



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 August 2014 at the Methodist Church Rooms, Dursley

Present: Chris Cherry, Geoff Wheeler, Mike Doughty, Linda Cherry, Miranda Clifton, Alex Stennet (Dursley TC)

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed those present to the AGM of the Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd.
2. **Apologies:** Valerie Moores, Peter Harney, David Alexander, Ben Ward, Shirley Hill, and Doina Cornell
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the AGM held on 11 July 2013, were agreed to be a true record of that meeting, but noting that the item 7 'Appointment of Directors' should record the year as 2013 - 2014.

Noted that in future the draft minutes should be circulated soon after the meeting for any comments to be recorded as leaving it to a year later means recollection is poor.

4. **Matters arising:** numbering refers to minutes:

5. The Chair's report had been sent to the Gazette (no record of what the Gazette had done with it).

8 i) Some negotiation with SDC over the camshaft seat had taken place and officers had been prepared to help, but things had stalled. Need to let DTC know what was happening and consult with them as to a suitable location for the seat. DTC to be copied into any further correspondence with SDC. **Action GW**

8vi) The items in question had been removed from the VV website, but noted that there were items that had not been updated. Agreed that all old board meeting minutes be taken down and the minutes of the AGMs of 2013 and 2014 only be posted.

Action Miranda

5. **Chairman's report** (copy filed with minutes):

Chris Cherry presented his report,

All present thanked the Chair for the report and his efforts during the past year. He gave a rundown of current projects: the greenway; sculpture trail; Walking for Health; What's On; community plan. There was some discussion as to how more people could be attracted to the health walks.

6. Financial Report:

The financial director distributed copies of the annual financial report, which was unanimously approved (copy filed with minutes). It was noted that Vale Vision is in a stable position financially. The main source of income is the What's On - income is all expended on the publication.

7. Appointment of directors for 2014 - 2015:

The Chair explained that the terms of office of one third of the directors ended each year; this year Miranda Clifton and Mike Doughty were due to retire. Both expressed willingness to serve another term as directors. This was proposed by Linda Cherry, seconded by Geoff Wheeler and unanimously agreed. Geoff Wheeler, Chris Cherry and Linda Cherry all expressed willingness to continue for another term. Noted that more directors were needed. Alex Stennet was invited to consider becoming a director; he agreed to remain for the following board meeting in order to gain more information.

8. Questions & discussion:

- i. It was asked whether any projects started by Vale Vision had become separately operating independent bodies - The Chantry Centre, Breakheart quarry, Dursley Welcomes Walkers and the Vale Business Forum were all cited.

9. Close of business:

The chair thanked those present for coming to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.



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Chairman's Report

2014 AGM

Welcome to the Vale Vision 2014 AGM.

During 2013/14 work has continued on projects at Vale Vision. The directors at Vale Vision have remained the same throughout the year and I would like to thank them all for their help and support over the past 12 months. So the Directors are

Geoff Wheeler (Vice Chairman)

Mike Doughty (Company Secretary)

Miranda Clifton

Linda Cherry

The Directors are supported by a number of volunteers and so I would also like to offer my thanks to Valerie Moores, for her continued and hard work with Miranda in producing the What's On and also Sue Watkins who has been working with Mike on the Cam and Dursley Community plan with the other Directors. There are a number of other volunteers who have helped on the sculpture trail and other projects and although I have not named them I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us.

The decision taken to vacate our premises in Long Street has lost us some visibility but it was agreed that all funds we raise should be spent directly on the projects for which they were intended rather than being spent on shop overheads and this has proven to be the right decision.

Progress on our projects has continued. Work on the Cycleway has recommenced under the leadership of Philip and Jonathon Littleford. They are Bob's sons and they have taken up the hard work that Bob had begun. The working party have met regularly to take this project forward and good progress is being made. My thanks to these 2, and their sister Sadie, for the hard work on this project

The Sculpture Trail in Twinberrow Woods continues to be appreciated and visits to the trail are made to carry out maintenance and litter picks. However, as you may have seen in the Gazette the trail has suffered badly with a lot of vandalism this year and many of the sculptures have had to be removed. Most of these are not repairable. It is our aim to get more sculptures to the trail and would appreciate volunteers to help with this. If you know of anyone who can help us with this then please let us know.

Walking for Health has continued to be a popular project. We have been able to find 2 new leaders for this, Geoff Farrow and Peter Harney. These 2 volunteers join the team led by Linda Cherry, Health walk co-ordinator for the project, and supported by Rob Boulton, Marjory Wright, Andy and Jo Crofts, Shirley and Jim Hill and myself. Most of the walks are well supported and enjoyed by all. Even though we have recruited the 2 new walk leaders there is always room for more volunteers. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who is interested then please see Linda.

The informative What's On is still published 4 times a year by Vale Vision and circulated throughout the area. Miranda Clifton and Valerie Moores put in a tremendous amount of work in producing this. If you would like to find out more about advertising in What's On or where copies are circulated please talk to Miranda, or of course email us.

Our Company Secretary and Finance Director Mike Doughty has continued to lead for Vale Vision on the production of the Cam and Dursley Community Plan and supported by other volunteers and Directors.

Vale Vision, through Linda and myself, has also been actively involved with Dursley Welcomes Walkers, and Walkers are Welcome Status was achieved for Dursley last Autumn. The 3rd Dursley Walking Festival takes place the 2nd weekend of October this year.

The Directors at Vale Vision are quite a small group and as well as their work at Vale Vision they have also have had a continued involvement in other projects including Breakheart Community Project, The Chantry Centre, Transition Group. We would always welcome new volunteers so if you would like to find out more about how you can help us please let us know.

Many local parish and town councils, organisations, authorities and agencies are partners in the work to implement the projects in the Community Strategic Plan. The directors would wish to express their gratitude for their co-operation and collaboration in the past year.

As a non-profit organisation none of the company's work would be possible without grants and funds from other organisations. Vale Vision would like to thank all of those Councils, organisations and companies which have supported us with grants and donations in the past year.

Chris Cherry

Chairman

Vale Vision

12th August 2014