

HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

Notes of Board meeting held on 13th June 2013 at Innovation Mill

- 1. Present:** Andrew Bibby (Chair), Cllr Janet Battye (Minutes), Bob Deacon (Treasurer), Stephen Curry, David Fletcher, Lesley McKay, Susan Quick, Polly Webber

Apologies: Cllr Jonathan Timbers

- 2. Minutes of last meeting (May 7) and matter arising:** Only outstanding issue is that the Chair (AB) has still to talk to the Chair of Royd Regeneration.
- 3. Launch of the draft Action Plan (May 16 and 18):** Noted that some 15 people attended the pre-launch meeting on Thurs May 16th and seemed enthusiastic and interested to receive the draft proposals. Approx 75 people attended the Saturday launch: the workshops seemed to have increasing numbers of people attending/participating as the day wore on, including many new faces.
- 4. Comments received – informal discussion and agreement on further steps:** 500 copies of the draft Action Plan were printed and most have been distributed. 58 formal comments have been received (30 direct into surveymonkey and 28 paper copies which JB manually entered). Surveymonkey has now collated and analysed the responses, and collected the freetext comments. Additionally, 3 separate submissions have been received: from Incredible Edible Mytholm (which suggests a different strategic approach, based on a low carbon economy and living wage), Anthony Rae (drawing on Friends of the Earth submission to Calderdale Council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy consultation) and Nina Smith (focussing on Transport issues). There may also be comments from the Community Association (*Stephen Curry to chase*).

BD has summarised the comments on Hebweb, which were noted.

Feedback from the workshops on the Saturday launch and survey responses will be made available on the website.

JB and BD have pulled out those Proposals which received more popular support and ranked them in priority order (see attached).

Two proposals do not have majority support:

- Town Centre Promotion Manager, and
- Changes to the traffic flow in Albert St

Noted that the Town Council will be discussing the Action Plan at their meeting on June 26th and AB will attend this meeting. We want to encourage them to become actively involved, especially to consider developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Task groups: We agreed that these should now be progressed. The first task is for the convenors to identify those parts of the Action Plan for which they will take responsibility, and to notify AB, so that gaps can be identified. They will then collect up and consider the consultation responses. AB to confirm to the convenors who has offered to help with each area.

- **Market: JB**
- **Traffic: LMCK**
- **Disability: SQ/JT**
- **Tourism and economy: SC/BD (with JB)**
- **Valley Rd: AB with JB**
- **Housing: Robin Dixon.** JB to check with Calderdale Officers as to how to approach this
- **Park: Friends of Calder Holmes Park**
- **Bus Users (L McK to discuss with Myra James)**
- **Low carbon: PW**

6. Arrangements and agenda for open meeting on Monday July 8th: We agreed that there will be 2 agenda items for this evening: the Action Plan with an introduction from AB and resume from convenors of the Task Groups on responses and next steps; and presentation/discussion with Calderdale Planners (probably Phil Ratcliffe who is responsible for Strategic Planning – to be confirmed by JB) about the Local Plan and the links between the two. To publicise this meeting widely (HBT; Hebweb etc) to encourage wide attendance.

AGREED not to include Le Tour on the agenda of this meeting but to support and participate in the public meeting being organised for Thurs July 18th (7.30 in the Town Hall)

After the meeting on July 8th, it is envisaged that the Task Groups will do more work on their areas so that if possible the final version of the Action Plan will be ready for the AGM in October.

7. Treasurer's report: BD produced and circulated accounts showing income (£10,475 to add to existing balance of £602) and expenditure from 31 January to June 12th (£1,247) leaving a balance of £8,790. Approx £4,000 is notionally committed to market upgrading for which JB will submit detailed proposals. These accounts were accepted and endorsed by the meeting.

8. Governance

8a. New membership applications from Incredible Edible Mytholm and Civic Trust. Both accepted. To follow up potential applications from Trades Club and Brass Band.

8b. Board composition: Noted that we need to work on filling the vacancies which will arise under the constitution at the AGM. AB's Term of Office ends, and a new Chair will need to be identified.

9. Any Other Business:

- **HB Police Station:** JB brought members up-to-date. There has been a meeting with CMBC Buildings Officers, the Police and interested parties to both consider the Police aligning their disposal process with that of Calderdale Council, especially so that it includes Community Asset notification/registration, and potential interest (the Buddhist group and a private investor/developer who proposes turning it into a HIMO for young people). It was intended that the Buddhist group would start the Community Asset process (but with no obligation to proceed to make an offer on the building). In the event, they have withdrawn. *SC will raise this with the Community Association to ascertain whether they will do so. JB will continue to link with both CMBC and the Police.*

10. Dates of next meetings:

Following the pattern of quarterly Open Meetings and monthly Board/Executive meetings:

Monday July 8th: Open meeting: 7pm *The Terrace Rom, HBTH*

Monday July 29th Board meeting 5.30pm at Birchcliffe
(to include an agenda item on Business network in Hebden Bridge)

Thursday October 10th: 7pm in the Town Hall: AGM

Appendix One:

2020 Vision for Hebden Bridge: Most 'popular' proposals, according to survey returns:

Proposal 20: greater use of space above shops and offices

Proposal 23: Extension of railway station carpark

Proposal 22: Lift to be installed at Railway Station

Proposal 36: Town council to develop long-term Business Plan for the Picture House

Proposal 39: Use unused green spaces esp those owned by Calderdale Council

Proposal 18: explore future use of Old Fire Station site

Proposal 32: More facilities on Calder Holmes Park

Proposal 4: bollards in Bridge Gate

Proposal 19: new houses on brownfield sites

Proposal 15: FARMA Farmers market

Proposal 25: More long-stay parking for coaches

Proposal 31: Strategic plan for sustainability of Calder Holmes Park

Proposal 38b: Support community-led moves to install micro hydro turbines

Proposal 9: use of the canal basin

Proposal 6: Pedestrian crossing

Proposal 12: Marketing initiative for town businesses

Proposal 28: Create campaigning Bus-users' group

Proposal 29: Highspeed connectivity

Proposal 30: Explore feasibility of park-and-ride from Walkleys clogs

Proposal 24: improve walking route to Hardcastle Craggs

Proposal 34: Possibility of new leisure facilities

Proposal 26: Better cycling facilitating (and better parking for motorcycles and scooters)

Proposal 35: Open up Memorial Gardens to the rear

Proposal 11: Accessibility

Proposal 16: Visitor Economy

(Proposal 13: relocation of market: 59.6%)