

Hebden Bridge Partnership Management Board
meeting on June 2 2014 in HB Town Hall

Present: Bob Deacon (chair), Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Susan Quick, Lesley Mackie, Andrew Bibby (secretary), Cllr Kate Drury, Stephen Curry, Dave Nelson, Giles Dring, Anthony Rae, Cllr Janet Battye

Apologies: David Fletcher

1. Kate Drury was welcomed to the management board.

2. Minutes of the May 6 meeting were approved as circulated. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Matters arising

a) Tour de France

The leaflet giving detailed advice on access to HB was yet to be made available. Bob Deacon expressed some concerns that it might be unsatisfactory. It was agreed that Bob would contact Jason Boom if necessary, to arrange for the item to be agenda-d be the town council at its next meeting.

Giles Dring mentioned a meeting to be held on Fri June 6 at HBTH, 8.30pm, of which no-one else seemed to have been aware. Giles to circulate details.

b) Business Forum. Giles Dring gave an update on progress. Task groups had been established to carry forward the Forum's development. Nick Shields would be attending their next meeting on Thursday, to share progress on the visitor economy initiative. Jonathan Timbers requested that the organisation's name be seen as welcoming to Myholmroyd businesses, too.

c) Conservation area. Andrew Bibby will invite Calderdale MBC officers to our July meeting and will also contact Trevor Smith (civic trust). Board members with particular issues to raise on conservation matters are asked to notify the secretary before the July meeting.

4. Disability meeting.

Bob Deacon and Susan Quick reported on the recent meeting at Holme St Centre. The meeting had discussed two disparate themes (making HB a more accessible place, and service provision for mental health/physical disability issues. It was agreed that the Partnership's remit would going forward be limited to the first of these.

Jonathan Timbers proposed that HRTC be asked to prioritise this issue and in partnership with HBP to set up a reference group to advise on disability matters. It was agreed that Jonathan would draft a formal motion to the town council to this effect.

Giles Dring said that the Business Forum would consider issues of accessibility.

Kate Drury offered to participate in further work, after the Tour de France.
Bob Deacon agreed to produce a short scoping note.

5. Updates on priority projects

a) CLT. Andrew Bibby reported. Calderdale MBC had been slow to respond to the CLT, but a meeting with senior officers was now set up. It was agreed that, whilst the land trust establishes its own bank account, HBP would pay the travel expenses for £83.60 for the consultant's visit from Cumbria in April.

b) Valley Road. Janet Battye advised that the planners were awaiting two further pieces of information from the developers. She would ensure it went to committee.

Bob Deacon agreed to contact the new case officer, reminding them of our interest.

c) Shared space. Lesley Mackie said that some thinking was being done on 'gateway' possibilities. Anthony Rae pointed out the implications of the proposed 20mph limit in all residential areas. It was agreed to identify HBP's interest as a stakeholder in implementation of this initiative.

d) Visitor economy. Stephen Curry advised that a workshop was being held in early July. It was noted that Calderdale MBC were currently working on a rebranding exercise for the borough.

e) Calder Holmes. Janet Battye suggested that money might be available for tennis court restoration.

f) Markets. A new market development officer was being appointed by Calderdale.

g) Energy Forum. Anthony Rae reported some frustration that two key Calderdale staff had left. There was a potential lack of strategic leadership from the council on this initiative.

6. UCVR

The last meeting had been attended by Stephen Curry, Lesley Mackay and Janet Battye. Stephen had suggested that UCVR could develop into a 'development trust' style resource for the upper Valley. It was noted that there might be a 10th anniversary event in the Autumn. Andrew Bibby expressed some reservations about the current value of the organization.

It was agreed that Lesley Mackay would be the Partnership's formal representative at future UCVR meetings.

7. Other local initiatives

a) Sat July 5: cooperative event (10.15am Sandy Gate burial ground and 11am Birchcliffe)

b) Sat June 28: events at Old Town village green, including cycle parade

c) Cycling. The lack of marketing of the bike hire scheme at the station was noted

d) Jonathan Timbers reported on the success of the latest visit to St Pol. It was agreed to consider ways that HBP could broaden the reach of the town twinning process.

8. Secretary's report

- a) HRTC had discussed the HBP letter re display of banners, and had made representations to Calderdale
- b) It was noted that new funding was available through the LEADER programme. Andrew Bibby to circulate to all Board members.
- c) The secretary had written to Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe and sent flowers, thanking her for her considerable contribution to the work of the Partnership over many years.

9. Treasurer's report

Bob Deacon presented a report. It was agreed to meet the costs of the disability event (£136.50), provide a float to the CLT of £300 and provide £200 for the visitor economy workshop.

10. It was agreed to hold the AGM on Mon Oct 20th, 7.30pm. It was agreed that the Sep Board meeting would discuss the Action Plan one year on. Anthony Rae offered suggestions as to how this could be structured.