



Wednesday 14th July 2010
4.00 pm, Kendal College

Present:

Peter Hensman, Lake District Estates
Joanne Golton, Programme Manager
Richard Greenwood, Cumbria Tourism
Richard Pealing, Eden & South Lakeland Forward
Derek Armstrong, Cumbria Chamber of Commerce
Graham Vincent, South Lakeland District Council
Geoff Cook, South Lakeland Local Committee
Dianne Whitehead, Cumbria County Council
Bill Broekhuizen, Kendal College

Jayne Kendall, South Lakeland District Council
Jim Bland, National Farmers Union
Alison Hatcher, Eden & South Lakeland Forward

Apologies:

Mandy Dixon, South Lakeland LSP
Austen Robinson, Kendal Town Council
David Ingham, Cumbria County Council
Ian Stephens, Cumbria Tourism

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April were accepted as a true record subject to an amendment to the Museum Project, the HLF bid to be submitted in September.

2. Matters Arising

- Following the Plungarths business park presentation, P Hensman wrote to the LDNPA about the need for employment land in Kendal but the response from the LDNPA had failed to recognise that part of Kendal borders the National Park and the need to take an all-encompassing view. J Golton had circulated the response to the Board and to development plans team at SLDC. **ACTION: J. Golton** to set up a meeting with LDNPA involving KFB, SLDC and E&SLF.
- **ACTION: R Pealing** to circulate E&SLF responses to LDNPA and SLDC Core Strategies.
- Kendal Transport Plan is to be reviewed in stages. It is important to feed issues into this Plan as it will feed into the wider Cumbria Local Transport Plan 3. Consultation deadline is in September and KFB will respond. The area highways engineer has invited a representative from KFB to attend a co-ordinated joint LSP/ LTP3 event to be held on 15th July. **ACTION: D Whitehead** to circulate consultation document.
- Kendal YHA is due to close in the autumn. CT and SLDC have met with the YHA to explain concerns about the loss of this type of accommodation provision in Kendal. CT are to hold further meetings with YHA to discuss the other 23 hostels in Cumbria. YHA had given as their reasons for wishing to vacate the Kendal site being the current financial climate, the occupancy rate and the complicated building leasehold situation and these were difficult to contest. KTC have expressed concern as the closure impacts on town twinning activities together with events and festivals. This links in with the recent request to help find budget accommodation for athletes wishing to use the judo club as a training camp facility in the build up to the Olympics. **ACTION: ALL** to consider alternative site locations for a hostel, which can be forwarded to the YHA for consideration at the next meeting with SLDC/CT.

3. Canal Head Update

- J Kendall gave an update on the SLDC work involved with the Canal Head regeneration project. The area action plan is being reviewed at present. Good progress has been made in the 4 main areas- highways, relocation of waste sites, land assembly and restoration of canal. A planning application is expected in autumn.

- Capita are working on a transport assessment for the site and issues of liability etc for the canal element are being considered

4. Annual Report

- J Golton circulated the 2009-10 annual report for consideration. The Board agreed to include details of individual project finance to date and a breakdown of the £50k running costs will be added.
- **ACTION: J Golton** to circulate Annual Report with press release to Westmorland Gazette, Lakeland Radio and Radio Cumbria.
- **ACTION: J Golton** to arrange presentations of Annual Report to KTC, FSB, SLDC, LAP, Chamber and SLLC meetings

5. Kendal Public Realm Framework latest

- Taylor Young had produced the 2nd draft of the KPRF, which had been circulated to all internal and external stakeholders for comment. A progress report was submitted to SLDC cabinet and SLLC for their June meetings. The reports included detail on the New Road design and SLDC cabinet subsequently endorsed this on 9th June as a basis for progressing the redevelopment of the common land. SLLC agreed on 15th June to carry out an impact assessment of running the cycle route along the highway and a decision is expected in September.
- SLLC had expressed concern that the Framework included comments relating to highways and movement around the town, which had implications for CCC. They had therefore decided, at the 15th June meeting, to set up a task and finish group to feed back comments on the Framework. The highways element is to be dealt with as part of the Kendal Transport Plan review and comments are not expected back until at least the end of July/ early August.
- The Gazette had featured a news article on the completed Kirkland Enhancement project.

6. Public Meeting

J Golton explained arrangements for the Public Meeting later in the evening. 30- 40 people were expected. Email invitations had been sent from SLDC, Chamber and FSB to local business contacts, together with a notice in the Gazette. Presentations will take place on Kendal College, the work of the Futures Board to date and plans for the future. Various themed table task groups will then review the current priorities and report back. The Board thanked Kendal College for hosting the event and Derek Armstrong for being the compere.

7. Any Other Business

- **ACTION: J Golton** to include quarterly update from KFB with the E&SLF update to Local Committee.
- Kendal College are willing to consider coach parking at the Milnthorpe Road and Museum sites.
ACTION: Tourism sub group to discuss with Louise Shrapnell at Kendal College and report back.
- Mintfest is taking place in early September and the organisers are keen to get more local business buy in. **ACTION: J Golton** to circulate Mintfest email to FSB, Chamber and SLDC for use in Trade Talk (tourism email newsletter).
- Cost saving initiatives are underway at the Environment Agency and this could affect how the River Kent is managed in the future.
- An invitation has been sent to KFB via the LSP to attend the single community strategy consultation event in July, J Golton will attend.
- The latest empty shops survey shows 46 empty premises from 406 surveyed. This time last year the figure was 52 - good news given the current financial climate.
- The Chamber reported that Kendal Businesses Against Crime Partnership has won a Home Office Safer Business award. The partnership has been very successful and is expanding to include Barrow and other towns in South Lakeland.

8. Date of next meeting:

- Wed 8th Sept 2010 - 4.30pm, County Offices
- Wed 20th Oct 2010 – 4.30pm, County Offices
- Wed 1st Dec 2010 – 4.30pm, County Offices