

HAYDON BRIDGE AND HAYDON PARISH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2019

Present

Mark l'Anson (Chairman), Esmond Faulks, Ian Foster, Eileen Charlton, Henry Swaddle, Will Rutherford, Kate Minto

19.01 Apologies Peter Fletcher

19.02 Declarations of interest None

19.03 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2018

These were accepted as a correct record

19.04 Matters arising not already on the agenda

Additional cheque signatories and online banking: Ian Foster has is now accepted as a cheque signatory and authorised to carry out online banking transactions.

Noted that, in terms of banking, PF and MI have debit cards, MI and IF are able to do online banking transactions and PF, KM and MI are cheque signatories

19.05 Parish Plan

Tourism

Haydon Hundred: MI reported that the trend towards late entries is continuing but that, to date, the overall entry number have remained fairly consistent. There is a need for a greater push on social media which would require someone with the time and inclination to do this. There is also a need to create a mailing list and it was noted that other cycling organisations did not seem to pay the same attention to GDPR regulations as Haydon Hundred, which clearly disadvantaged us. There will be a new route this year in response to participant feedback. This will avoid gated roads and roads with poor surfaces which would mean that fewer marshal would be needed overall. Feed stations will be in the usual locations and it was noted that people who had regularly marshalled at points no longer on the route could be re-

allocated to the feed stations. A meeting of the Haydon Hundred sub group will take place soon to consider all these issues.

Village events sign and poster: PF to put together an A4 flyer, otherwise agreed to take no further action on this matter.

Action: PF

Village entry signs; These are still not in place as there has been difficulty in getting a stencil for the sculptor to work to. WR has produced artwork for a 6-arch bridge based on the logo on the Haydon Bridge website and Top Signs will produce stencils based on this artwork for each of the stones, free of charge. Top Signs plan to email drawings to WR by the end of the week beginning 4th March he will forward them to MI and EC for a decision after which the chosen stencils will be produced and sent to the sculptor. WR has asked that the stones are in place by Easter 2019. Border Stones will deliver the finished entry signs to their final positions where the foundations have already been laid.

Action: WR

Northumberland Day: No further action for the Development Trust however, EC reported that she has raised the issue of road closure charges at a local meeting with Northumberland County Council at which Chief Executive, Daljit Lally was present. EC's point was made on behalf of all small communities who were faced with these charges for all activities but particularly with regard Northumberland Day which is an NCC event. Dhaljit Lally had offered to sanction the Haydon Bridge road closures for Northumberland Day free of charge. Those present were grateful for this generosity and accepted it willingly but noted that the wider issue need to be pursued. After discussion, it was agreed that MI would write to Dhaljit Lally on behalf of the Development Trust explaining the issues around road closure charges for all communities and reiterating the absurdity of this with regard to Northumberland Day being the county council sponsored event.

Action: MI

Village leaflet monies: IF estimated the cost of the leaflets as roughly £300 for 3-4000 leaflets and said not only are costs higher for a smaller print run of the current leaflet but that costs for a re-designed leaflet would be higher again. It was again noted that some local businesses did not appreciate the leaflet and did not want to contribute to the cost of producing it. WR and IF reported that Langley Castle take most leaflets and that the chip shop also use a lot as does The Bridge. It was asked if the information could be produced as a printed list rather than a shiny leaflet which led to discussion on whether the leaflet is providing information or promoting local business. IF reminded everyone that the money raised through the leaflet helps to pay to publicise Haydon Bridge via Northumberland Tourism. MI suggested one way forward would be to for the Development Trust to fund a smaller print run of leaflets

which could then be updated each time more were needed, ensuring greater accuracy of information and that each local business could be asked to set up a direct debit for £20 annually to help support this venture. This was agreed unanimously and Ian Foster is to write a letter to go to local businesses explaining this plan and enclosing a direct debit form.

Action: IF

The Bridge: EC reported that The Bridge is still very busy and that it has been opened on extra days to accommodate local schools celebrating World Book Day which had proved to be very successful. Relationships with the Haydon News over the page set aside for information from The Bridge are improving although there are still some niggles.

Lunch Club: EC reported that arrangements for banking money from the lunch club have been improved so that details of income and expenditure, receipts and surplus cash were delivered to The Bridge each week rather than on an occasional basis as had been the case previously.

19.06 Governance matters

There were none

19.07 Finance and grants

MI reported that the accounts were completed, approved and had been submitted

The issue of additional cheque signatories and authorised online bankers is now resolved and MI noted that almost all of the Development Trust's transactions are now done online. He reported that there is approximately £26,000 in the bank, some of which is ring fenced for work on the riverside, leaving around £20,000 of Development Trust funds. He noted that some funds need to be moved to a deposit account but as yet it had not been possible to find an account that paid a reasonable rate of interest.

Riverside: EC updated everyone on the two meetings that had been held regarding the riverside. It had not been possible to move gravel from the river to improve the car park and so Thomson of Prudhoe are being approached to see if they can help with this as part of the restoration following work done in the river in 2018. Some work has been done on trees by the river on behalf of the Greenwich Estates but some trees have been avoided as they are listed.

The Chief Executive of the Tyne Rivers Trust, who lives in the Parish, is eager to be involved in the riverside work. It was agreed that the funds provided by the Co-op together with £3000 the Parish Council have set aside for this, will find the picnic tables and barbecues. MI felt that the following needed to be available before an order could be placed for furniture and barbecues:

- a plan showing the arrangement of tables and barbecues
- details of who would be installing the picnic tables and barbecues
- costs for improved car parking
- a list of all actions required in the improvement of the riverside
- a budget (noting that PF had provided guide costs)
- a project lead to be identified

EC suggested that a lot of the “gardening work” and scrub clearance could be done by volunteers and said that 3 days had been planned for this work.

EF and EC are interested in providing exercise equipment for adults in the parish. The Parish Council will fund this but it was suggested that the riverside was not the best site for this.

Action: MI and PF to produce a layout plan for the furniture and a list of actions

19.08 Neighbourhood Plan

Carol Price is taking the lead on the Neighbourhood Plan which will be written by a team from NCC and which is focused almost entirely on housing. There will be public meetings on Friday 5th April 6-8 pm and on Saturday 6th April 09.30-11.30 am.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan is a legal document so that if NCC try to do anything that is not in the plan or to vary the plan then they can be challenged in court.

MI said that once the Neighbourhood Plan is complete, there will be a need to reconsider the purpose of the Development Trust and what the Trust will do in the future.

9. Any other business (notified to the chair before the meeting)

There was none.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 22nd May, 7.30pm at The Bridge