

WHALEY4WARDS

Wednesday 22nd June 2011

Second Meeting

MINUTES

1. Welcome: the following were present:

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chair/WBTC
Cllr Martin Thomas	Secretary/ WBTC / Amenity Soc
Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Pat. Lloyd	Whaley Br Well Dressing
Cllr Suzanne Lomas	FV COGS / WBTC
Joan Macbeth	Whaley Br Well Dressing
Dorothy Markides	Whaley Br Well Dressing
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Barry Rudd	Whaley Water Weekend event
Sandy Schofield	FV COGS
Robin Wignall	Friends of WB Station
Cllr Anne Winter	WBTC / Amenity Soc

2. Apologies for absence: these were received from:-

Sam Gray	WB Association
Cllr Linda Leather	HPBC / WBTC
Mike Morris	HPBC Regeneration Officer
Cllr John Pritchard	HPBC / WBTC/Amenity Society
Stephanie Raybould	Clerk WBTC
Cllr Ray Wild	WBTC

3. Minutes of inaugural meeting held 1st June were approved

4. Matters arising: None

5. Appointment of officers as follows::

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chair/Press Officer
Cllr Martin Thomas	Secretary
Cllr Anne Winter	Deputy Chair / Deputy Secretary

6. Update of Whaleybridge.com

Provisional details of the group have been put on the website.

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Defining, Proposing and Implementing community supported achievable projects across the 4 Wards of Whaley Bridge.

7. Update on Funding

WBTC have allocated an initial £1k to regeneration from the Election Expenses budget (a further £1k may be forthcoming if the is made in due course).

Community Support grants of up to £1k are available from DCC and details will be circulated with these minutes.

Is there a balance of funds left with the previous Regeneration Forum? Has Cllr B Taylor any funds available through DCC? **Action 1:** Cllr Goldfinch to ascertain

8. Organisation & Administration:

It was agreed to set up W4W as a 'group', with a simple initial constitution, to have individual and group membership, to have a quorum for meetings, to ensure funds used fairly (ie avoid 'packed' votes), and with officers as recorded above.

Action 2: Cllr Goldfinch, Cllr Thomas & Sandy Schofield.

The step-up to becoming a charity will be considered if the need arises. Until then it is envisaged the group will look to other parties such as the WBTC and member groups to be project administrators, sometimes in collaboration. VAT recoverability was a factor in using WBTC where possible, and also governance considerations and established reputation.

The need to have a bank account was not identified at this stage, and the barriers to opening such were noted, in the light of money laundering legislation.

It was agreed that the group will be called 'Whaley4Wards'.

Meetings to have 2 hour max duration.

9. Fund raising

Ezra Garside offered his skills in negotiation, and using his network

It was agreed to apply for membership to High Peak CVS so as to access additional best practice advice.

Action 3: Cllr Thomas

It was agreed to tabulate the possible grants and sources of funds that might be available. (seek support in this from 'RAD' – Rural Action Derbyshire)

Action 4: Cllr Thomas

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10. Sponsorship

It was agreed to identify sponsorship opportunities within the community from groups, local businesses.

Action 5: Ezra Garside

11. Projects identified by members

The list circulated at the start of the meeting was discussed in detail.

Additional projects identified in discussion:

- Sponsored notices at FV COGS field
- Aim for a Best Kept Village Award
- W4W guide as an alternative to the Town Guide, to be issued in 4 ward versions, each with a ward walk on the back cover (to encourage retention of the guide)
- A free Town Centre hotspot zone, possibly sponsored by advertising

Actions identified:

Action 6: Martin Thomas to determine if a litter pick could be done under the aegis of WB Amenity Society's Professional Indemnity policy

Action 7: Litter Pick, sign cleaning campaign & site walkabout to be organised by Cllr Goldfinch, Cllr S. Lomas, Cllr Thomas & Barry Rudd – on successive days in FV & Whaley Bridge.

Invite other groups such as Football Club or Scouts / probation services to join in on this.

Action 8: Cllr Goldfinch to establish which is the responsible body to repair the pot-holes on the linear park under Chapel Road bridge, and to ask them to make suitable repairs.

Action 9: Ezra Garside offered to look at design ideas for the Whaleybridge.com banner, and to report at the next meeting.

It was agreed to add Whaley4Wards to the banner and maybe to design an appropriate logo encompassing the 4 wards, alternatively a suitable strap line.

It was agreed that sponsorship would be inappropriate for this.

Action 10: Cllr Goldfinch to seek quotes to fix pot-holes on New Road

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Action 11: Cllr S Lomas to approach collages to determine if they are interested in partnering on community projects where trainee skills might be used

Action 12: Cllr Goldfinch to ask Wayne Bexton whether there is any money within current budgets to add signage to Fernilee via Shallcross Incline.

12. Ranking of projects: The list of projects was discussed and ranked. Cllr Goldfinch offered to record these and to update the list.

13. Choice of initial project or projects:

- a. Litter Pick in FV & Whaley, to be combined with sign cleaning and a survey of things requiring attention
- b. Ask DCC to fix pot-holes on linear park
- c. Survey benches and street furniture across the town, and establish which are maintained by WBTC
- d. Renew Whaley Bridge.com banner
- e. Inventory community resources such as marquees etc. to be added to Whaleybridge.com **Action13** Cllr Goldfinch

14. Project implementation- project sub-group to progress initial projects?

Carried forward, except as recorded above.

15. Next steps; actions as recorded

16. Next Meeting: Ideas to encourage tourism to be discussed

Cllr Thomas to determine if the Mechanics Institute reading room is available for 26 or 27 July.

17. AOB

It was agreed to update HPBC regeneration page using a suitably modified version of the current W4W page on Whaleybridge.com, using the current logo for the time being. The page on Whaleybridge.com will also be updated following this meeting. **Action14:** Cllr Goldfinch