

HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

Notes of meeting held on Monday 29th July 2013 at Birchcliffe

1. **Present:** Andrew Bibby (chair); Cllr Janet Battye (Minutes), Lesley McKay, Susan Quick, Bob Deacon, Stephen Curry, David Fletcher, Polly Webber
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Jonathan Timbers
3. **No declarations of interest**
4. **Minutes of last meeting (8 July) and matters arising:**
 - Item 2:** We need to proactively identify sites for housing in Hebden Bridge
 - Police station:** Community Association are making application for it to be registered as a “community asset” under the Localism Act’s Right to Bid
 - Brown’s site:** The Retail Assessment has now been submitted and is on CMBC’s website. IEM are working on a Business Plan as an alternative proposal for its use. There was some discussion about the stance that Partnership should take: could it continue to be an employment site (as Thornbers at Luddendenfoot) ?
5. **Topic group updates:**
 - 5.1. **Market:** JB has had a preliminary meeting with John Walker, the Markets Manager and there is continuing interest from CMBC on doing something different. To convene a meeting of the working group in the autumn
 - 5.2. **Traffic/shared space:** LM: A first meeting has been held. Interest in developing the station as a hub with an enlarged carpark. Question whether the closure of Hope St and Crown St is impractical
 - 5.3. **Disability group:** SQ: Proposal to use a discussion forum (eg through Hebweb) rather than have meetings. Concern that this may exclude some people who do not have access. Big question: What disables you or your friend in Hebden Bridge ?
 - 5.4. **Tourism and Visitor Economy:** SC and BD: Key people identified. Initial meeting now postponed until September (too many people away). Need to encourage development of a Business Network.
 - 5.5. **Valley Road:** AB (supported by JB): To meet with Ian Gray shortly
 - 5.6. **Housing:** Need to restart the work. Look at sites previously built on. Various people interested in this topic but convenor needed.
 - 5.7. **Calder Holmes Park:** Plans for the future being actively worked on by the Friends Group. To check progress with them
 - 5.8. **Bus group:** Led by MJ ?
 - 5.9. **Low Carbon:** PW has agreed to convene. To link with the other groups active in the area.

6. **Action Plan** now needs revising in the light of the comments made during the consultation and the shape that we are now putting the future work into. AB to lead on this and produce a first draft. Also noted that Hebden Royd Town Council have now set up a Neighbourhood Plan working group which this needs to be linked into.
7. **Arrangements for AGM (Thurs 10 Oct: 7pm in Town Hall):** Deferred to next meeting
8. **Treasurer's report:** BD reported that there is £8,415 in the Bank. Money laundering forms need completing by those who are bank signatories.
9. **Correspondence:** Noted that Diana Monaghan has sent information about forthcoming events on the Rochdale Canal.
10. **Date of next meeting:** rearranged to Thurs Sept 12: 7pm in the Town Hall

Cllr Janet Battye