

Whaley4Wards

Minutes of the 32nd Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st October 2014

at the Mechanics Institute

1. Welcome

The following were present:

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	WBTC (Chairman)
Cllr John Pritchard	WBTC (Secretary)
Cllr Anne Winter	WBTC/WB Amenity Society
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC
Cllr David Lomax	DCC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC/COGS
Barry Rudd	W3
Ezra Garside	Local resident/Businessman

The following left the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion on Agenda Item 4 (WW1 Commemorations):

Chris Simpson	
Julian Thompson	
Paul Evans	HPBC Park Ranger
Sue Rowlands	Uniting Church
Jean Barton	Uniting Church

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Martin Thomas	WBTC/WB Amenity Society
Phil Lomas	Self Employed Engineer (ex Dorothea)
Stephanie Raybould	WBTC Town Clerk

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 29th July 2014

It was noted that Cllr Lomax represented DCC, and with this amendment the Minutes were **AGREED** as a correct record. **Historic Plaques**

It was **AGREED** that JP liaise with Sue Rowlands over the matter of the waymarking of the Heritage Walk.

4. WW1 Commemorations

Short presentations were given by Chris Simpson and Julian Thompson about their respective materials which would be able to be displayed at a two-day local exhibition. Sue Rowlands and Jean Barton from the Uniting Church offered space within their Church on the ground floor that would be available to be used on Friday, 21st November 2014 between the hours of 10am and 4.30pm, and on Saturday, 22nd November from 10am. Material which

was not removed overnight would be able to be secured at the Church. A planning meeting for the exhibition will be held tomorrow (ie on Wednesday, 22nd October), to which everybody is invited, to discuss the detailed logistics, including the promotion of the event. The Chairman will, then, notify the Town Clerk of the information to appear in the forthcoming quarterly Newsletter of the Town Council, which is delivered to local homes. The Chairman has prepared a bid for a grant of £500 from the HPBC WW1 Commemorations Fund, and this has been submitted by the Town Council. It was **AREEED** that a sum of £150, from the Regeneration Budget, should be put towards the total cost (£650) of the project.

5. Regeneration Grant Financial Update

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION FOR THIS DRAFT MINUTE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND WILL BE ISSUED PRIOR TO THE MEETING ON TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER 2014.

6. Correspondence from HPBC regarding grant

The following email was received from Helen Pakpahan (HPBC Economic Development Officer) on 14th October, the contents of which were **NOTED**:

From: Pakpahan, Helen [mailto:Helen.Pakpahan@highpeak.gov.uk]

Sent: 14 October 2014 10:28

To: whaleybridgetowncouncil@supanet.com

Subject: Regeneration grant

Hi Stephanie,

Further to your acceptance of the 2014/15 grant, and six months into the financial year, I am writing to enquire about your current actual and projected spend for the regeneration grant this year.

As you will be aware, we permitted £11,386 of 13/14 budget (including match) to be rolled forward into this financial year but asked that this amount was spent before any draw-down of 2014/15 allocation.

Can you therefore let me know

- your current actual expenditure;*
- approximate timescale/budget of projects if there have been any changes; and,*
- can you confirm that you still propose to spend the full amount of 14/15 grant on top of the roll forward before the end of the financial year.*

If you are unlikely to spend part/all the grant, we would prefer early notification as this will allow us to re-allocate budget to support business and regeneration within the district.

Please note, as per letter of 01/05/2014, we are not proposing to allow 'roll-forward' of any underspent grant unless there are exceptional circumstances.

In my letter of 01/05/14, we also asked partnerships for their views on a potential change to the administration of the grant to make it simpler. If you have any comments on this, please could you let me know as soon as possible.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me,

*Kind regards,
Helen Pakpahan*

*Economic Development Officer
High Peak Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
helen.pakpahan@highpeak.gov.uk*

0345 129 7777

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Pritchard would ascertain whether the Town Clerk had notified Helen Pakpahan that the Town Council support the proposed changes in the administration of the HPBC Regeneration Grant Scheme (reference correspondence of 1st May and 14th October 2014 from Helen Pakpahan).

