

## **Hebden Bridge Partnership Limited Management Board Draft minutes of meeting held on Monday 22 June 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Council Offices, Hebden Bridge**

**Present** - David Fletcher (Chair), Andrew Bibby (Secretary & Treasurer), Cllr Lesley Jones (HRTC), Diana Monahan (Local History), Gwen Goddard (Environment & minute taker), Lee Comer (Heads), Lesley Mackay (Sustainable Transport), Dave Nelson (Arts Festival)

**Guests** - Louise Harrison (UCVR), Chris Evans (CMBC), Hazel Stebbs (TTC), Jason Boom (HRTC), Sally Naylor (Calder & Colne Rivers Trust)

**Apologies for absence** - Gerard Liston, Richard Hull, Michael Newton, Polly Webber.

**Declarations of interest** - DF agreed to leave the meeting for the item on Garden Street.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting** - These to be amended to record the Partnership's full support and endorsement of the plans outlined for the Fawcett Centre.

**2. Matters arising** - The accounts had been independently scrutinised and approved. The Treasurer's report and annual accounts were therefore approved.

**3/ Guest speaker** - Sally Naylor gave a presentation on the work of the Calder & Colne Rivers Trust. Five projects were outlined, a major obstacle to the work on the Calder being the presence of weirs where the Environment Agency intends to try to install fish passes. Sally was thanked and support for the work expressed.

### **4. Priority projects**

**Pennine Inheritance** (note new name) Applications for funding have been submitted and approval had been obtained for Stage 1 of both the Leader Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund. An award of £49K had been granted for help with Stage 2.

**Town Hall** - Progress with the Community Asset Transfer had been made. When formal approval was received certain areas of the Town Hall would be made available for community use. For the new-build part of the scheme £4 million would be needed and applications would be made to the Community Builders Fund and the European Regeneration Development Fund. There were now 400 Friends of the Town Hall. There will be no change for current users of the Town Hall.

**Central Street** - Progress had been made. Written confirmation of the willingness of frontage holders to contribute was awaited.

**Park and Memorial Garden** - A lengthman had been appointed to clear the park on Saturdays and Sundays. Planning permission was awaited for change of use to café for the pavilion. Council officers are responsible for remedying the drainage problem in the water play area. Improvements to the war memorial were in preparation.

**Market relocation** - in the absence of Cllr Battye who had been delayed at another meeting, no report.

### **5. Events and initiatives**

**Arts Festival** - DN reported and distributed material. The Festival this year had extended to include Mytholmroyd. The Arts Festival organisers were congratulated.

**Canal Festival** - This would take place from 11 to 18 July.

**Walkers are Welcome Weekend** - This would take place on 12 and 13 September.

**International Exchanges** - These would take place from 16 to 28 July (Warstein) and 28 to 31 August (St Pol).

**Handmade Parade** - The organisers were thanked and congratulated.

**Brass Band Festival** - The organisers were thanked and congratulated.

#### **6. Officers' reports**

**CMBC** - An update on the CANOPY project was presented. More accommodation for visitors was coming on line. Questions were asked about the projected Cycling Festival and CE agreed to take this up. **Action - CE**

**UCVR** - An open day was planned for Mytholmroyd on 8 July. The UCVR website was to be revised and Chris Ratcliffe's name was put forward. **Action - LH**

**HRTC** - The Rotary Club and the Business Association had agreed partially to fund festival lighting for Hebden Bridge with an application in to CMBC for the remainder.

#### **7. Partnership business**

**Treasurer's report** - There had been no movement of monies so nothing to report.

**Annual general meeting – 5 October** - There was general agreement that a format similar to last year's be followed. DF offered to help with its organisation.

**Constitution** - Proposals for the amended constitution are ready and will be brought to the next meeting preparatory to presentation at the AGM. **Action - AB**

#### **8. Any other business**

**500 Group** - To be on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action - AB**

**Picture House** - To be on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action - AB**

**Wainsgate Chapel open day** - DN reported that this had been a great success.

**9. Garden Street** - A short discussion took place on what the community might like to see developed on that site.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

**Date of next meeting - Tuesday 18 August 2009 at 7 p.m.**