

HAYDON BRIDGE AND HAYDON PARISH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2021

Present

Mark l'Anson (Chair), Will Rutherford (Vice Chair), Esmond Faulks, Ian Foster, Eileen Charlton, Henry Swaddle, Peter Fletcher, Kate Minto

21.31 Apologies None

21.32 Declarations of interest None

21.33 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2021

These were accepted as a correct record.

21.34 Matters arising not already on the agenda - None

21.35 Parish Plan

Tourism

Haydon Hundred (HH): MI reported that we had 333 entries (the second highest ever), and 302 on the day. The Covid arrangements worked well and there were a lot of positive comments from riders after the event about the marshalls and how helpful they were, and that it is a charity event. The hog roast went well and Tom made a £75 donation.

The event made a £4667 profit (less the costs from last year's cancelled event).

There was one serious accident, but it was the cyclist's fault and although he went to hospital he had no broken bones.

EC fed back that the team at Nenthead needed more large water holders next year.

Village leaflet: These had not been distributed yet apart to some facilities in the village.

Action: IF to work with PF and WR about distributing the leaflets to outlying businesses

Action: It was agreed to consult with local businesses about whether or not they wanted this type of leaflet in future years, or a simpler leaflet with links to the website where all facilities would be listed

Northumberland days Out Leaflet: IF reported that NCC had not produced a leaflet this year.

John Martin Information panels: HS said that 5 of the panels needed renewing. MI confirmed that the DT did not hold any JM funds as they had all been distributed

Action: HS to get quote for new panels from Marcus Byron. The DT and PC then to liaise over funding new replacement panels for the ones that had worn out.

The Bridge:

Re-opening date: EC reported that there was no re-opening date yet, but NCC had been doing a stocktake to update the books. NCC had provided training for some volunteers but others still needed training before the library could re-open. EC said that the plan was to re-open the library on a gradual basis from mid September. MI stressed the importance of trying to get the library re-opened before the summer was over.

Arch inspection: EC reported that Arch had not yet undertaken this year's inspection of The Bridge. All the paperwork and the fire extinguishers had been updated.

Change of alarm provider: MI reported that Safe and Secure had now installed the new system, which was working well. ADT did not want the old system, which Safe and Secure were holding on to for the moment. The ADT contract runs out in January 2022 and they had not made any comment about the contract ending.

BT: MI reported that now the alarm had been installed he would look at replacing BT as the landline telephone provider at The Bridge.

Action: MI to go ahead and negotiate a cheaper contract

Communication:

HS had circulated the website usage figures – a lot of new users. HS had continued to update information on the website, including all the documents relating to the draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation. This had been a lot of

work and had shown up the limitations of the Contribute software system for the website.

21.36 Governance matters

MI reported the draft annual accounts and Trustees report would be submitted to companies house once the treasurer has had the accounts to check through

Action: The draft accounts to be checked by the Treasurer and then the accounts and annual report submitted to Companies House

21.37 Finance and grants

PF reported that he had been asked by Carol Price to see if the Neighbourhood Plan gardening group could come under the wing of the DT for grant applications and accounting purposes.

Decision and action: this was approved and it was agreed that KM and MI would prepare draft guidelines about handling restricted funds for this and other potential Neighbourhood Plan initiatives

21.38 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

PF reported that the pre-submission draft of the NP and all the supporting evidence documents had been published on 2 August and that the 8 week public and community consultation period would run till 27 September. The public consultation event would be held on Saturday 28 August and this and the start of the consultation period had been put back from 3 July because of the Covid rules at that time. Some DT Directors would be helping on the day and others would attend if able to do so.

PF said that the NP Steering Group had not yet had a chance to talk through taking forward the community actions in a systematic way, although some were already being progressed by Steering Group members (e.g. gardening group, EV charging points and gigabit speed internet).

A meeting had been held with the High School and the DT, PC, and Shaftoe Charities though little progress was made in relation to use of High School facilities because of health and safety and access rules.

There was a discussion about the main community action areas identified for the DT to lead on – renewable energy; community led housing; some of the vibrant and thriving community initiatives; tourism; and some of the transport initiatives.

DT Directors said that they thought all these were appropriate action areas for the DT.

PF said that it was possible that some of the NP Steering Group members (or other people volunteering who want to get involved in community action areas for the plan) might be interested in becoming DT Directors.

Decision: Directors welcomed the idea of potential new and additional directors being identified

Other volunteers might want to join practical groups such as the gardening group, which would want to come under the DT's umbrella for funding purposes.

There was likely to be a period when community actions initiatives gradually morphed from the NP Steering Group to other vehicles such as the DT.

21.39 Any other business (notified to the chair before the meeting)

IF raised the issue of the future of the Oil buying Co-op, given that Anne Rook was intending to withdraw as the co-ordinator.

Action: EF to talk to Anne Rook to see if she had managed to find anyone to take over

21.40 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9 November at **7pm.**