7. Actions Roundup and Next Steps

A new seat has been installed in the agreed position (between the reconditioned BT Kiosk and Network Rail's existing notice board). (NB This seat was made by Leander; it has no back and is similar to the two new seats near the War Memorial in Memorial Park). It was **AGREED** that PL's co-ordination of this work should be acknowledged.

Mike Whelan of Elnor Lane has installed the new bench (that had been intended for the space beside the BT Kiosk, but was too long) to be fixed on land in front of the Bicycle Shop (between the lower end of Old Road and the White Hart Public House), and re-installed the bench that was there to a site at the junction of Whaley Lane/Start Lane/Stoneheads (where the old wooden seat had rotted and disintegrated).

8. Village Entrance Signs

Conditional approval was granted by HPBC on 1st September 2014 for the planning application (**HPK/2014/0282**) for Advertisement Consent.

It was **AGREED** that the signature on the artwork should not be included on the final sign. The following text, subject to final agreement with Rosemary Wignall, should acknowledge what Rosemary had done: **'ORIGINAL ARTWORK, AND RIGHTS OF REPRODUCTION, DONATED TO WHALEY4WARDS BY ROSEMARY WIGNALL 2014'**.

(NB The text is only intended to be seen by someone on foot examining the sign, so it should not 'scale' with the size of the sign. It should be in Calibri font (or similar), Colour black. It will be at the bottom left of the sign, hugging the surround border. The final length of the above acknowledgment on the full size sign should be no more than about 20cm.)

9. Linear Park Interpretation Panel

There was nothing to report.

10. Shallcross Incline Interpretation Panel

It was **AGREED** that JP will check whether SR has been able to liaise with Sue Stockdale (Clerk: Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council) about the 'mechanics' of charging the cost of any

time spent on the research and preparation of the content of this Interpretation Panel to the HPBC Regeneration Grant. It was **AGREED** that a sum of £50, from the Regeneration Budget, should be made available to Mary Nother for additional 'trail' leaflets.

11. Other Future Projects

Bridge at Tom Brad's Croft: Cllr Lomax referred to the dangerous state of the footway (now comprising old wooden railway 'sleepers') between Bridge Street and Tom Brad's Croft (near the Goyt Valley Medical Centre). This footway used to be a railway bridge over the River Goyt on the former Cromford and High Peak Railway. A very dangerous hole has been marked with yellow paint, but nobody in Whaley Bridge seems to know who is responsible for taking any action, or bearing the cost, to carry out the repairs that are required in several areas. It was **AGREED** that:

- Cllr Lomax would arrange a site meeting with Mr Andrew Stokes, an Executive Director at High Peak Borough Council, who has overall responsibility for issues within Whaley Bridge ward
- Cllr Pritchard would ask the Town Clerk to contact Caroline Wheatley (Estates Officer at High Peak Borough Council) to ascertain who is the owner of this bridge.

Christmas 2014: It was **AGREED** that:

- each shop with an existing bracket should be provided with a small Christmas tree and lights for the 'shop front Christmas Tree display' at an approximate total cost of £2,500 (ie 50 @ £50), including erection and dismantling
- a new set of lights should be purchased for the main Christmas tree to be erected adjacent to the Jodrell Arms.

Canal Basin Area: Barry Rudd referred to the agreement between the Canal & River Trust and the local W3 volunteer group whereby the group has 'adopted' the Whaley Bridge 'arm' of the Peak Forest Canal and the Canal Basin, and is making environmental improvements and raising awareness and public use of this historical area. BR will obtain estimates from CRT for a litter bin, new picnic benches, maintenance of existing benches (and the area around these benches) and tree pruning.

Market Street Shop Fronts and Pavement: It was **AGREED** that the matter of shop fronts and the dangerous state of sections of the pavement in Market Street be deferred to the next meeting.

Extension of Shallcross Incline Greenway: It was **AGREED** that this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute.

13. AOB: None.