



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 22 July 2010 at the Vale Vision shop

Present: Geoff Wheeler (GW) chair, Mike Doughty (MD), Liz Stanley (LS), Miranda Clifton (MC), Valerie Moores (observer)

1. Apologies: Chris Cherry (CC), Linda Cherry (LC), Bob Littleford (BL), Janet Wood (JW)

2. Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on 24 June: agreed to be a true record with the following additions/amendments: (numbering refers to minutes of the June meeting):

- (i) 2 It was agreed that 'members' would be invited to quarterly meetings. Town and parish councils could have membership and select a representative to attend these meetings. Other interested parties could be invited to attend board meetings as observers only.
- (ii) 3d) A declaration of interests policy to be drafted. Action GW. Declarations of interests should be an item on every agenda.
- (iii) 8c) The new Dursley website address: www.dursley.info - for monitoring.

3. Correspondence:

- (i) Glos NHS Trust - invitation to the turf cutting ceremony for new hospital. A director would attend.
- (ii) SDC - Grant level agreement: revised proposition and signed agreement. £2k to be paid to VV in September. Accompanying letter very positive about VV's work. Agreed this should be made more public - read out at next members' meeting.
- (iii) Co-op - cheque for £250 for Sculpture Trail. Suggested this be acknowledged on the website. Action VM
- (iv) GMTF - invitation to Network meeting 29 July, in Coleford. Shirley Hill will attend, can report back to VV.
- (v) Action for Market Towns convention - agreed not to send representative.
- (vi) 'Artworks' - inviting VV to advertise Sculpture Trail in its tourist guide. No action.
- (vii) Cotswold & Forest of Dean Tourism - Inviting VV to advertise in its guide. Agreed to pass to DTC.
- (viii) Rednock School, Chair of Governors - inviting nominations for a partnership governor. Refer to August meeting.
- (ix) Centre for Regional, Economic & Social research - survey. No action.

4. Financial Report: MD tabled the report. There are currently 14 months to run.

- i) Agreed the cost of printing WO for the rest of the year should be included as a fixed commitment.
- ii) Some WO advertisers have not yet paid; to be written to. Action MD
- iii) Entrust membership – VV should investigate full membership to become accredited as route for grant applications. Action GW.
- iv) Discussion as to whether VAT registration is still necessary. To be researched. Action MD.
- v) It was noted there remains only 6 months of the shop lease; future possibilities to be investigated, e.g. the Community Shop. Action MD.

5. Projects progress:

- (i) Sculpture Trail: Agreed that the Open Day had been successful in spite of competition from the World Cup etc. Approximately 100 people had attended.
- (ii) What's On: Copy deadline for the next issue would be 6 September. Breakheart Quarry would now be included. GW advised that the Chantry Centre should not be included immediately. Directors were asked to check whether places receiving WOs needed fewer or more copies delivered.
- (iii) Built Environment: No clear way forward could currently be seen for this project, which had been conceived as more than just recording of listed buildings in the town. It was felt that this may be something the Town Trust could be contacted about. Action MD. Agreed that VV has no immediate plans to work on this project, but that there could be some tie in with the Dursley & Cam community plan.

- (iv) Walking for health: leaflets and posters for the next programme were available and needed to be distributed. Meeting in September to discuss future plans, need for more leaders etc.
- (v) Cycleway: BL had drafted a letter to Sustrans requesting clarification of their support for the project and regarding ownership of the land at the back of the houses on Rowley.

6. **Dursley Town Festival report:** Agreed the VV stall had been a success, but needed more information about VV for display – a brief explanation of what it is and does. Agreed VV should continue to remain part of the festival.
7. **Dursley & Cam Community Plan:** There was some discussion as to the relationship of the current VV strategic plan to a future plan; agreed VV reserve its position regarding this. Agreed VV should be represented on the steering Committee – rep to be elected at next board meeting. It was suggested that the new plan could be a VV project if there were enough volunteers.
8. **GL11 Stakeholders meeting:** GW reported on the meeting which had discussed possibilities around the changes in Dursley and Wotton registration offices.
9. **VV members meetings:** Members would be invited to 4 meetings/year; parish councils which are members of VV would be invited to send one representative to these meetings, the next to be in October. A comprehensive list of members and potential) members is needed. Action GW
10. **Shop window:** It was agreed that the townscape made at the festival be displayed until 23 August, Sports Network display advertising local clubs until mid-Sept to be followed by a Littlecombe update.
11. **A O B:** all checked snicket map sections had been returned to CC.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 19 August at 7pm in the VV shop.

(Meetings on 3rd Thursday of each month)