

Hebden Bridge Partnership

Minutes of Management Board meeting, held on Monday Dec 1st, 7.30pm HB Town Hall.

Present: Bob Deacon, Andrew Bibby, Thomas Bull, Lesley Mackay, Stephen Curry, Susan Quick, Paul Forrest, Dave Nelson, Anthony Rae. Apologies: Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Cllr Dave Young

1. No declarations of interest.
2. Welcome to new member. Thomas Bull was warmly welcomed. Thomas Bull was being proposed by the Junior Band to fill the vacant position on the Board for a representative of youth organisations.
3. Minutes of Nov 3. The minutes were approved with the following corrections:
 - a. Apologies from David Nelson
 - b. Clause 5(j). Sam Saxby is a CMBC project officer, but not specifically for Calderdale Community Energy
 - c. Clarification that sub-groups will report after three months; if progress to report in the interim, sub-groups to contact the secretary.
4. Matters arising.
 - a. Agreed: defer reviews of sub-groups until March meeting
 - b. Stephen Curry reported on the market meeting, which had been useful. Another meeting has been arranged for Jan
 - c. Visitor economy. Funding is being applied for. If funding comes through, more serious survey work can be undertaken
 - d. Transport. Anthony Rae has followed up whether CMBC are pursuing the rail authorities re the car park and lift, and reported that this was the case. In a meeting with Ian Gray he had discussed possible shared space arrangements for the top end of Crown Street/Albert St. Ian had agreed that this should be looked at. It was agreed to wait until the current inquest has taken place into the recent death at this site.
 - e. UCVR conference. Lesley Mackay reported. It had been well attended. A follow-up meeting is planned for Jan. Three members of the Partnership management board were present. Some concern was expressed that UCVR was operating without adequate understanding of or engagement with the town teams.
5. Planning issues
 - a. Andrew Bibby reported that he had mentioned to Trevor Smith that the Partnership was keen to support a functioning Civic Trust. However it appeared the Civic Trust was currently barely operating. Our invitation to them to attend the meeting was clearly not taken up.

b. Policy on planning issues. It was agreed that planning matters would be considered only if they were directly relevant to Vision 2020 Action Plan. Otherwise planning matters would be left to other organisations/individuals. It was agreed that members could table particular applications for discussion if they felt there was relevance for the Action Plan.

It was suggested that this could be an issue to discuss with the incoming Town Council after May.

c. A brief discussion was held on the recent planning issues regarding parking at Mayroyd and development at Heptonstall Rd.

6. Valley Road site

Bob Deacon initiated a discussion, including details of the meeting with Ian Gray.

a. Huddersfield 2nd year undergraduates. A lecturer at Huddersfield Univ was planning to bring a large class of 2nd year architecture students to Hebden Bridge. This followed a project undertaken at Holmfirth. The board discussed whether the students could be useful in the Valley Road context. Dave Nelson believed some blue sky thinking could be helpful. Other members expressed some caution, particularly if the students were engaging in public consultation.

b. Way forward. The Partnership agreed that CMBC should be asked, if Sainsbury's/Gregory appealed the planning decision, to commission work on site constraints which could be useful for the Partnership's own 'Plan B'. Bob Deacon agreed to check appeal deadline. Bob Deacon agreed to draft a one page document for discussion on Jan 5th.

7. Disability action. It was noted that Jonathan Timbers was extremely busy with his civic duties as Mayor and it was agreed to defer any further work in this area until after his Mayoral year had ended.

8. AOB

a Youth issues. Thomas agreed to explore issues of concern to local young people and report back to the January meeting.

Next meeting: Mon Jan 5th 7.30pm

General meeting: Mon Feb 2nd