

Hucknall Business Voice Committee Meeting

Thursday 19th February 2009

Present: Martin Leach (Chair), Ian Rankin, Tim Beharall, Tim Gudgeon, Suzy Rai

Apologies: N/A

Matters Arising

HBV Website

IR reported that minutes from previous meetings are now posted on the HBV website.

Constitution

IR also stated that the constitution for the group remained incomplete the following clauses were to be added:

Any monies received from Ashfield DC must be returned to source of funding if any funds remain after the group is dissolved.

Funds to remain with the treasurer.

Once complete, the constitution will be published on the website. (IR to action).

Shopfronts

ML proposed that HBV fund the production of printed murals for empty shopfronts to enhance the appearance of the high street. It was agreed that the cost of this for the number of empty shops would be prohibitive.

TB has been conducting a shop rates review for Hucknall, to present figures at the next committee meeting.

Shop Rents

A discussion on initiating a rent reduction scheme for businesses trading through difficult times raised the issue of negotiating with Landlords a reduction in rent for a period as a preferred option to having an empty shop generating no rental income.

ML to discuss with Steven Littlewood.

Parking Survey

ML proposed that a parking survey is conducted in Hucknall Town Centre and the findings published on the HBV website. It was agreed that further discussion was required before going ahead with this, and that a meeting specifically about parking would be held.

Any other business

- 1) SR has booked Hair and Beauty Corner to host an event for HBV at the end of March. It was agreed that the focus for the evening would be: Rate Rebates and networking for member businesses. SR to book catering from Humbles and will send out invitations via HBV website.
- 2) TG to book special committee meeting with Mark Armstrong to review progress on masterplan.
- 3) Hucknall Partnership meetings. ML suggested HBV send a representative when the agenda includes issues pertinent to business. It was agreed that a rota would be put in place so each member of the committee would attend only once per year.
- 4) ML wants to organise a meeting with local MP Jason Zadrozny to see where links can be made.