

**Saltaire World Heritage Site Steering Group – Meeting 20**  
**Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 5.30-7pm Online**  
**Minutes & Action Notes**

- 1. Present:** Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw (CllrRS) Chair, Bradford Council; Cllr Martin Love (CllrML); Cllr Kevin Warnes (Cllr KW); Cllr Vick Jenkins (CllrVJ); Cllr Mike Connors (TownCllrMC), Chair Shipley Town Council; Sheena Campbell (SC), Bradford Council; Rob Martin (RM), Salt Foundation; Jo Lintonbon (JL) ICOMOS; Mike Collins, Historic England (International Advisor); Richard Midgley, SWHEA Trustee (RM); Alexandra Warr, Historic England (Head of International Strategy);

| <b>Agenda Item</b>                      | <b>Record</b>   | <b>Action</b> |
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| 2. Welcome, introductions and apologies | Apologies: Ulrike Knox (UK), Chair Saltaire Village Society; Nav Chohan (NC) Shipley College; Craig Broadwith (CB), Historic England; Caroline Andrews (CA), United Reformed Church; Patricia Tillotson, Bradford Council Visitor Economy Manager (PT); Paul Hogg (PH), BDCFT; Saira Ali (SA), Team Leader Landscape, Design & Conservation; TownCllr Joseph Kean (CllrJK) Baildon Town Council, Ruth Garratt (RG) Canal & River Trust; Carl Howarth (CH), Salts Mill; Natalia Jedlinski (NJ) Salt Pots/Traders; Paula Truman (Ward Officer); Andrew Mason (AM), Newmason Properties; TownCllr James Roberts, Shipley Town Council. |               |

