

Hebden Bridge Partnership

Minutes of meeting held on Mon June 28th, at HB Town Hall, at 7pm

Present: David Fletcher (chair), Bear, Cllr Lesley Jones, Lesley Mackay Cllr Robin Dixon, Andrew Bibby, Gerard Liston. In attendance: PCSO Mandeep Kaler, Louise Harrison, Katie Kinsella

Apologies: Cllr Janet Battye, Sally Naylor, Michael Newton, Susan Quick, Mark Humphreys, Penny Eastwood, Polly Webber, Jason Boom

1. There were no declarations of interest. Minutes of April meeting were approved as a correct record

2. Matters arising:

a) Action plan. David reported that two meetings of the sub-group had been held, and that another two are likely to be necessary. The revised plan will include the *human* aspect of Hebden Bridge. He noted that seven original projects had been successfully completed, but that nine remained.

Topics/initiatives to add included: Central St, market relocation, Hope Baptists, conservation area, housing policy, open space.

Louise to ensure Bear receives notice of the sub-committee meetings

b) Student research into Hebden Bridge. Copies of presentations made by Leeds Met students undertaking field work in Hebden Bridge have been given to the partnership, and will be passed to the action plan sub-committee. In the interim, they may be consulted at Innovation.

It was agreed that **Louise** will ask Lindsay Smales for a CD of the presentations

3. Projections and actions

a) Bear reported on the launch of the Transition Town initiative, in May. HB is now the 223rd transition town. The aim is to address two issues, climate change and peak oil. The emphasis will be on localisation. 62 people came to the follow-up meeting, and another meeting will be held on 3 July, 2pm, Salem Field. Website is www.hebdenbridgetransitiontown.org.uk

b) Allotments in Heptonstall. Andrew relayed news of the allotment society at Heptonstall, received from Louise Marix Evans

c) Pennine Horizons. David reported. Digitisation of the archives was being carried out, focusing on local history society, Pennine Heritage and Alice Longstaff collections. Two trails had been devised; the aim was to produce six a year. The asset transfer for the Youth House was progressing

d) Central St. **David** still to write to landowners on Partnership's behalf Robin reported that he had visited landowners about 6-8 weeks previously. A united response was necessary, but was not impossible

e) Parks. Lesley J reported that the pavilion was due to open the previous weekend, but was awaiting CMBC inspection. The Sport England decision on the skate park was awaited. Agreed, **Lesley J** to invite Paul Maguire (café proprietor) to our next meeting

f) Town Hall. Andrew reported that a number of immediate changes had been made since asset transfer in April, including the creation of the Waterfront hall and the changes to the Greenwood Room. The wedding licence had now been received. The planning application for the capital works was due in mid-July, and a public briefing day will be held on July 24.

g) Markets – deferred

i) John Fawcett centre. Gerard reported that the community rooms and kitchens had been refurbished. The church was organising a Festival of Faith and Spirituality on July 23-25. The garden initiative was being progressed with Calder Food Hub. The roof would be repaired, and scaffolding would be up for 3 months in the Autumn. A problem remained in relation to the manse. The church would like it to become social housing, but £500K investment would be needed.

j) Station. Lesley M reported on the May 28 launch of the photo displays

4. Officer reports

a) Andrew reported that Jason Boom had forwarded to the Partnership information about the Academy of Urbanism shortlisting HB for an award. Agreed, **David** to coordinate, together with **Lesley M** and **Robin**. **Katie** advised that she was prepared to be involved.

b) Louise reported on the successful UCVR conference held the previous day. She reminded members of the canal event in Tod on July 8.

c) Mandeep for the police reported that problems were being experienced with a HB pub with a late night licence. A public liaison meeting was fixed for 27 July.

5. Other matters

a) It was agreed to hold a discussion at a future meeting on the health of the town's retail sector, with the Business Association to be invited

6. Partnership business

Andrew reported that CMBC had advised that Cllrs Janet Battye and Nader Fekri were the council's nominations for the current year. The resulting resignation of Cllr Richard Marshall was noted, and thanks were expressed for his contribution.

The sole financial transaction, apart from an erroneous credit by CMBC of the bank account (subsequently refunded to CMBC) was the £20 room booking fee from April.