

HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held on 14th December 2010

1. **Present:** David Fletcher (Chair), Andrew Bibby (Company Secretary) Cllr Janet Battye (Minutes), Kath Burnett and Steve Murty (HB Business Association), Polly Webber, Belinda James (resident and Friends of Calder Holmes Park), Cllrs Robin Dixon and Lesley Jones, and Emma Housman (Hebden Royd Town Council), Mark Humphreys (CMBC), Lesley MacKay (Transport group), Dave Nelson (HB Arts Festival), Susan Quick, Jim Rawcliffe and Hywel Morgan (local residents).
2. **Apologies:** Dongria (Treasurer and Tressponsibility), Bear (Transition Town), Gerard Liston, Steve Bates (PCSO), Ann Holdsworth (CMBC).
3. **Minutes of last Meeting and matters arising (18th October):** Agreed.
 - **Traffic lights and flow of traffic:** concerns raised that there is some congestion caused by the delay in traffic lights changing. It may be that there are too many sets of traffic lights and perhaps a rethink is needed and more of a “shared space” approach needs to be adopted. AGREED that LM would take this up with CMBC Highways in the first place with a view to a meeting being called.
4. **Guests: HB Business Association:** The Partnership wants to make sure that it is working closely with HBBA especially in hard economic times and to look ahead with them in revising the Action Plan. It was agreed to postpone major discussion of this to the January meeting, along with reviewing the Christmas promotion.
5. **dCarbDEEP project:** Polly introduced this – this is a domestic energy efficiency project funded through Leeds City Region. As part of a pilot projects, trying out a new approach to energy efficiency, an energy audit is being conducted in 2 areas of HB and a carbon credit voucher being issued free to spend locally prior to the “Green Deal” starting next year.
6. **Canal towpath:** Apologies from Ann Holdsworth. The plan is to resurface from the bridge at the end of Holme St, over the aquaduct, funded through LTP2 to improve the cycleway with resin bonded gravel over tarmac. The plan is in the library for consultation until the end of January. There are concerns locally about putting a rail along the top of the aquaduct because this is a listed structure.

7. Priority projects:

Hebden Bridge Town Hall: Planning is proceeding to start the building work because there is a tight timescale to spend the CommunityBuilders money by Sept 2011. The carpark is to close at the end of January and the Waterfront Hall at the end of March. There is Christmas drop-in and a session for creative businesses who may become tenants on January 20th which is already attracting interest.

Pennine Horizons (DF) The Heritage Lottery application is “unsubmitted” which means that it is eligible to be submitted in March/June and the project is being amended. The archives are being digitalized, etrails will be countryside walks with a heritage commentary, and an exhibition area under discussion (planned for the ground floor). Some other facilities may have to go into Stage 2. The matched funding requirements have been relaxed so £1m could be bid for.

Central St (RD): Funding for this from the Town Council has had to be removed from the budget to comply with the requirements of the auditors. JB checking what is still available from CMBC. A smaller scheme to the school/s could still be possible but it is disappointing that insufficient frontagers responded positively which has made the full scheme not viable.

Market relocation (JB): No further progress on this although there is now interest in asset transfer.

Calder Holmes Park: Although the leaseholder has invested money in the pavilion, it has not opened this year. The funding is nearly complete for the skatepark, contracts are being sorted out and the work should start in the New Year and open in Spring. The next priority is the bowling green for which the Town Council is getting plans drawn up.

Arts: The **Festival** is being planned for 25th June to 10th July with the programme launched on 8th May. Spaces in the programme are available: there will be a public meeting in the early Spring.

HX7 jazz club celebrates its first birthday on Jan 27th.

Wainsgate chapel has been very cold in the bad weather.

John Fawcett Centre: No news in the absence of GL.

8. Asset transfers:

RD reported on progress with this: the Town Council leading on allotments, Calder Holmes Park, the public toilets and the market. Joint interest in the Picture House. Discussions underway with CMBC and detailed information being requested. JB concerned that progress should be made with these so that an opportunity is not missed !

9. Officer reports:

Hebden Royd Town Council: Welcome to Emma, the new Officer. She is starting work on a District Plan for Hebden Bridge over the next 2 years – a vision for the next 5 to 10 yrs – with a steering group, and involving young people.

CMBC/UCVR: although UCVR is continuing, its funding is now tailing off.

10. Partnership business:

a. **Directors:** After the AGM, there are some vacancies to co-opt to. RD to become a Board member for 3 yrs.

b. **Chair and Secretary:** It has been proposed that new appointments should be made to these positions. AB is prepared to continue to be the Secretary until the next AGM but invitations will be made to be Chair.

c. **Treasurer's report:** No payments have been made except for room hire. £1,700 still in the bank.

11. Any Other Business: SQ raised the question about disability access for Partnership meetings. Hope Baptist (the Fawcett Centre) is more accessible and meetings could be held there on a Tuesday night after 7.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 31st January 2011: 7pm: HB Town Hall