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Havant Town Centre Partnership Board

Meeting notes

Thursday 14 March 2024 5-6:30pm

Harrison Room, The Spring Arts Centre, PO91BS

In attendance

Ann Buckley - Resident
Bob Comlay - Civic Society
Clare Gilbert - Nationwide Building Society
Cllr Harris, Gillian
Kate FitzGerald - Resident
Loaay Ahmed - Resident
Louise Piper - Resident
Cllr Phil Munday
Peter Hammond - Civic Society
Fi Baxter -The Spring Arts Centre

Apologies

Hannah Wheatley – Resident has now resigned from the partnership
Amanda Howard - White Newsagent
Rob Fryer - The Meridian Centre
Shelley Saunders - St Faiths
Cristian Preda - The Coffee Lounge
Sarah Thompson - Athena Blooms

In attendance

Layton, Wayne - HBC
Siobhan Flynn - HBC

1. Welcome, Minutes of the last meeting, Declarations of Interest & Matters Arising

Councillor Phil Munday welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and there were no declarations of interest. It was agreed that matters arising from the previous meeting we were covered in the meeting agenda.

2. Terms of Reference for the Group

Kate Fitzgerald reported back on behalf of the task and finish group for the Terms of Reference. The Board agreed the revised Terms of Reference. It was agreed that this task could be marked as completed, with the suggestion of a review in 12 months' time.

ACTION SF to publish the final Terms of Reference on the HBC website & review March 2025

3. Priority Actions for the Group

The Board were reminded of the Google Drive set up for the Board to use.

Loayy Ahmed (LA) presented a set of criteria that the HBCPB (Havant Town Centre Partnership Board) should bear in mind and utilise for assessing the value of activity going forward and asked that members rank them in order of importance. Following on from the first board meeting in December the priority task group have collated a long list of potential projects.

Alongside this the Board secured additional support from the High Street Task Force who facilitated a place-making workshop which was held at the Spring on 26 February. An action plan will be produced to support the future activity of the Board. The workshop was well attended by Board members and other residents and stakeholders. However, it was acknowledged that further work needs to be done to engage local businesses and retailers.

LA presented a business and resident survey. The Board discussed how this could be circulated ensuring key groups such as young people were able to input into it.

This task and finish group has completed, and further work will be taken forward via the developing action plan, covered in item 5.

Action SF to recirculate the link to the google drive with the minutes.

Action All to provide comments on the survey to LA.

Action SF to confirm HBC contribution to printing costs for survey / QR code

4. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour task and finish group

Councillor Munday updated the Board on discussions with the police and local retailers around shop-lifting and antisocial behaviour reporting. Retailers are engaged and the initiative is moving forward.

5. Action Plan

Peter Hammond presented six quick win areas for the Board to focus on going forward. The approach builds on the ideas gathering exercise from the priority actions task group and the emerging findings from the Place-making workshop.

1. Improving the appearance of the town centre – Love Havant Campaign to reduce litter dropping.
2. Coordinate public realm improvements – street scene improvements including greening of areas, street art repair of broken street furniture etc.
3. Lobby for the pedestrianisation of West Street around St Faiths.
4. Diary of town centre events, collating existing activity
5. Town centre branding and communications plan/ strategy, including the provision of a website and social media.

6. Coordinating role to improve perceptions of town centre & address anti-social behaviour, develop a shop watch initiative.

The board discussed the 6 quick wins, and each was canvassed for their priority areas. Following the round table discussion three working groups were agreed to frame activity going forward.

Business Involvement

Clare Gilbert
Louise Piper
Kate FitzGerald

Public Realm

Councillor Harris
Peter Hammond
Anne Buckley
Councillor Munday

Communications

Bob Comlay
Fi Baxter
Loaay Ahmed

Action: Members not in attendance at the meeting to contact Siobhan Flynn and advise the working group they wish to join.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 13 May 5-6:30pm location to be confirmed