

Hebden Bridge Partnership
Minutes of AGM and **Hebden Bridge: Our Town** event
Held on October 23 2017 at HB Town Hall

Present: Cllr Pat Fraser (Chair), Cllr Dave Young, Andrew Bibby, Mark Simmonds, Paul Forrest, Graham Hale (Disability Forum), Hannah Flint (Dance Festival), Geoff Matthews (Business Forum), Lesley Mackay, Vikki Uttley (Hope Baptists), Cllr Carol Stow (Hebden Royd TC), Michael Coneys (Trades Club), Don Myers (Northlight), Mo Ludlam (Walkers Action), John Ludlam (Calder Rivers Trust), Graham Mynott (Community Association), Barbara Atack (Local History Society), Susan Quick (CND), Frank Woolrych (Lit & Sci), Graham Cobham (Rotary Club), Dave Nelson (Piano Festival), Frances Minto (Disability Forum), Jane Jackson (Twinning Society), Paul Knights (Friends of the Picture House), Mike Stephens (Happy Valley Pride), D Spice (HV Pride), Helen Trott (HV Pride), Rob Whithead (HV Pride), Katherine Wackerbatch, Nicola Jones (HV Pride), Dail Lemy (HV Pride), David Leedham (Artsmill), Catherine Leedham (Artsmill), Judith Schofield (Pennine Heritage), Marguerite Eccles, Richard Henderson (CLT), Ann Kilbey (Lit & Sci), Austen Warne (Royd Regeneration), Sue Day, Ute Kelly, Finn Jensen (Together we grow), Suzy Hesselden (Walkers Action), Cllr Jane Scullion (Town Development Board), Anthony Rae, Helen Dziemidko, Andrew Entwistle (Flood Group), Ralph Nimmann (Dance Festival), Helen Meller (Arts Festival), Joey Williams (Slow the Flow), Nina Smith (Sustainable Transport Group), Richard Needham (Community Association), Val Cryne (Business Forum), Dongria Kondh (Treesponsibility), Emma Adelaide Bach (Care co-op), plus some names illegible.

Apologies: Geoff Wood, Janet Battye, George Kidd, Geoff Tansey, Stephen Curry, Jonathan Timbers.

1. Welcome. Cllr Pat Fraser, Mayor of Hebden Royd, welcomed those attending. A moment's silence was held in memory of the Partnership's former Chair Bob Deacon.

2. Partnership AGM

a. Andrew Bibby, outgoing secretary, reported on the previous year. Despite the management board being low in numbers, the Partnership had once again produced the main tourism leaflet for the town, and had organised (with the Community Foundation for Calderdale) the *Making Hebden Bridge Accessible to All* project. Grants for premises which had had access audits were still available. A well-attended seminar in May had marked the end of the project, and a video was about to be made available [now up on <https://vimeo.com/231089445>].

Two long-standing Partnership concerns, regarding the development of the market and the improvements to Central St, had been actioned in the past twelve months. The Partnership was monitoring developments at Valley Road and the EA proposals for flood remedial work. The Partnership was also discussing with Calderdale council the empty unit on the towpath at Canal Works.

Andrew announced he was standing down as Secretary, to be replaced by Anthony Rae. Dave Young had agreed to be the Partnership's Chair.

b. Paul Forrest presented the Treasurer's report, covering both the financial year until the end of January 2017 and income and expenditure since then up to 20 October. Susy Hesselden asked if the financial year could be brought closer to the date of the AGM, and Paul said that the incoming board would investigate this.

c. Anthony Rae, as incoming secretary, spoke of the proposal to refocus the Partnership's work, and to work on a pilot basis more closely with Hebden Bridge Community Association. Anthony drew attention to the recent creation of the Town Development Board, and of the work of the Neighbourhood Plan group, both of which were to an extent taking on a remit previously held by the Partnership. Under the proposal, quarterly public meetings would continue. The 2018 tourism leaflet would also be produced.

3. Organisations' presentations.

The following organisations presented short updates of their activities and plans:

Hebden Bridge Twinning Society
HB Trades Club
Northlight Studios
Hope Baptists
HB Piano Festival
Calder Valley Community Land Trust
HB Local History Society
Disability Forum
Royd Regeneration
Together We Grow/BEAT
HB Walkers Action
Fox and Goose co-operative
Calder Valley CND
Hebden Bridge & Mytholmroyd Town Development Board
HB Arts Festival
Calder River Trust
Artsmill
Friends of the Picture House
Friends of HB Station
Treesponsibility
Pennine Heritage
Hebden Royd Town Council
Happy Valley Pride
Calder Future
Calder Bootstrap
HB Community Association
Rotary Club of Hebden Bridge
HB Business Forum
HB Literary & Scientific Society
Care co-operative
Calder Slow the Flow
Flood Group
Sustainable Transport Group

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8.50pm