the neighbourhood plan by going a meeting and presenting our work to date. The meeting agreed.

ACTION: ROBIN TO SET UP AND ATTEND A HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO PRESENT OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORK.

c) Parish councils. No representative present.

It was pointed out that Dorothy Sutcliffe needs a paper copy of the minutes and agenda.

ACTION: AMY TO ENSURE A PAPER COPY OF THE PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES AND AGENDA IS FORWARDED TO DOROTHY SUTCLIFFE.

#### **4) Registered address of the Hebden Bridge Partnership**

The registered address for the group is currently at The Birchcliffe Centre. Amy has been approached with a request from the Birchcliffe centre to change this.

ACTION: ANDREW WILL CHECK WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEBDEN BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT WE CAN USE THE TOWN HALL AS OUR CURRENT REGISTERED ADDRESS.

#### **5) The McCarthy & Stone development on Victoria Road**

Janet wanted to make sure that the group were aware of the development proposed by McCarthy & Stone in Hebden Bridge. It is early in the process and they haven't yet applied for planning permission. The proposal is to build apartments for older people on the land on Victoria Road, next to the playground. McCarthy & Stone have been proactive in engaging the local residents to inform them of their interest.

It was noted that this piece of land already has planning permission for 2 -3 houses, so there is a high possibility it will be developed by someone in the near future.

Andrew raised that there had been some enquiries whether the land could be used for meanwhile parking until the development gets off the ground. Janet informed the meeting that Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council had looked into this and the cost analysis didn't stack up to take this forward.

The question was asked whether the homes would be affordable. No-one had enough knowledge of the project to inform a view.

David Fletcher raised whether 106 money could be used from the developers to create a riverside path from Hebden Bridge to Hardcastle Crags. The meeting showed an interest in this. It was decided to engage the developers now to get them to consider this possibility.

ACTION: AMY TO WRITE TO MCCARTHY & STONE TO BE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT AND FOR THEM TO CONSIDER SUPPLYING 106 MONEY TO CREATE A RIVERSIDE PATH.

#### **6) Neighbourhood Plan**

Robin began this section by highlighting that Mytholmroyd recently had a meeting to discuss the procedure for splitting from Hebden Royd Town Council and setting up their own council. Three points came out of that meeting. 1. There is no funding available to undertake the process with three groups in Calderdale having tried, and failed. 2. There is no start up money available if they are successful in creating their own council. 3. If Mytholmroyd decided to split, it would have a large impact on Hebden Royd. It was this last point that was most pertinent to the group and our discussions in developing a neighbourhood plan for Hebden Bridge.

Robin has collated a lot of information regarding businesses, green groups, and the arts in the town. In addition, Chris Standish has written a document for the group's consideration about the aims of a neighbourhood plan, what work needs to be done and how we move forward. The following issues were also raised:

- A neighbourhood plan is a very specific document and we need to be aware of this.
- Hebden Bridge doesn't celebrate its good reputation enough.
- The neighbourhood plan we are drawing up does not include Mytholmroyd and only covers the three wards of Hebden Bridge.

Thanks were given to Dongria and Chris for the hard work they had completed since the last meeting.

It was discussed that all the documents need to be distributed to the whole group for additions and feedback at the next meeting.

ACTION: AMY TO DISTRIBUTE THE DOCUMENTS COLLATED FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND FOR MEMEBRS TO BRING THEIR FEEDBACK TO THE NEXT MEETING.

It was decided a steering group should meet under the guidance of Chris Standish in order to look more closely at the neighbourhood plan. The following people volunteered: Robin Dixon, David Fletcher, Janet Battye, Jerry Smith, Amy Leader, and (maybe) Lesley Mackay.

ACTION: AMY TO ORGANISE A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

The brown site was discussed, but as no-one present had enough information for an informative discussion to take place, it was decided to invite Deakins to the next meeting in order to ask questions and show our interest in the future of the site.

ACTION: JANET BATTYE TO INVITE DEAKINS TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

## **7) AOB**

Sgt Julian Hartley gave an update from West Yorkshire Police:

- Crime is reducing in West Yorkshire including the Upper Valley, although lead theft is on the increase. Also the theft of sheep and stone are affecting those living in the rural areas.
- The English Defence League turned up in Hebden Bridge on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June on their way home from a rally in Rochdale. Whilst the police were out in force, there were no issues and no arrests.

It was raised that it was good to have a representative from West Yorkshire Police at the meeting and we hope it continues in future.

Andrew Bibby asked the meeting for their approval to invite Janet Battye to speak on their behalf at the launch of The Waterfront Hall in The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge on 23<sup>rd</sup> June as she was the Chair of the group when the asset transfer was initiated. This was agreed.

Ben Oubridge presented the meeting with a new project for Heb Veg, a community kitchen in Hebden Bridge. An outlined is attached and feedback is welcomed.

Lesley Mackay raised that the cycle lockers at the train station have been vandalised and not fixed. They are owned by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and Lesley anticipates that they don't have the funds to fix them. Sgt Julian Hartley suggested a Proceeds of Crime tender could be entered in to.

ACTION: SGT JULIAN HARTLEY TO PASS ON THE DETAILS TO LESLEY VIA AMY.

Jae Campbell wanted the meeting to know there is a ward forum on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.45pm.

Jae Campbell informed the meeting that the Hebden Bridge Light Opera Society has officially launched its consultation for Youth House to become a centre of performing arts.

ACTION: JAE TO INVITE THE HEBDEN BRIDGE LIGHT OPERA TO THE PARTNERSHIP TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANS.

David Fletcher informed the meeting that there will be a West Yorkshire Heritage Forum at The Birchcliffe Centre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. It is free and open to all.

ACTION: DAVID TO SEND THE FULL INFORMATION TO AMY FOR HER TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP.

**Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesday 10th July, The Terrace Room, The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge

No meeting in August

Tuesday 4th September, The Terrace Room, The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge

Monday 8th October, The Terrace Room, The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge

Tuesday 16th October for AGM and presentations from groups, The Waterfront Hall, The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge

Tuesday 20th November, The Terrace Room, The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge