



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21 May 2009 at the Vale Vision shop

Present: Chris Cherry (CC), Bob Littleford (BL), Mike Doughty (MD), Miranda Clifton (MC)
Also present as observers: Val Moores; Liz Stanley

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Linda Cherry (LC), Hilary Fowles (HF), Andrew Buffery (AB), Geoff Wheeler (GW)
The chair welcomed VM and LS who had expressed interest in the work of VV at the AGM, and had been invited to attend the meeting.
2. **Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on 16 April:** agreed to be a true record.
Matters arising: (Numbering refers to minutes of 16 Apr):
 - i) 3 iv) Community garden: Steve Gibbs had emailed re further meeting. It was suggested Felicity Lewis also be contacted in order not to duplicate efforts. **Action CC**
 - ii) 4 ii) Tourist signs: clarification to sought re invoicing. **Action CC/MD**
 - iii) 5 vi) Vale Business Forum: had been invoiced and bill paid for service charge for use of VV facilities.
3. **Matters arising from AGM 27 April 2009:** none arising requiring immediate attention.
4. **Election of officers:** It was proposed that the following be nominated en bloc: Chair: CC; Vice Chair: GW; Company Secretary: GW; Treasurer: MD. Proposed MC, seconded BL. Agreed unanimously.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - i) Leaflets from blood donation service for display in shop
 - ii) Stinchcombe PC: packs of walks leaflets for display. Agreed these be displayed for sale at £5/set. Poster to go in shop window. **Action MC**
6. **Financial report:**
 - i) MD tabled a written report of the year to date. Currently there was finance to run for 7 months.
 - ii) Confirmation had been received from the bank of change of signatories.
 - iii) Grant from Gloucestershire Association for the Disabled (GAD) had included some funding for administration.
 - iv) Invoices had gone out to advertisers in the 'What's ON'; two so far had paid. When advertisers were being asked for copy they would be reminded that payment was necessary for inclusion. (Must remember to let MD know of new advertisers for invoicing.)
7. **Vale Vision projects and funding bids:**
GW and SH had attended a meeting with GRCC re their support for future funding bids. It was agreed that VV volunteers could undertake work for both VBF and BCP
8. **Projects progress:**
 - **Cycleway:** BL reported on recent meetings:
 - i) Information about land ownership along the cycle route had been clarified in discussions with Cam PC and SDC officers; it was agreed that a joint meeting for VV and CPC to talk to Sundeala (landowners) should be arranged. **Action BL/CC**
 - ii) Meeting with Pat Harris of South Cotswold trails, walking the bridleway towards route 41, Gossington.
 - iii) Assurance was needed from SDC that funding could continue to be carried over. **Action SH**
 - iv) He had been contacted by representatives of Dursley Primary School about the possibility of a school connection to the cycleway. The Headteacher of Everlands School had also expressed interest in a connection with the cycleway. Request a copy of the school travel plan. **Action MC**

v) There had been no communication from Sustrans recently.

- **Sculpture trail:**

- i) Disabled access had been improved and praised by the Stroud Access Group, who had made suggestions for further improvements. DTC had passed on complaints about materials used.
- ii) Works for the re-launch needed to be detailed and passed on to DTC for approval. CC has offered for VV representatives to talk to a DTC meeting about the trail.
- iii) Plans for the launch were underway - contact had been made with scouts for woodcraft; Cotswold Green had agreed use of a minibus; Richings had been contacted re burgers; Magnox had agreed the quarry could be used for parking. Board members present (except MD) were available to help on the day.
- iv) Agreed modify VV key rings for sculpture trail 'giveaways' with fliers in Parsonage Street on 27th June, 10 - 11.30am.
- v) There would be a working party on the trail on 6th June.

- **Breakheart Quarry:**

- i) When heads of terms were agreed, the NDA would give a 99 year lease.
- ii) Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust had been invited to join the board of the new community trust but there had been no reply to date.
- iii) N Nibley PC and the NDA would be invited to join the board. The first meeting to be held shortly. Ultimately the Breakheart board would be entirely separate from VV.

- **What's On:**

- i) It was agreed a further quote for printing be obtained from Carters on Taitshill, the usual printer having gone into receivership. **Action MC**
- ii) Agreed the Dursley Festival committee be contacted about advertising on the front page, at a cost of £25. **Action MC**
- iii) Otherwise feature the Sculpture Trail launch.

- **Built environment:** No report

9. Dursley Town Festival:

- i) It was agreed to mount a display on the Rec and have a table where children could make clay models - linking to the sculpture trail.
- ii) Query with festival committee whether VV should pay for a stall; technically not a charity, but non-profit community group. **Action GW**
- iii) Agreed a slide show in shop probably not necessary - footfall by shop would not be great.

10. A O B:

- i) LS - query about a strategy for green spaces, specifically the green in front of the Priory and the Littlecombe development. It was reported that a meeting between St Modwen and the action group was to be arranged by the Town Mayor.
- ii) VM - query whether the VV website has links to/from other websites. Contact Andy Barton, Dursley & Cam Society. **Action CC**
- iii) CC - had received a request that the possibility of an ice rink on the Littlecombe site be looked into. After discussion agreed that VV could not support this at this time.
- iv) CC - shop rota would need to be completed by email; Tuesday afternoons needed to be covered by a board member.
- v) MC - had investigated stands for leaflet display in the shop; these were expensive. VM suggested looking for suppliers of second hand office supplies. **Action VM**
- vi) The visitors were invited to consider becoming directors of VV.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 18 June at 7pm in the VV shop.

(Meetings on 3rd Thursday of each month)