

Hebden Bridge Partnership Ltd

Minutes of Management Board, 5 Oct 2015

Held in HB Town Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Bob Deacon (chair), Cllr Dave Young, Lesley Mackay, Stephen Curry, Paul Forrest, Anthony Rae; also present Andrew Bibby (secretary), Cllr Val Wade, Jae Campbell (part), Cllr Janet Battye.

Apologies: Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Thom Bull, David Fletcher

1. Declarations of interest – none received.

2. Calderdale budget presentation (brought forward)

Jae Campbell introduced the Calderdale consultation exercise for the 2017-18 budget, and encourage board members to complete the questionnaire. £20m in budget cuts were anticipated. It was agreed that leaflets would be made available at the AGM.

3. Minutes of Sep 7 agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

a. Cllr Val Wade clarified that she was attending Partnership meetings as an observer, and not as the board member representing the four hilltop parishes.

Andrew Bibby advised that he had contacted the four parish clerks advising them that there was a vacancy on the management board for the parishes' representative.

b. Disability access working group. Cllr Val Wade raised the issue of motorists blocking pavements for disabled pedestrians. Andrew Bibby reported that he had talked to two local people with disabilities. He also suggested that grant funding could be sought for an all-terrain wheelchair to be bookable by visitors to Hebden Bridge. Cllr Janet Battye reported that she had talked to CMBC Adult Health and social care. Geraldine Rushton from the disability partnership was a potentially useful contact. In the absence of Susan Quick and Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Andrew Bibby undertook to convene a meeting in the period before the end of 2015 to try to progress matters. Action: **Andrew Bibby**

c. Civic Trust. Bob Deacon reminded members of the date of the Civic Trust AGM and encouraged members to attend.

d. Canal works 'café'. Cllrs Dave Young and Janet Battye had met with CMBC officer Robert Campbell who was looking further into the current situation.

e. Resurfacing work. CMBC highways appeared unwilling to engage with us in discussions on ways to include measures in the resurfacing work to discourage speeding.

f. 20mph introduction. Cllr Dave Young reported that he had received further details of the 20mph zone in Hebden Bridge from CMBC officer Sheridan Paterson.

It was agreed that the Partnership would seek a meeting with highways to discuss the roll-out. Agreed, **Anthony Rae and Lesley Mackay to attend**, together with HRTC representative(s) if the town council so desired. Karen Walton is now head of highways.

g. Towpath signage. Anthony Rae has asked Calder Future to progress with the CRT.

5. AGM

a. Andrew Bibby reported that almost 40 groups had requested slots this year. It was agreed to restrict the time for each speaker to 2 mins 30 secs. Action: **Andrew Bibby** to write to all, to advise.

b. Draft report. Any final comments to Anthony Rae by email, by the middle of the week. **Action: All.**

Anthony Rae agreed to ensure 50 copies were available. **Action: Anthony Rae**

c. Elections. Andrew Bibby reported on the casual vacancies which could be filled. Andrew reported that Dave Nelson had, after several years' service on the Management Board, advised him that he wished to stand down. The board requested that its thanks to Dave for his significant contribution to the work of the Partnership be recorded in the minutes.

d. Accounts. Paul Forest presented draft income & expenditure accounts from the year start until 30 Sep. These were approved for distribution at the AGM.

It was agreed that the November Management Board would discuss possible funding bids for the Partnership, and would debate further the idea which has been floated of a development board for the town, similar to Todmorden's.

6. AOB

a. The HB Woodcraft Folk were admitted as members of the Partnership.

- b. Andrew Bibby reported that he had received a invitation from HRTC for a submission to the Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee. Action: **Andrew Bibby** agreed to coordinate the submission. **Anthony Rae** undertook to produce a series of short bullet points. The deadline for submissions is 30 Oct.
- c. It was noted that Calderdale's draft Local Plan will be released in early November.
- d. Lesley Mackay reported that the Alternative Technology Centre had been successful in a major bid to LEADER for electric bicycles for hire. The board congratulated the ATC on its success.
- e. It was noted that the Valley Rd judicial review has been set for Nov 30. It is assumed that the hearing is in public.
- f. It was agreed to hold the January General Meeting on Monday Jan 18. Action: **Andrew Bibby** to book room.