

## Hebden Bridge Partnership

Minutes of short Management Board meeting, held immediately after the Spring General Meeting, April 4 2016, in Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Present: Bob Deacon, Andrew Bibby, David Fletcher, Susan Quick, Stephen Curry, Anthony Rae, Cllr Dave Young. Also present: Cllr Janet Battye, Katie Kinsella (Calderdale Council), Annie Conboy, Ian Lindsay (Rotary Club), Alan Wright (Erringden PC), Fay Blackburn (Erringden PC).

Apologies: Jonathan Timbers, Fiona Pattison

1. It was agreed that the draft minutes of the March meeting would be deferred until the May Management Board meeting.

### 2. Visitor economy

a. Bob Deacon presented copies of the newly published 2016 Tourist leaflet, which was entirely Town Council funded. Thanks were expressed to him and to Anthony Rae for their work on this excellent initiative.

b. Strategy. Stephen Curry spoke to the report (previously circulated), summarising the efforts taken to develop a visitor economy strategy. Thanks were expressed to him for his work in this respect.

Stephen advised that UCVR was likely to receive grant funding shortly (as a result of the Rory Bremner benefit concert), for valley wide work in relation to the visitor economy, light industry resilience, and encouraging local shopping.

Katie Kinsella advised that Calderdale could share its research into: visitor product development, marketing & promotion, and tourism infrastructure development.

It was agreed to discuss this issue at the May meeting. Andrew suggested that this could also be the theme of the Summer General Meeting.

### 3. Valley Rd

Bob Deacon reported on the meeting held that day with Cllr Barry Collins and Richard Seaman (Head of Planning). The three ideas currently being considered by the task group were briefly addressed.

Anthony Rae advised that the Neighbourhood Plan group were to organise a consultation day on April 30, with Valley Rd one of the sites where town views would

be sought only on the type of uses of the site in principal: housing, parking, commercial etc. While the importance of full community engagement was agreed, some concern was expressed that the April consultation needed to be well prepared for and could be premature. Ian Lindsay stressed however the need to bring a concrete vision for the site to engage public discussions.

Anthony advised that, as he was also active in the Neighbourhood Plan group, it might be appropriate for him to stand down formally from the Valley Rd task group. It was agreed that he would, however, attend the next meeting.

It was agreed that Bob would convene a meeting of the task group as soon as possible.

No other business was scheduled for discussion.