



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 July 2015 at The Chantry Centre, Dursley

Present: Chris Cherry, Geoff Wheeler, Mike Doughty, Linda Cherry, Miranda Clifton, Brian Whatling (Cam PC)

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed those present to the AGM of the Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd, which is now in its 10th year.
2. **Apologies:** Valerie Moores.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the AGM held on 12 August 2014, were agreed to be a true record of that meeting,
4. **Matters arising** (numbering refers to minutes):
 - i. 4) Need to check whether old board minutes had been removed from the website and up to date AGM minutes posted. **Action Miranda**
 - ii. 4) GW reported that the district council, assuming ownership of the camshaft seat would repair and re-site it when they can access it at Breakheart quarry. It was hoped that it would be sited outside Sainsbury's - DTC to be consulted. **Action Geoff / Chris**
 - iii. 7) It was noted that Alex Stennet had considered and decided not to become a director.
5. **Chairman's report** (copy filed with minutes):
 - i. Chris Cherry presented his report. He gave an update of current projects: the greenway; sculpture trail; Walking for Health; What's On; snicket map; community plan. There was some discussion as to how more volunteers could be found as more support was need for some projects, particularly the sculpture trail and the walks. What's On would also benefit from wider input.
 - ii. It was agreed that a list of paths which needed to be checked before the snicket map is finalised would be circulated to directors, who would walk them. **Action CC/ all**
 - iii. It was noted that there are many newcomers who have chosen to live in the area who might be a potential source of volunteers, rather than going out to existing groups who may already have committed their free time. Proposed that

the walkers leaflet be modified to be a flier which could be delivered to areas with many new residents i.e. Littlecombe. **Action Miranda**

- iv. It was suggested that given the current lack of active volunteers it might be advisable to review current projects and prioritise which should be actively pursued, and which shelved for the time being.

All present thanked the Chair for the report and his efforts during the past year.

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 as there are few commitments.

7. **Appointment of directors for 2014 - 2015:**

The Chair explained that the terms of office of one third of the directors ended each year; all expressed willingness to continue to serve as directors. It was proposed by Miranda Clifton, seconded by Mike Doughty and unanimously **agreed** that the retiring directors be re-elected. Linda Cherry expressed her intention to retire in the near future. It was agreed that Dursley Town Council be approached about nominating a councillor or recommending someone to become a director, also that a brief report be provided for Cam PC (to be sent to Brian Whatling) **Action CC**

8. **Questions & discussion:**

- i. Geoff Wheeler reported that the Chantry Centre now has some very active directors and was being used as a base by World Jungle, which was having an invigorating effect; it was now in a stable financial position
- ii. In answer to a query as to how the proposed incinerator might affect the local area it was noted that the need to 'feed' the incinerator could have a detrimental effect on recycling.

9. **Close of business:**

The chair thanked those present for coming to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.40am.



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Chairman's Report

Work at Vale Vision has continued throughout the year on a number of projects.

The Cam, Dursley & Uley Greenway (including Safe Routes to Schools) project team is working towards the creation of an 8km cycle & pedestrian greenway linking Uley, Dursley and Cam (as far as railway station in Gloucestershire and the National Cycle Network Route 41 in the Vale of Berkeley). The team is led by Phil Littleford and made up of representatives of Vale Vision, Dursley Town Council, Cam Parish Council, Stroud District Council and local cyclists. For more information the project team can be contacted through the "Contact Us" page on their website (cdugreenway.org.uk), by searching for "Cam, Dursley & Uley Greenway" on Facebook or "@CduGreenway" on Twitter.

The Walking for Health team led by Linda Cherry continues to provide a good range of free health walks ranging from the three-quarter to one hour walks every Thursday, through to the 1 and a half hour walks on Wednesdays from Cam, Dursley, Uley, Cam Peak and North Nibley, and also the twice monthly 2 hour walks from Dursley. Ever feel like it'd be nice to get out and about more often? Get a little more fresh air in your lungs? Be a bit more active? Why not join us on our on our health walks or even join us as a new walk leader, you will be most welcome.

The free What's On in Cam, Dursley and District continues to be produced four times a year. Valerie and Miranda do an excellent job in producing this informative and useful booklet. If anyone would like to advertise in this magazine please get in touch with us. The latest issue is in print now.

The Sculpture and Play Trail has had a recent addition of an exhibit from the World Jungle organisation and in September we hope to be working with the Peak Academy on another sculpture project for the Trail. The recent appeal in the What's On edition has attracted enquiries for additional volunteers. Unfortunately the sculptures damaged in last year's vandalism attack have not been replaced. If you know of anyone who would like to come on board with this project please let us know, in particular we would welcome a project lead.

Work continues on the production of the Dursley snicket map but time is spread too thinly and so unfortunately progress is not as quick as I would like.

The key elements of the recent Cam and Dursley Community Plan have been presented to council and used by the Neighbourhood plan process. We continue to work on presenting the findings against the original plan.

I would like to thank the Directors of Vale Vision, the volunteers that have helped us and Dursley Town Council for their support. For more information about Vale Vision contact details are given in the What's On or on our website.

Chris Cherry.