

Hebden Bridge Partnership Ltd
Minutes of Management Board, 8 June 2015

Present: Stephen Curry, Cllr Jonathan Timbers, Paul Forrest, Andrew Bibby, Anthony Rae, David Fletcher; Cllr Janet Battye, Giles Dring
Apologies: Bob Deacon, Cllr Dave Young, Lesley Mackay, Tom Bull, Susan Quick

1. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of April 13th meeting amended as follows:
Item 4f: White Lion had also advertised in the tourist leaflet.
With this amendment, minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

a. Youth dialogue: deferred

b. Station carpark. HRTC has endorsed the proposal for an extended surface car park, but there remains a need to lobby and to persuade Network Rail to allow non-rail users to park at weekends. Anthony said that he had undertaken a survey, and 50 new spaces should be adequate for the cars currently parking on the main road, although not all of these were necessarily rail users.

c. Visitor economy grant. Stephen reported that no response had yet been received. [Following the meeting, the grant-making body had been in touch, advising that the application had not been successful]

4. Valley Road site

It was noted that the task group on this chaired by Bob Deacon had met once, and was meeting again on the following Tuesday.

5. Disability access initiative.

Jonathan reported that he hoped to bring together a number of local groups and individuals to advance this. Brian Sutcliffe (Calderdale, Mytholmroyd resident) had been helpful. The town council had agreed resources. Andrew floated the idea of a joint project with Royd Regeneration.

Anthony reported on the station life. There appeared to be moves by Network Rail to replace the up platform ramp with stairs, and it was agreed that this was unlikely to be acceptable to the Partnership. David reminded the meeting the station was a listed building. Jonathan said that the town council would contact Network Rail in relation to this.

6. Market move

Giles reported on progress with the current online survey, on the proposed relocation of the market. Some strong responses had been received. A paper survey was also needed.

Issues which were coming up were:

- Impact on Valley Road shops
- Parking; the proposal was more or less neutral in terms of parking, although there would be less parking at weekends
- Traders' vehicles
- Congestion when market is packing up
- Deliveries to shops such as Waites, Woodheads
- Competition concerns (market traders competing directly with shops)
- Stall design and placement

Janet said that she had been surveying opinion in the town; the main issue raised was parking; some people had no idea where the current market was located!

Jonathan pointed out the importance of keeping the pavement areas free for disabled use. The non-compliance of the Sunday market with farmers' market rules was also noted.

Anthony floated the idea of a three rather than four day market. Janet explained the logic of maintaining the current Thurs market (fish van etc).

Andrew said that he thought there was the possibility for onstreet parking in Hope Street, including the old police bay. Janet agreed to follow this up.

David raised concerns about traffic on the road next to Bridge Mill, where the original traffic calming was not working. The meeting discussed possible easy fixes, including coloured road surface. David also mentioned an innovative 'toadstool' design used in Bremen which might be adaptable.

The market working group is to meet the following Thurs afternoon.

7. July General Meeting

Hannah Dobson (HRTC) was confirmed as attending, to lead the discussion on the Neighbourhood Plan. Jonathan announced that he would be stepping down as chair of the NP committee, with the idea of a representative from one of the parishes taking over. Funds for the NP were being accessed from DCLG.

8. Huddersfield University.

Anthony reminded the meeting of the work undertaken recently by Huddersfield Univ students and it was agreed to invite the students to a meeting in the Autumn.

9. Meeting with HRTC councillors, July 15th, to brief councillors on the work of the Partnership. Agreed, Bob and Andrew as Chair and Secretary to attend

10. Dates of future meetings.

Mon Sep 7 (Board), Mon Oct 5 (Board), **Mon Oct 12 (AGM)**, Mon Nov 2 (Board),
Mon Dec 7 (Board)

11. Calder Civic Trust

Agreed that the Partnership would try to held reinvigorate the Trust. Many new members had signed up at the Picture House projection of Nick Wilding's film. The file would be shown again in the Autumn. The Trust's AGM might well be Oct 14th.

12. Treasurer's report. A comprehensive report was received from Paul.

13. Secretary's report. Andrew reported that he had contacted the four parish council reps, reminding them of their right to appoint a Parish Council representative to the Partnership.

There was no other business.