

Hebden Bridge Partnership Limited Management Board

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 21 April 2009

at the Council Offices, Hebden Bridge

Present - Lesley Mackay (Sustainable Transport), Gwen Goddard (Environment), Dave Nelson (Hebden Bridge Arts Festival and Arts in general), Lee Comer (Heads), David Fletcher (Pennine Heritage), Susan Quick (Enabling Radio), Nicola Milburn-Jones (Civic Trust), Gerard Liston (Hope Baptist Church), Cllr Lesley Jones (HRTC), Cllr Janet Battye (Calderdale MBC), Polly Webber (ATC)

Guests - Natja Thorbjornsen (Treesponsibility and Transition Town), Jason Boom (HRTC), Mark Humphreys (CMBC), Louise Harrison (UCVR)

Apologies - Andrew Bibby, Diana Monahan

Declarations of interest - None reported.

Minutes of previous meeting - agreed

Matters arising - None that were not on the agenda.

Presentation - Natja Thorbjornsen gave an interesting account of the history of Transition Towns and the progress being made towards Hebden Bridge becoming a Transition Town. Funds had been secured for a free energy audit to be carried out and details would be on the Transition Town page in the Hebden Bridge Times. Natja was warmly thanked.

Priority Project reports

Central Street - Progress had been made with frontage owners and negotiations were now in hand with the Co-op as the key party not yet on board.

Calder Holmes Park - The public consultation had been completed and a 10-year project drawn up. There had been problems with drainage of the wet play area and a contractor would soon be working to resolve this. The pavilion had been put out to tender and a preferred applicant selected who would offer catering, management of the sports facilities and the toilets. An advertisement had been placed for a weekend litter collector.

Market - The planning application is in for Lees Yard. The owner of Tribal would shortly be meeting with Calderdale's Legal Services Manager. Plans and diagrams were examined. There would be public consultation on the design of the stall roofs.

Pennine Museum - Now has a working title of Pennine Inheritance. The project is through Stage 1 of the Leader project, in the sum of £100,000. Heritage Lottery would be considering a bid in June. Talks are going ahead about Community Asset Transfer.

Town Hall - A very good launch had taken place and negotiations are now under way for a feasibility study. Funding applications will be lodged with Yorkshire Forward and the Big Lottery for an enterprise centre.

Janet Battye and Andrew Bibby were congratulated for the professionalism they had brought to the project.

Board members' issues

Traffic - The sub-committee had met with Nigel Pickles but with very little progress. Discussions took place on the 20 mph speed limit, traffic calming measures and integration of traffic lights.

Low Carbon Rural Capitals - Hebden Bridge has been chosen as one of four places in Yorkshire for this project and a pilot study would be carried out on biomass wood fuel, a recharge scheme and micro hydro. These are through the first stage of the application for funding from Leader.

Sustainable Communities - It was **agreed** that this item be deferred to the next agenda and a CMBC officer be asked to speak to it. **Action – AB**

John Fawcett Centre - The church is itself funding re-roofing and the installation of a new boiler. Four focus groups were working on issues to do with Art education, Youth, Spiritual wellbeing and Housing. A peace garden was under consideration. There are plans to talk to Metro about the bus stops in front of the church.

Officers' reports

UCVR - a meeting on the canal was scheduled for 22 April and the steering group would be meeting a week later.

Jason Boom - The old Christmas lights had been dismantled and Calderdale had been requested to fund new lights. Tree works were being carried out. Illumination of the packhorse bridge and staging on the island for the 500 celebrations was discussed. There was some small progress regarding the three derelict shop frontages on Market Street.

CMBC - There would be a cycling festival in 2010, but not organised by CMBC. A funding application to Yorkshire Forward's Geographic Programme was under consideration.

Partnership business

Parking group - A survey by students would be carried out in the Autumn.

Constitution working party The revised constitution and Articles of Memorandum were on their way but needing further consultation with AB. **Action – AB**

Treasurer's report - Circulated previously and accepted. Draft accounts were also accepted subject to independent scrutiny. **Action – AB**

Announcements

Open Day at Wainsgate Chapel - 10 May, 1 to 5 p.m.

Hebden Bridge Arts Festival programme to be published on 11 May

A food festival to run throughout May

Handmade Parade to take place on 20 June.

Any other business

Community toilets - CMBC prepared to run a pilot project in Hebden Bridge. LC offered to help. **Action – JB**

CMBC's Shop local campaign - PW volunteered to help.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Date of next meeting - Monday 22 June 2009