

Hebden Bridge Partnership

Minutes of management board, Mon 8 Sep 2014 at HB Town Hall

Present: Bob Deacon (chair), Andrew Bibby, Lesley Mackay, Polly Webber, Jonathan Timbers, Cllr Dave Young, Susan Quick, Stephen Curry, Anthony Rae

Apologies: Cllr Kate Drury, Dave Nelson, David Fletcher; apologies also from Katie Kinsella, CMBC.

1. No declarations of interest.
2. Minutes of June Board meeting and July GM approved .

Matters arising:

a) conservation issues. Should HBP take on a greater role on planning and conservation issues?

Agreed, consider planning applications if they impact on the HBP Action Plan. Agreed, try to encourage Civic Trust to become more active again. Lesley to contact Trevor Smith.

3. 2020 Vision Action Plan

Andrew read the draft text for the First Year review of the Action Plan, as previously circulated to members.

The meeting then discussed the draft text in more detail.

Anthony Rae raised the question of process in agreeing a revised text. Could focus on (a) what has been achieved (b) what has not been achieved (c) implications for future Partnership activity, particularly for next year. Issue of time scale, resources, expectations.

Jonathan Timbers: agreed, look at structure of how we report. Considerable achievements: business forum, CLT, marketing leaflet, disability initiatives, station lift and car park. Positives need to be stressed more. Structure: what's worked, threats emerged, areas where more development.

Susan Quick: still issues around disability access.

Lesley Mackay: need achievable goals for next 12 months, as well as long-term objectives.

Dave Young: 7 year plan, so can't expect everything in one year!

Detailed comments

- Exercise equipment in park is being used!
- Shared Space: Lesley – can do disabled-friendly shared space
- Short term; gateways to town to reduce speed; could be achieved
- Car park extn in budget for 2016; will also make station properly accessible

- Concern at junction of Crown St/Albert St
- Tarmacing of A646? Pedestrian crossing at main traffic lights
- Thurs market not being adequately used. Friction between retailers and some street traders: genuine conflict of interest
- Street markets do bring people in to the town
- Housing: brown field sites need to be integrated with planning
- Air quality raised as an issue
- Should also consider tweaking wording of the Priorities
- Towpath multiple use
- Partnership role in dissemination of information on what's going on (eg flooding)

Going forward: Anthony Rae to redraft, pass revision past Bob, Jonathan, Andrew

Deadline for revised version Mon Oct 13th.

4. AGM arrangements

Jonathan Timbers as Mayor HRTC to chair

Posters as per last time. Lesley to distribute

Management board elections – Andrew to advise on situation

5. Administration

a) Treasurer's report on state of accounts. Issue on longer-term access to finance

Need to be careful in spending our resources

Role of HBP as seeding organisation

b) Dates of next Management Board, all at 7.30pm

Mon 13 Oct

Mon 3 Nov

Mon 1 Dec

Mon 5 Jan

6. AOB

- a) Bob Deacon briefed on potential project on climate change preparedness, led by Irene Baumann, Univ of Sheffield. Dependent on funding becoming available. Anthony Rae offered to be HBP coordinator.
- b) UCVR meeting on Sep 17th, 2pm. Lesley and Stephen will be attending.