

Hebden Bridge Partnership Ltd  
Meeting of Management Board held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Present: Bob Deacon, Tom Bull, Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Stephen Curry, Paul Forrest, Andrew Bibby, Susan Quick, Cllr Dave Young, Anthony Rae. In attendance: Cllr Janet Battye

1. Apologies were received from David Fletcher, Dave Nelson, Lesley Mackay, Cllr Kate Drury. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of Dec 1 2014 were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

3. Valley Rd site.

A paper from Bob Deacon had been circulated. It was noted that the SOS group were planning to hold a public meeting on Jan 31.

No appeal had yet been received by Calderdale from the developers. The expectation is that an appeal will be submitted before the deadline.

Cllr Timbers expressed the view that the town's need was for affordable housing rather than further retail units. Anthony Rae expressed the view that strong planning arguments were needed at any appeal. The issues to be discussed and resolved in any discussion of alternative uses were, he suggested: extent of site, parking and access, existing and potential uses, spatial opportunities, commercial viability. There was a danger of SOS's public meeting becoming divorced from commercial reality.

Cllr Battye agreed to talk to the GP practice manager, regarding their current and potential future needs.

4. Next Partnership General Meeting

Agreed to focus on the Valley rd site. It was agreed that it was premature to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. Nevertheless Cllr Timbers agreed to set the scene by explaining the Neighbourhood Plan context.

5. Youth concerns. Tom Bull introduced this item. Some concerns raised by young people included:

- more parking
- intimidation in public places from other young people
- need for more facilities/activities for young people on lower incomes
- more bus shelters and more seating
- events and festivals more closely aligned with young people's interests
- job opportunities

Cllr Young said that Dodd Naze offered a model of a successful approach.

It was agreed to focus on the park and the town centre as key areas for young people.

The Partnership suggested that the Mayor of HR Town Council could hold an annual Hebden Royd Youth Conversation. Cllr Timbers agreed to progress this

idea, with the suggestion that the Town Council apprentice might be able to take this work on. He agreed to raise it at the next town council meeting.

#### 6. Sub-groups.

a) Markets. A meeting was scheduled to be held on Jan 14th with the market manager. Cllr Young expressed his desire to be invited.

#### 7. Admin

a) Treasurer. Paul Forrest agreed to consider taking on this role, and to talk through the position with Bob.

b) Membership. Applications had been received from HB Quaker Meeting and West Hollywood Web Design Studio Ltd. Both were admitted to membership

#### 8. AOB

Agreed dates for April – June meetings:

Apr 13 (management board)

May 11 (GM)

June 8 (management board)

#### ADDENDUM

Subsequent to the meeting it was learnt that SOS had decided not to go ahead with the Valley Road alternatives meeting on 31st January.

Instead on that Saturday a group of Huddersfield Architecture Students will hold an event introducing themselves to the town to which all HBP Board members (and others) are invited. The focus will be on development/planning/building ideas within Hebden Bridge but broader than Valley Road.