

HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held on 1st February 2010

1. **Present:** David Fletcher (Chair), Lindsay Smales, Mark Humphreys (CMBC), Becky Liddell, Jane Blomfield, Gerard Liston, Lesley MacKay, Dave Nelson, Susan Quick, Steve, Penny Eastwood, Louise Harrison, Cllr Janet Battye (Minutes)
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Marshall; Andrew Bibby; Bear; Sally Naylor
3. **Minutes:** Discussion about the **Action Plan** held over to next meeting: it is important that people have read it beforehand.
4. **Station Lift:** There have been several meetings as part of Friends of the Station. Feasibility study done in 2006. The existing goods lift shaft is the most appropriate way. Crossing the line is not appropriate. Currently people with a disability have to travel to Rochdale to change lines and then return to Hebden Bridge in order to be able to get off the train. A taxi service can also be provided. Each train now only has space for one wheelchair Stations have been graded A to E (which is HB's grade). Footfall is some 50,000 – it is calculated that 12% have mobility problems – ie some 6,000. HB Partnership is urged to use its influence. David Fletcher has put estimates on paper – a written commentary is needed.
5. **Parking survey:** Lindsay Smales presented the findings of a parking survey conducted by his Urban Planning students at Leeds Met. They did some survey work including taking photographs and drew some conclusions from this. It is not a detailed study nor a 100% accurate survey. PE asked about oil burning and pollution/opposed to more car parking. There will be the launch this year of HB as a Transition Town. LS said that car parking is an issue as there is no overall plan as in most market towns. Garden St had lots of problems dumped on it. Hebden Bridge needs an Action Plan. Parking is cheap in HB. Rigorous consultation is needed. CBC have no parking strategy or any town centre strategy either !

Conclusions of the students' work:

- Charge slightly more to park
- Extend car parking provision
- Resident parking schemes needed
- More double yellow lines
- Timelimits for all on-street parking

This report is also being presented to the Town Council.

6. **UCVR logos:** LH presented these for discussion: one for each town, all symbolic of Renaissance activity. Alternative proposition for HB: the packhorse bridge (especially as it is the 500yr celebrations this year). LH to go back to the logo designer.

7. **Priority projects:**

Central St: letter now going out to all frontagers seeking their agreement to pay, take loan from Credit Union or have a charge on their property. Then to go back to Calderdale Council's Cabinet;

Market relocation: Initial design work long completed: awaiting funding

Calder Holmes Park: Lease for Pavilion should now be being finalized by Calderdale Council so that it can reopen at Easter/early summer. Funding bids completed for skateboarders.

Town Hall: Further consultation on initial design options for the building on 13th February. All welcome !

Pennine Inheritance Project: Asset transfer being applied for – due to go to Cabinet in mid-February. Architects etc working on Stage 3 to go to Heritage Lottery Fund next week. Trails being developed including audiotrails as well as leaflets. 2 being piloted. Public consultation event in April (poss 24th). Branding being developed along with website. Volunteers to be recruited.

John Fawcett Centre: Grant from English Heritage for work on roof now completed. Pennine Housing looking for use of the manse. Community spaces application being made for the garden, and railing round the chapel to be reinstated. 4 phases of discrete spaces and different funding. Bus shelter lease runs out in 2013 and plans being made to open up the garden.

Information from other organizations:

8. **Hebden Royd Town council:** Two members of staff absent at present.

9. **Calderdale Council:** Question about Information boards being out-of-date: to be investigated.

10. **Police:** Sgt Norbury (NPT) reported that crime is reducing: no burglaries since November. Police have arrested and cautioned some people involved in vandalism to cars in Station Rd.

Priorities from recent ward meeting:

- a. Concerns about Broughton St being followed up

- b. Old Town area: 2 families involved in Anti-Social Behaviour and referrals to other agencies are underway.

11.Changes to Memorandum and Articles: People need to see the whole document. Question about why number of Directors should reduce from 20 to 14. If this happens, are there other ways of involving people ? Agreed that there should be general membership as well as Directors/formal Committee.

12.Treasurer: Report accepted: new Treasurer still required. This is becoming even more urgent.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th April: 7pm: HB Town Hall