

Hebden Bridge Partnership Ltd

Minutes of management board meeting, held at HB Town Hall, Thursday 21st July 2016

Present: Bob Deacon, Andrew Bibby, Cllr Dave Young, Susan Quick, David Fletcher, Thom Bull; also present Helen Dziemidko. Apologies: Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Paul Forrest, Janet Battye

1. The minutes of 6 June were approved as a correct record.

2. Matters arising:

- a. Historic development. Dave Young will report to September meeting
- b. Market relocation. Planning application is in.
- c. Tourist leaflets. Bob Deacon to chase Mike Troke
- d. Partnership General Meeting. Agreed this had been well attended and useful.

3. Flood initiatives

- a. The Flood Commission final report is now published and available on the Partnership's website. Bob Deacon felt the report was generally valuable, with many of the Partnership's points now taken on board. Dave Young concurred. David Fletcher said that he found the report disappointing in terms of its reference to work in Hebden Bridge. Bob Deacon pointed out that there was now a separate engagement process with the EA for Hebden Bridge.
- b. Stakeholder engagement with EA. Bob Deacon reported that he had informally met with Simon Byrne. It was agreed that Bob Deacon and David Fletcher would represent the Partnership on the EA's stakeholder group. The first meeting was on August 2nd.

4. Valley Rd update

(David Fletcher declared an interest, and withdrew from the room for this item). Bob Deacon reported on recent meetings with both Calderdale council and the current land owners. It appeared that, after all, the potential might exist for the whole site to be treated holistically. Calderdale council had agreed to undertake a development appraisal.

It was agreed that the Partnership would hold a Public Consultation meeting in October, in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan group.

Separately, Calderdale council were exploring the possibility of the Vale Centre (which will be demolished) being used for parking in the longer term. (In the immediate future the site will be used by the EA).

5. Access initiative

Andrew Bibby spoke to the paper which had been circulated. He apologised that Susan Quick had not been advised of the meeting time.

Andrew said that the proposal, which included an access audit of the town and the availability of small grants subsequently for remedial work, was potentially highly exciting and would meet the Partnership's desire for Hebden Bridge to be an exemplar in terms of accessibility. He advised that the Foundation would be able to process grant applications directly. However the Foundation were currently seeking legal clearance that they were able to use flood funds in this way.

Assuming the Foundation were able to proceed, the scheme would be launched at a public meeting on Sat Sep 3 (The Space, HB Town Hall). The Access Forum, being convened by the Neighbourhood Plan group, would also be launched at the same time.

6. Secretary's report

Andrew Bibby reported that he had received the resignation of Stephen Curry. This was noted with regret, and the management board asked for Stephen's considerable contribution to the Partnership to be minuted. Andrew advised that he had also already thanked Stephen personally.

It was noted that Stephen had previously undertaken the Partnership's Facebook postings. It was agreed to discuss a replacement in September. Helen Dziemidko expressed interest in taking on this role.

There was no other business.