

Hebden Bridge Partnership  
Meeting of Management Board, Mon 12 September 2016

Present: Bob Deacon, Cllr Dave Young, Andrew Bibby, Nina Smith, Paul Forrest.  
Apologies: Anthony Rae, Susan Quick, David Fletcher, Fiona Pattison, Hazel Scriven, Cllr Tony Hodgins, Janet Battye

1. Minutes of July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as a correct record

2. Matters arising

- a. Empty unit in Canal Works. Dave Young is following up
- b. Market relocation. Due to take place Thu 3 Nov. The board discussed possible promotional work at this time.

3. Making Hebden Bridge Accessible

Andrew Bibby and Bob Deacon reported on the Sep 3 meeting, which was felt to have gone well.

Traders and other local businesses needed to be invited to take part in the access audit. Bob Deacon, Paul Forrest and Janet Battye to take round application forms. It was noted that the Access Forum had had a very lengthy first meeting. It was hoped that this initiative would also work well for the town.

4. Partnership AGM

- a. Arrangements. The Waterfront Hall had been booked for Mon Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to set the time for each group's presentation to no more than 2 ½ minutes. The secretary said that the AGM required a considerable amount of planning and that he would be grateful for the support of all management board members on the evening to ensure a successful event.
- b. Elections. Bob Deacon confirmed that he would be standing down as Chair after the AGM. It was noted that the first management board after the AGM would elect officers for the year.
- c. It was regrettably noted that, despite a number of reminders from the secretary, Fiona Pattison had not completed her Companies House forms to take up the position of director in the Partnership and that this post was therefore to be deemed vacant.

5. Valley Rd update

Bob Deacon reported on the ongoing discussions with Eshton Gregory and Calderdale council. The public consultation was arranged for Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. He suggested that that the proposed car park on the Hebden Vale site should also be included in the discussions on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, as it could relieve parking pressure in the town.

6. Flood initiatives.

- a. Hebden Bridge EA Stakeholder meeting. No report had been received from the management board's delegate David Fletcher to the first meeting. However Bob Deacon tabled the outcome of the initial meeting which had examined options for HB flood defences and advised that another stakeholder meeting was scheduled for mid-October when it would be known how high any HB flood defences would need to be. He hoped to attend.

b. The EA draft catchment plan would be published on Thursday 15th and a meeting had been organised from 3pm in HB Town Hall. This report would also go to the first public meeting of the Calderdale Flood Resilience Board on 16th at 10.00.

c. There was agreement that the government's recently published policy on future strategies for flood defence was totally inadequate, in that it failed to address issues of natural flood defence work. Its recommendations for temporary flood defences were welcome and BD would ask the EA if these would be available for HB this winter.

d. January General Meeting. It was agreed to focus the January meeting on flood issues, and to invite Dongria Kondh to report on the research work she had recently commissioned.

#### 7. Treasurer's report.

The tabled report was accepted. It was agreed to apply for £500 to the Calder Ward micro-grants scheme. Action: Bob Deacon and Paul Forrest.

#### 8. AOB

a. Parking. It was noted that Calderdale council currently had a consultation report out, proposing review of parking charges and arrangements. Dave Young said that his view was that reasonable increases to off-road and on-road charges were acceptable, given they had not increased for some time, but that those streets in Hebden Bridge without parking charges should remain free. The charges for on-road parking in Old Gate, Holme St, Hangingroyd Lane, Valley Rd and Regent St should be capped at 60p ph.

Since the meeting had not had sight in advance of Calderdale's proposals, it was decided not to take a formal Partnership position at this time. Nevertheless, there was a broad informal consensus behind the position outlined by Dave Young.

b. Great British High Street. The Partnership had been asked by the Business Forum to support this application, and the meeting enthusiastically gave its support.

c. Crossing at main traffic lights. It was agreed that the secretary would write to Brian Sutcliffe (Calderdale highways), regarding pedestrian crossing on the west side of the main traffic lights in town.

d. it was agreed that the secretary would arrange for flowers to be sent to Lesley Mackay with the board's best wishes.

There was no other business.

Next management board meeting Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, HB Town Hall