

HBP Management board, Thurs 12 Sep. 13, 7pm Greenwood Room

MINUTES

Present. Andrew Bibby (chair), Bob Deacon, Jonathan Timbers, Polly Webber, Susan Quick. Guest: Anthony Rae

1. **Apologies.** Stephen Curry, Janet Battye, Lesley Mackay, Myra James
No declarations of interest.

2. **Minutes of July 29.** Corrected Item 4: Luddenden Foot was changed to Mytholmroyd.

3. **AGM arrangements.** (October 10th)

a. Andrew circulated a list of organisations (including members of the Partnership and others who had participated in previous AGM). It was agreed to invite these organizations and also to issue invitations to: Churches Together, Heptonstall Forward, HB and District Swimming Pool Association, Elmet Trust, Catholic Church, Northlight Studios, Eaves and Mytholm Residents Ass, Poetry Night Organiser (Sarah), Old Town community centre..

There would be a paid newspaper advert inviting attendance (AB)

The task of contacting organisations was allocated among those present

b. The AGM agenda was agreed: AB to introduce, 3 minutes contributions, Accounts (BD), Elections.

c. Everybody was encouraged to stand for election and to seek out others who might stand. AB can't stand as term of office is up (for one year).

4. **Action Plan (20/20 Vision)**

a. The draft produced by AB was generally accepted. Priority 9 on Green Economy to be fleshed out by PW taking account of the ideas expressed by the group focusing on the 40% Carbon Reduction options. (PW and AB)

b. AB to finish draft taking account of all comments and circulate once more for comments before producing a final version ready for AGM. The publication would be mainly web based but a small number of printed copies might be produced, depending on cost. A large number of 2 sided A4 sheets capturing the 9 priorities and explaining the work of the Partnership would also be produced. (AB)

5. **Priority areas**

a. **Market.** See Janet's email re October meeting which the meeting hoped would be progressed. (JB)

b. **Housing.** Anthony's paper reporting the town walkabout was discussed along with the section of the Action Plan. The concept of Rebuilding HB as a way of discussing housing in-fill/ brown field sites was applauded. Two approaches; that of naming potential housing sites (Action Plan) and that of setting out criteria by which to evaluate them (Anthony's) paper seen as were complementary. A discussion of how to stimulate cooperative forms of social housing ensued with support being given to a proposal by AB that we look into possibility of floating a cooperative share ownership scheme as a possible vehicle for this. Anthony agreed to lead the housing task group with JT, LM and AB as members. A meeting with Mark Thompson and Geoff Willerton of CMBC is to be convened. (AR)

c. **Shared space and traffic.** The report of the group was accepted. The technical obstacles to the Hope Street parking option were noted. The priority of the group which was to focus on the Shared Space Concept and the Railway Station Transport hub with more station parking was accepted. We continued to encourage the HRTC to review other car parking but JT did not think this was likely. The upcoming visit to Poynton was noted. (AR/LM)

d. **Valley Rd.** AB would approach developers. Should this come to be a formal proposal JT felt there might be HRTC opposition. (AB)

e. **Green priorities.** PW reported that finally there might be progress with these issues having had discussions with Emma (low carbon officer?) of CMBC. The Calderdale Cooperative Community Energy Organisation was now becoming a real possibility. Sites for water power were being assessed. However the DCarb group was not very active. JT was asked if the HRTC was supportive. It needed council deliberations he felt. (PW)

f. **Buses and transport.** The Partnership would seek to liaise via the new Hebden Bridge Bus Action group. JT to liaise.

g. **Calder Holmes Park.** A public consultation of the ideas put forward by Park Life Café for the improvement of the park is to be held on September 21st in the park. Attendance was encouraged as the CHP Friends need support. (It was reported that the Public Liability Insurance for the event: about £160 had fallen to the café)

h. **(Dis)ability.** Little progress has been made and it was decided this should be a priority issue in 2014. JT noted how the withdrawal of Council funding had undermined action by people with disabilities.

i. **Visitor economy.** The postponed first meeting would be on September 24th. It would focus on a) improving the day visitor experience, b) encouraging longer

stays and c) better promoting HB as a place to visit (ideally by train). Initial work had been undertaken on comparing the Welcome to Yorkshire, Calderdale Tourism, Pennine Prospects and HebWeb web sites in terms of their 'selling' HB. A comparison of local TICs had been undertaken to present to the Group. The concept of a blue plaque trail was under discussion too. PW stressed the need to ensure visitors benefit the locals. (BD/SC)

6. Other issues

a. Browns site. After discussion it was decided for now to take no view or action. The upcoming planning committee meeting to reconsider the plans is likely to be on October 22nd.

b. Neighbourhood plan. It was noted that JT was progressing work on the Neighbourhood Plan for publication/consultation in early 2015 and this would reflect some of our priorities and link them to Royd Regeneration ideas. The two parts of the council's territory needed to be addressed.

7. Treasurers report. The balance of the Account now stands at £8372 before paying for the rental of the room for this meeting. The higher charge of over £40 for two hours was noted with concern.

8. Other correspondence

a. The application for membership from Hepton Singers was welcomed.

b. Association of Town Centre Management correspondence was passed to the Visitor Economy Group.

c. Action for Market Towns. The email from Beth Ward, Sep 6 was noted and she would be invited to our meeting.

9.AOB

The continuing meetings of the UCVR network was noted. It was agreed to discuss these at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00.