

HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

Notes of meeting held on 7th March 2013

1. **Present:** Andrew Bibby (Chair), Cllr Janet Battye (Minutes), Polly Webber, Lesley MacKay, Robin Dixon, Stephen Curry, Susan Quick

2. **Apologies:** David Fletcher, Bob Deacon

3. **Formal arrangements:**

AB updated the meeting on progress with the accounts filing at Companies House.

Agreed that Directors need to complete and submit their forms.

AB will also doublecheck the signatories on the bank account and ensure that they are currently active members/Directors.

4. **Recent discussions and meetings:** AB reported on a number of these since the last meeting:

Friends of the Park (Calder Holmes): AB reported that this group is now active again under the Chair of . Kim and Charlie, who run Park Life Cafe are central to the group. They are supportive of the Recommendations in the draft Action Plan and are busy raising funds to get more facilities brought back into use, eg the bowling green to become a performance space, the tennis courts and so on.

Ian Gray, Director of Economy and Environment, Calderdale MBC: AB met him with JB. Ian is also supportive of the work on the Action Plan. In particular, the potential future of large sites around HB were discussed (eg Market carpark and the old Fire Station site). He had some alternative suggestions for us to consider eg. the swimming/learner pool.

Town Council: AB has met with Cllr Jonathan Timbers who is now the Town Council's nomination to the Partnership and looking fwd to becoming actively involved.

5. **Discussion of revised draft plan:** We then moved onto discussing the plan, starting at section 5: **Community, artistic and social life:** points raised included:

- **Playgrounds:** should there be a review and updating of playgrounds especially where facilities are poor: eg Eaves and Fairfield ?
- **Swimming pool:** agreed to meet and talk with the Trustees of the pool to see if it is possible to combine our efforts: Action AB/JB
- **New footbridge** (Proposal 36): this is to Fairfield

6. Greening our valley: *Energy (p 25)*: the figures need to be doublechecked: action PW/AB

- **Energy efficiency** is the first priority
- **Wind turbines** (proposal 37): to include “a more co-ordinated approach is needed to wind turbines” and the better option may be for them to be community-owned
- **Todmorden initiative** (IET) to include “this has raised awareness of food production and food growing” and a reference to fruit trees at the station

Introduction: p.2.: bottom line: “these ideas” (rather than suggestions) which have been developed through consultation over recent years

About Hebden Bridge p.3. include “disabled people” in first para

Our strengths p.4. first sentence ... add “and flooding”

Bringing new life to our town: p 6: add reference in penultimate paras about the impact of flood damage to business and the resilience to economic damage

Need to include references eg. to Action Plan 2005