

Hebden Bridge Partnership
Minutes of Management Board held on Thursday May 25, 7.30pm, Hebden Bridge
Town Hall.

Present: Cllr Dave Young, Lesley Mackay, Andrew Bibby, Anthony Rae. Guest:
Geoff Wood (to item 5). Apologies: Jonathan Timbers, Paul Forrest, Mark Simmonds

1. Dave Young agreed to take the chair.

2. The minutes of 9 Feb and 23 Mar were approved, without change.

3. Matters arising

a. Tourism leaflet. A £400 grant from Calderdale had been received. Three
advertisers are still owing. **Action: Anthony** to check stocks and see if a reprint is
appropriate.

b. Empty unit. **Action: Dave** to chase

4. Presentation from Geoff Wood.

Geoff shared with members a proposal he had submitted to the Great Exhibition of
the North, for a major community arts-based initiative based on community resilience
in the Calder Valley following the floods.

Geoff was warmly congratulated on this initiative, and the Partnership agreed that it
would wish to be a partner in such a project.

Mention was made of the 509 initiative, funded with a major grant from Calderdale,
which none of the management board members were aware of, although Hebden
Bridge was given as a participating town. There was some concern that this initiative
was not rooted in the town. It was felt that the Arts Festival might have more
information.

Andrew floated the idea of staging a 'Tiny Exhibition of the North' in the valley next
summer, when the Great Exhibition will be in Newcastle and Gateshead.

5. Town Board.

Andrew, Dave and Geoff had attended the first meeting. It was felt to have started
well, although there was an issue on follow-through of decisions taken. It was too
early to assess its long-term role.

6. Successes

a. Market relocation. Dave said that traders were reporting increased takings. The
water to the traders' shed would be connected by Y Water this month.

b. Pedestrian crossing, West Gate. Dave reported that this was scheduled to be
happening in 2-3 months.

7. Access initiative

Dave, Lesley and Anthony had attended the access seminar and felt that it had been
a very successful occasion.

Anthony reported that he was keen that station access issues were not restricted just
to the lift or the station building itself. Wheelchair access to the station from the main
road and from Fairfield was inadequate.

Andrew mentioned that the proposed website with access information had not yet happened. **Action: Andrew** to approach project team

8. Future work of the Partnership

It was agreed to move to a bimonthly cycle of Management Board meeting, to be held shortly after each Town Board meeting.

It was agreed that the next General Meeting would be the AGM, scheduled provisionally for Mon Oct 16.

It was agreed to invite Graham Mynott (Town Hall) to our next management board meeting, to discuss areas of common interest and partnership working. It was agreed to hold this provisionally on Tues Aug 15th, at 6.30pm. The possibility of moving to daytime meetings was also discussed.

9. The treasurer's report, previously circulated, was noted and the treasurer was thanked for this work on this.

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 8.31pm