

Hebden Bridge Partnership Ltd
Meeting of the management board, held on 19 October 2017

Present: Andrew Bibby, Cllr Dave Young, Anthony Rae, Lesley Mackay. Apologies: Mark Simmonds, Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Paul Forrest

1. Arrangements for the AGM.

Andrew reported on what had been arranged, and asked board members to arrive fifteen minutes early on Monday.

36 groups had requested speaking slots, a record. It was agreed to hold the Partnership AGM half way through the evening, and to tightly control the time this took. The agenda would be:

- a. Secretary's report
- b. Treasurer's report, including opportunities for questions
- c. Anthony Rae – proposal for 2017-2018

It was agreed that Anthony's one-page proposal would be put on seats before the meeting.

Paul was asked to amend the financial report, to make it clear that the Partnership still had significant resources. Agreed that Andrew would liaise with Paul over printing.

It was agreed that Andrew's report would cover: access initiative, tourism leaflet, and work on market relocation, Central St, Town Board, floods and Valley Rd, as well as mentioning spaces on the board.

It was agreed that the AGM would open with a short moment of silence in memory of Bob Deacon.

2. Officers

It was agreed that Anthony Rae would be the Secretary and Dave Young the Chair following the AGM.

The first meeting of the Board following the AGM would be at 6pm on Monday 30th October, at Andrew's house.

Andrew undertook to brief members on the duties he had performed as secretary.

3. Closer partnership with HBCA.

Anthony introduced his paper, including the recommendations for action. He proposed that a narrowed HBP agenda would comprise a single primary purpose: developing a convergence with the HBCA to provide a more visible and dynamic representation of 'community' within Hebden Bridge's new organisational landscape, with three inter-related elements: i) Undertaking an ongoing conversation between the two organisations over a 12 month trial period; ii) involving the community organisation membership of the HBP in this same conversation; and iii) organising a continuation of the 'quarterly' public meetings, which can provide a voice & platform for community organisations and individuals, whilst at the same time seeking improved communications between HBP and its member organisations, and achieving greater community awareness of the various new processes.

The Board agreed as follows:

1. To express HBP's thanks to the Community Association board for their positive response to the Partnerships original initiative, note the consistency between the positions of both organisations, and to indicate the acceptance by HBP of the boundaries

set by the HBCA board for the joint working over the 12 month trial period.

2. To accept the narrowing of the HBP agenda to the issues/tasks as set out in section C) of the report; and that, should other issues emerge beyond that agenda, then the first response should be try and direct those issues towards other organisations better suited to take them forward.

3. To be prepared to extend the conversation about 'removing duplications/ increasing synergies' to include other organisations (should they themselves wish to participate), and particularly to Hebden Royd Town Council; also to organisations able to increase public awareness of the various initiatives mentioned in this report.

4. The appointment of Anthony Rae as company secretary.

5. that board meetings will occur at the less frequent intervals e.g every three months on the basis that the 'narrow agenda' will not require so much substantial board discussion, but rather continuing dialogue (between Anthony Rae and HBCA's Graham Mynott) and a gradual convergence of ordinary activity. Instead the board will be kept informed on a monthly basis of any activity/ developments by email. Board meetings can nonetheless always be requested should directors so wish.

6. The appointment of Cllr Dave Young as HBP chair.

7. To explore the opportunities for cross board membership between HBP and HBCA. One example would be for an invitation to Graham Mynott to also join the HBP board (subject to the agreement of his board.)

8. The allocation in advance of the remaining HBP funds principally for the purposes of producing the 2018 Hebden Bridge visitor guide.

9. the organising of the next HBP quarterly public meeting, in conjunction with HBCA, in spring 2018 and focusing on the principal issues likely to be affecting the town then (the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, and also how that relates to the Environment Agency's flood alleviation scheme; together with news from the Town Board, the Business Forum, the Town Council, and the HBP community organisations membership.)

10. To submit this approach in outline to the HBP AGM on 23rd October; and this report and set of decisions to the next HBCA board meeting for them to review, with a subsequent HBP board meeting on 30th October then to receive their response.