



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 October 2009 at the Vale Vision shop

Present: Chris Cherry (CC), Linda Cherry (LC), Bob Littleford (BL), Liz Stanley (LS), Mike Doughty (MD), Miranda Clifton (MC), Valerie Moores (VM) volunteer, observer by agreement of the board.

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Geoff Wheeler (GW)

2. **Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on 24 September:** Agreed to be a true record with the addition of the agreement to send a representative (LC) to a meeting of the Good Neighbours scheme with SDC.

Matters arising: (Numbering refers to minutes of 20 August):

- i) 2 i) Filing cabinet lock/keys: in progress. Agreed the keys to the filing cabinet will need to be kept where accessible to all board members. **Action VM/CC**
- ii) 12) Berkeley Vale workstream: No action taken as yet; contact for transport group to be ascertained. **Action MC**
- iii) AOB i) Sculpture trail: BL/LC had found a site on the for the parrot. Fixing to be arranged. **Action BL**
- iv) AOB iii) Lone working: policy in progress. **Action CC**
- v) AOB iv) Website: looking much better but still some corrections needed. A link to be added to Dursley.glos.org.uk. Inform GW. Action VM Also noted there is no link to the Dursley website from SDC's.
- vi) LC reported on the meeting with the Good Neighbours which had discussed finance problems facing the scheme. No immediate action required from VV, but could offer advice on how to put in good bids for funding.

3. **Correspondence:**

- i) GL11 project - notice of AGM 28 October; all invited.
- ii) GRCC - advertising vacancy for networking assistant.
- iii) NHS Glos - invitation to conference 'Innovate' - for individual action.
- iv) SDC - the update required as part of the grant level agreement had been favourably received, expecting to place a trainee tourism officer with VV in April.
- v) marketing course - VM volunteered to attend

4. **Financial report:**

- i) MD tabled his report; it included the expected second half of revenue due from SDC.
- ii) An invoice had been received from GCC re tourist signs; this would be cleared with existing funds with no further liability.
- iii) All the funding from Awards for All had now been spent.
- iv) Ernest Cook funding - report not yet sent. **Action MD**
- v) 'What's On' - reminder invoices needed to go out. **Action MD**
- vi) Barclaycard for LC - in progress with the bank.
- vii) Grant application to DTC for one-off 'What's On' required Health & Safety and Equal Opportunities policies to support. **Action CC**
- viii) It was noted that it costs £450/month to run the shop; this will need to be reconsidered soon.

5. **Projects progress:**

- **Cycleway:** BL reported on recent developments:
 - i) Meeting with Emma Shibley, Schools Travel Plans officer and officers from GCC had concluded that a route from Hopton School across the river would require a new bridge and causeway against flooding, so not financially viable; the track beside the Rec. to Everlands School could be surfaced to provide a link to the cycleway.

- ii) It was suggested that some remaining VV funding might be used to improve the footpath along Hopton Green.
- iii) Agreed that, at the Littlecombe liaison meeting, the issue of how the siting of the hospital might impact on the cycleway and routing of paths be raised. **Action BL**
- iv) Sustrans - no update as yet on Uley/area south of Sundeala

- **Newsletter:**

- v) Quotes for printing 1500 copies obtained - to be forwarded to CC. **Action GW**
- vi) Cost for in-house printing to be calculated for comparison. **Action MD**

- **Built environment:**

LS had previously circulated an action plan; the following points were raised in discussion:

- vii) There had not yet been the opportunity to raise this with GL11 stakeholders meeting and DTC had yet to be contacted. It was agreed that a plan like Nailsworth's could only be produced with close co-operation of all those having an interest. To be raised at the next joint VV/cllrs meeting and followed up thereafter. **Action LS**
- viii) The project would concentrate on buildings in Dursley, linking in with the Town Centre Design study already completed. Copy to be forwarded to LS. **Action CC**

- **Snicket map:**

- ix) CC reported on work in progress

6. 6 monthly meeting with councillors:

Arrangements were confirmed: arrival 6.30 for 6.45pm; parish/town councils had been invited - response only from N Nibley (interest in Breakheart).

Reminders to go to councils. **Action CC**

2 power points slides each on cycleway, BL; sculpture trail, CC; built environment, LS; Lister Hall, GW; Breakheart, GW; Walking for Health. Whole presentation to be compiled by **CC/BL**

7. Cotswold Vale National Trail: LC reported on meeting with Cotswold Trail National Trails Officer; promotion of Dursley Walks and Cotswold Way had been discussed. A meeting to be arranged.

Action LC

8. A.O.B:

- i) CC – request for agenda items in advance of meetings; AOB should only be matters for information or early notice of items for next agenda.
- ii) VM - Festival meetings - agreed to keep a link with the festival, and possibility of providing parallel activities e.g. walks, sculpture trail event.
- iii) CC - a sculpture trail meeting needed to be organised: another open day; new sculptures; interpretation board. Repairs of vandalism damage were underway.

9. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 17 November at 7pm in the VV shop.

(Meetings on 3rd Thursday of each month)