



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 18 June 2009 at the Vale Vision shop

Present: Chris Cherry (CC), Linda Cherry (LC), Hilary Fowles (HF), Bob Littleford (BL), Geoff Wheeler (GW), Miranda Clifton (MC)
Also present as observer: Liz Stanley

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Mike Doughty (MD), Andrew Buffery (AB) Val Moores
2. **Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on 21 May:** agreed to be a true record.
Matters arising: (Numbering refers to minutes of 21 May):
 - i) 2 i) Community garden: GW had contacted Steve Gibbs re further meeting. Felicity Lewis also to be contacted to join the meeting. **Action CC/GW**
 - ii) 2 ii) Tourist signs: still no clarification re invoicing. **Action CC/MD**
 - iii) 4 ii) Stinchcombe walks booklets: poster still to do **Action MC**; write to Stinchcombe PC – VV will sell booklets but cannot pre-pay for them. **Action LC**
3. **Correspondence:**
 - i) Severn Trent: water meter repair. **Agreed** key for meter cupboard should be kept in shop. (The cupboard is behind the 'Bank House' door next to the shop.)
 - ii) Awards for All: time for expending money awarded for sculpture trail extended to 27 July. Any funding remaining thereafter must be returned.
 - iii) Stroud Valley Learning Partnership: information re the formation of a local partnership for learning which will develop and action plan for local learning (work already done by VV/TLC) to take advantage of new funding being made available for partnership bids. **Agreed** VV would support.
 - iv) Gloucester Market Towns Forum: offer of technical assistance for community projects. Dursley Town Council currently not a member of GMTF; contact to discuss. **Action GW**
 - v) Dursley Town Council: information re new grants policy - funding no longer to be automatic; application to be made annually.
 - vi) Dursley police: damage to shop window in recent street fracas. No further action.
4. **Financial report:** MD's written report was tabled. No questions.
5. **Vale Vision projects and funding bids:**
 - i) A representative of GRCC was working with VV and the RDA on writing a bid to the RDPE for funding for the Breakheart project.
 - ii) Cycleway: we need to research funding sources in order to be ready to make applications when land ownership issues are resolved
6. **Projects progress:**
 - **Cycleway:** BL reported on recent meetings:
 - i) Meeting with John Timpany at Sundeala had clarified land ownership issues.
 - ii) Meeting with SDC development control dept: outline planning permission had been granted to Bathurst with some matters reserved re cycleway; still some encumbrances on land towards Box Road which SDC was drawing up a strategy to deal with. It would be 18months before development was begun on this section.
 - iii) Cycleway at the Cam end of Littlecombe would soon be constructed as part of Bloor homes development.
 - iv) Cam High St - Gossington, bridleway: horse riders keen for upgrading of this path; they were taking the lead on this.
 - v) Agreed there be a press release on the next stage of the cycleway, showing the route, stating that the cycleway had featured heavily in discussions relating to planning permission granted for both the Bathurst development and Littlecombe. Info to be passed to AB. **Action BL**

- **Sculpture trail:**
 - i) Disabled access improvement was continuing.
 - ii) Arrangements for the open day and lead up were confirmed. An invitation list would be circulated for comment. AB had issued a press release.
- **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) the summer issue had been completed and sent for printing, to be ready for distribution 27 June
 - ii) a payment spreadsheet of advertisers needed to be set up
- **Newsletter:**
 - i) First draft to be ready end Summer. Adverts £40 for 1/6 page. As yet no sponsor. Quotes needed for printing to compare with in-house production.
 - ii) Newsletter could be emailed to those expressing an interest in VV. A data base of such contacts needs to be built up.
 - iii) VM keen to look at marketing VV.
- **Built environment:** CC reported. AB has found an architect interested in this; relevant email to be circulated. **Action CC**
- **Town Centre Development:** concern expressed that the Town Centre group is only looking at the area/paving around the Town Hall and the Sainsbury's Parsonage St link, but that the whole area along Castle Street needs improving. It was expected that GCC might soon bring forward a plan to sell the small car park area for development. The Urban Design Framework had been commissioned some time ago, and needed to be re-visited. Agreed this should be an agenda item at the next GL11 stakeholders meeting. **Action HF**

7. Dursley Town Festival:

- i) It had been agreed that VV would not have to pay for a pitch for a display. Display to include: cycleway; sculpture trail; What's On; Newsletters; place to sign up for emails/interested to know/do more.
- ii) the shop window would put on a display advertising the festival after the sculpture trail event.

8. VV shop:

- i) A request that window displays be put up carefully to be attractive
- ii) Leaflet display stands had been promised
- iii) More Cam stiles walks and Dursley town map leaflets need; request from clerks. **Action MC**
- iv) Window display - August: town centre plan.

9. Criminal Justice Board and the VCS:

GW had attended the meeting but it was felt not to be appropriate for VV to follow it up.

10. Tourism:

LC had represented VV at the regular tourism meeting at Ebley Mill - useful leaflet swap/information exchange opportunity.

11. A O B:

- i) LS - query as to whether it was appropriate for her to attend meetings as an observer. Agreed this was as an introduction to VV and potential directorship.
- ii) BL - Yercombe sculpture unfortunately not finished, but photos could be displayed at the sculpture trail open day.
- iii) CC - reported that Portishead council had received a letter from a child resident, very enthusiastic about our sculpture trail.

- iv) GW - July rota would have to be completed by email circulation
- v) MC - had received info about 'Designs for Dursley' website - would VV wish to have a link? Ask Louise Amato to look into. **Action GW**
- vi) HF - reported on GL11 stakeholders meeting discussion about hoe to get people into Dursley once they had visited Sainsbury's.
- vii) HF - investigation needed into methods of marketing VV. e.g. Facebook page? Involve the Youth Forum.
- viii) LC - Should there be a youth member on the VV board? GW had spoken to the youth leader previously about this, awaiting development.
- ix) LC - P & S Jones should have a list of people who may have the shop key, and cc's mobile no in case of query. **Action CC**

12. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 16 July at 7pm in the VV shop.

(Meetings on 3rd Thursday of each month)