

## HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

### Minutes of Management Board meeting held on 3 February 2014

1. **Present:** Bob Deacon (Chair and Treasurer), Andrew Bibby (Company Secretary), Cllr Janet Battye (Minutes), Stephen Curry, Lesley Mackay, Dave Nelson, Susan Quick, Anthony Rae (arrived late), Polly Webber.
2. **Apologies:** David Fletcher, Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Marc Collett (who also resigned)
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Hebden Bridge and the Tour de France:** Katie Kinsella (Tourism Officer, Calderdale Council and the lead Officer) presented an update report on this. Planning continues and final Plans are expected in April, including plans for the Day itself. The route has been confirmed: there are not changes in our area. It is anticipated that the roads will be closed from about 6.30am on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>, with the caravan (publicity procession) starting to go through the area at 11.45am and the race itself arriving in HB at 1.30pm (leaving Calderdale, beyond Elland at 2.30pm). The Cultural Programme has now been announced and Calderdale/Hebden Bridge has done well eg. Piano Festival ("The Grand Departs") and Arts Festival. An events calendar will be produced in March.  
There are some outstanding issues still to be resolved eg. parking for residents in HB (estimated 75 cars from Keighley Rd), Park and Ride provision.  
The Partnership is concerned that HB should be organised to take best advantage of this opportunity, noting that some events are now in advanced planning but there are likely to be gaps.  
AB reminded KK that the Partnership had written to CMBC to request that community use be made of Calder Holmes Park for the TdF and had not had a response. In the meantime it appears that Rotary/Round Table have now requested the use of it as a campsite. KK agreed that the Partnership have the first option on the use of the Park. AGREED that HBP would convene a meeting to co-ordinate current activities and identify gaps. Action: JB/BD
5. **Minutes of Board meeting (2 December):** Agreed. Noted that these are on the website and hard copies will not be printed as a matter of course.  
SQ commented that it had been discussed and agreed that disability access would be a major item for this coming year. AGREED that this would be a main agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.
6. **Matters arising:**
  - **HB Business Forum:** AB reported that he had had a small meeting (including Nick Shields from Element and JB) to agree a way forward. Consequently an initial meeting is being planned, with an open invitation to all/any local business, on Thurs 13 March, from 6 to 7pm in the Town Hall, to begin to set this up. Initial funding was

requested of £500 from the Portas money, preferably to act as matched funding, to help this get established. This will assist with the Town Team role of bringing businesses together to strengthen the local economy. JB reported that she had had a meeting with CMBC Business Support (John Hodgson) and Flood Resilience (Rachel Jones) staff, especially to see if there are any DEFRA monies available which seem unlikely because it is focussed on individual businesses but they will attend the meeting.

NOTED and AGREED

- **Community Land Trust:** Housing is a priority Action area for HBP from our 2020 Vision Plan. AB reported that progress is being made to set up a CLT as the vehicle to “hold” the ownership of land (eg that transferred from the Council or other public organisation). Meetings are being held jointly with Tod Pride, the Self Build group and CMBC Officers to take this forward, with a further meeting later this week. Potential sites are being identified.
7. **Minutes of Quarterly meeting (Jan 13<sup>th</sup>):** NOTED together with the very positive response from a well-attended meeting (and an unsolicited letter in HBT).
8. **Updates on Priority Areas:** It was AGREED that all the Priority groups will submit a milestones plan so that progress can be checked. ACTION: ALL
- **Shared space and Transport (incl station hub):** At a meeting with Ian Gray, he indicated that Mary Farrar (the Council’s Regional Strategy Officer) should be involved in this and contact made with her.  
Noted that a meeting is planned on Air Quality on Tuesday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
A bike “go” is being planned for HB station
  - **Visitor Economy:** BD presented a proposal for a publicity leaflet (12 pages/20,000 leaflets) and circulated a first draft at the meeting. Questions were asked about the purpose/intended audience for this – for 2014 it is intended to promote HB during the Tour de France, following the proposal in the briefing information that this is an opportunity for people to visit the area and, on their experience, to come back again. AGREED to contribute £1,000 from the Portas money towards the cost of printing (between £2,000 and £3,000 in total)
  - **Valley Rd:** The owners/developers have now submitted a planning application which includes a Sainsbury’s local store. We had been developing an alternative vision for the use of this key site so it is disappointing to see this scheme come forward. There was some discussion about whether the Partnership would submit an objection to it – the alternative is that we take a positive, strategic view (in line with our 2020 Vision), make comments and asks questions  
AGREED that BD would draft a commentary for circulation and agreement.
  - **Calder Holmes Park:** Noted that Charlie and Kim are still away so there is no further action to report on this as yet.

- **Markets:** JB reminded the meeting that it has been agreed to take an evolutionary/developmental approach to this and a further meeting is planned in early April.
- **Low Carbon:** PW reported that CMBC has now agreed to establish a Community Energy Company, with a partnership involving the Alternative Technology Centre and Pennine Power. A Business Plan is being prepared and initial funding is being provided by the Council.
- **Disability Access:** AGREED that this will be a main item of discussion at the next meeting.

## 9. Treasurers report:

- 9.1. **End of Grant report to Hebden Royd Town Council:** This accounts for the spending of a grant of £475 from the Town Council towards the revision and updating of the community-led Action Plan for the Town. AGREED
- 9.2. **Updated income and expenditure:** AGREED. Noted that there is some £4,000 available after provision made for updating and installing electricity supply to market stalls.
- 9.3. **Accounts for the year (Feb 2013 to Jan 2014):** AGREED and these have now been submitted to Companies House.

BD was thanked for preparing these. NOTED that, following his appointment as Chair, we had agreed that he should stand down as Treasurer and a replacement found. This now needs expediting and will be discussed/resolved at the next meeting. ACTION: ALL

## 10. Any Other Business:

- 10.1. **Land Allocation Consultation:** This session is taking place in the Town Hall on Thursday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Places need to be booked with CMBC
- 10.2. **UCVR:** LM reported that there had been a positive meeting recently which Mark Thompson attended from CMBC. A Tenth anniversary celebration is being planned for the autumn.
- 10.3. **Piano Festival:** DN reported that this will take place in the Town Hall from 11/13 April this year and tickets are now on sale. Additionally, as noted, they have funding through the TdF Cultural Festival for a Grand Departs at 12noon on 5<sup>th</sup> April in Mytholmroyd

**Next meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014: 7.30pm**