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| <p>3. Minutes of last meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.</p> <p>4. Management Plan priorities</p> <p>Updates</p> | <p>These were agreed as a true record.<br/>There were no matters arising that weren't on the Agenda.</p> <p>Discussed later</p> <p>SC gave updates with a Powerpoint/photos of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) River Aire new path Roberts Park to Baildon Rec with interpretation signs. Work is now complete and should offer people more options to walk all year round from Saltaire to the wider area, promotes other attractions eg Shipley Glen Tramway, and takes pressure off Roberts Park.</li> <li>b) Paving repairs to Lockwood St, Upper George St, parts of Caroline, Titus, George St. SC had responded to some public comments who thought that concrete or non-local stone was used. SC confirmed it is local stone from Marshalls, a quarry that spans Yorkshire into Lancashire, as used previously on Victoria Rd. As it is a natural product the colour varies from buff to grey, the colour will weather with time. Overall the quality of materials and workmanship is very high, there are new dropped kerbs and granite tactile paving, also stone replaces sections of concrete, resulting in an enhancement and improved accessibility.</li> <li>c) Pavement Extensions – Saltaire &amp; Shipley<br/><a href="http://www.bradford.gov.uk/browse-all-news/press-releases/pavements-extended-for-safe-reopening/">www.bradford.gov.uk/browse-all-news/press-releases/pavements-extended-for-safe-reopening/</a><br/>Cllr KW gave big thanks to SC for dealing with the concerns from the public, the feedback reassured the relatively small concerns so people understand that it is a trial and some comments stated it is a good idea.</li> </ul> <p>There has been a request for another Pavement extension,</p> |  |
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| <p>5. Enhancement<br/>a) Travel Plan</p> | <p>however, there are also concerns about loss of parking bays.</p> <p>TownCllr MC – commented that some businesses park their own vehicles all day on the 1hour free parking bays. SC has asked Parking Wardens to monitor this area more closely to stop this. RM asked if there is other parking that could be used for businesses. SC had explored other temporary parking on undeveloped sites but there are limited options. CllrRS confirmed that parking is a challenging issue. Planning principles do not encourage the creation of new public parking areas in centres, as this only encourages more vehicles and congestion, where there are public transport options. Ideally business owners should park on the outskirts and walk in, leaving on-street parking for customers. There is also parking available behind the Co-Op, first 20 minutes free, then quite low cost private charges thereafter.</p> <p>A new Puffin Crossing is proposed on Bingley Road which will remove 3 parking spaces but improve safety.</p> <p>New cycle parking and Electric Vehicle Charging stations have been created at Exhibition Road car park during 2020-21.</p> <p>CllrRS asked if anyone wants to suggest new, better places for cycle parking to inform the Council. SC has liaised with staff who are seeking new sites eg Station cycle lockers need upgrading, also looked at Canal and other sites.</p> <p>Caroline Street – consultation due soon on some raised vertical speed bumps at the east end to slow speeders down.</p> | <p>All</p> <p>Highways</p> |
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| <p>b) Lighting &amp; street furniture</p> | <p>Travel Issues &amp; active travel<br/> <a href="http://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/6071/saltaire-whs-travel-plan.pdf">www.bradford.gov.uk/media/6071/saltaire-whs-travel-plan.pdf</a></p> <p>CllrRS stated that Active Travel Neighbourhoods have been announced for 2 areas, and Saltaire will be the third. It is a trial project using Government funding to try to deal with speeding, rat running etc. It can be controversial, some residents are keen on this, it could work in Saltaire. Some School Streets are starting in other areas, to reduce car movements around schools to make them safer. SC stated that Historic England need to be consulted on the details to ensure the infrastructure will not affect the character of the World Heritage Site. Cllr MC supports improvement of bus services in the Saltaire, Shipley area. The new Mayor for West Yorkshire supports bus improvements. Cllr ML &amp; Cllr VJ agree with this, and support new shuttle buses between Saltaire and Shipley if possible. CllrRS stated this is very expensive for new vehicles, to create free shuttle buses, but there might be some options for sponsorship eg cladding buses.</p> <p>SC has been liaising with WYCA West Yorkshire Combined Authority on the proposed Travel Plan Steering Group for businesses, which will start to look at business parking issues first. There is an aim to do more Enterprise Car Club promotion in future. If funding arises, then bids will be made for travel measures where possible.</p> <p>SC summarised the Council policy of invest to save to replace life-expired street light columns with new steel LED lights which are more energy efficient. Funding will only allow replacement of modern concrete with modern steel. If there are historic style lights eg those on Albert Terrace with embellishment kits, they will be replaced to match. Victoria Road has a modern interpretation of the historic style. SC intends to do a</p> | <p>Highways/Planning</p> <p>SC/WYCA</p> |
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| <p>c) Shipley Town Fund &amp; Levelling Up Fund</p> | <p>report on the options/funding. There is no funding currently available for heritage style lights.<br/> <a href="http://www.bradford.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/highways/the-smart-street-lighting-project/">www.bradford.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/highways/the-smart-street-lighting-project/</a><br/> CllrRS commented it is useful to see the variety of styles of lights exist in the village with no complaints historically, and the replacement scheme could help regularise them and reduce that inconsistency gradually in future. Victoria Road was a special project for the main road with a modern twist on the heritage style. He is aware of some complaints about the new steel lights that have been installed in advance of the paving repairs but it is a large energy saving project. Where possible a consistent and heritage sympathetic approach should be taken but we should acknowledge that Saltaire is a living village with modern amenities and we should be careful not to follow a 'pastiche' approach where we flood the village with imitation 'heritage' features as opposed to authentic ones. Sometimes it's better to allow modern features to better distinguish between the old and the new. One option is to explore costs and funding for painting the lamps dark green. Cllrs KW, VJ, TownCllrMC were keen to see painting if possible. Mike Collins (HE) thinks a report on the options/funding to inform future decisions is a sensible way forward. JL (ICOMOS) thinks the minimalist steel columns are an improvement on the concrete columns.</p> <p>Shipley Town Fund £25M for the area, includes Saltaire, the Board is agreeing the Heads of Terms. There will be benefits for both Shipley and Saltaire, including Shipley Streets for People and restoration of brownfield sites. <a href="http://www.bradford.gov.uk/regeneration/towns-fund/shipley-town-fund/">www.bradford.gov.uk/regeneration/towns-fund/shipley-town-fund/</a></p> <p>Levelling Up Fund – discussions being held within Council and with MP on areas being considered.</p> | <p>SC/Lighting Team</p> |
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| <p>d) Shipley Town Council update</p>  | <p>Caroline St Toilets due to open 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021, invitations for opening ceremony being sent. Also Shipley Unlocked Event 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.</p>   |                          |
| <p>e) Roberts Park new cherry trees</p>  | <p>There were no objections to the new cherry trees proposed as the original plan by William Gaye showed trees on the original plans for the park along the path from Roberts Park Lodge to the Pavilion.</p>   | <p>Parks</p>             |
| <p>6. Promotion<br/>a) Collaboration group -20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events</p> | <p>Saltaire was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 2001, so 2021 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year. A Collaboration Group has met since October to plan events over the year. Exhibition organised by Saltaire Collection and History Club. Dining Hall tours to be planned. Saltaire Inspired &amp; Saltaire Festival events ongoing. Posters/leaflets/website/social media outputs. See <a href="http://www.visitbradford.com/saltaire.aspx">www.visitbradford.com/saltaire.aspx</a></p> <p>b) Links made with New Lanark and Derwent Valley World Heritage Sites on joint promotion and a conference proposed by New Lanark.</p> <p>c) City of Culture Bid – Letter of support from Saltaire. <a href="http://bradford2025.co.uk/">bradford2025.co.uk/</a></p> <p>d) Saltaire WHS website updated, and more work proposed <a href="http://www.bradford.gov.uk/saltaire">www.bradford.gov.uk/saltaire</a></p> <p>e) Self-guided Tour App – Working group set up with Saltaire Collection, History Club and Saltaire Festival progressing this.</p> <p>f) City of Film links – big screen to show Saltaire videos, trail idea.</p> | <p>SC/various groups</p> |
| <p>7. Protection</p>   | <p>a) Recent planning applications discussed briefly.</p> <p>b) HMRC Tax office site, Shipley<br/>HMRC site now vacated, site being marked by Savills for new uses. Local Plan guides uses.</p> <p>c) Bradford University – joint research projects ongoing.</p> <p>d) United Reformed Church – ceiling repairs ongoing, funding for</p>  |                          |

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| <p>4. Management Plan</p> | <p>tower repairs being sought.</p> <p>e) Local Plan &amp; Neighbourhood Plans more information here<br/> <a href="http://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/planning-policy/">www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/planning-policy/</a><br/><br/> <a href="http://bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/bingley/neighbourhood-planning/">bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/bingley/neighbourhood-planning/</a></p> <p>SC gave a summary of progress on short, medium and long term actions in the Delivery Plan. The Management Plan is due to be reviewed, this is generally expected about every 5 years. SC considers that The Management Plan 2014 is still relevant but the priorities need to be reviewed. RM commented that the Management Plan is a key document for UNESCO, and needs sensible objectives. But the Delivery Plan Review is hard to follow. SC proposes to do written report with photos to make easier to follow.</p> <p>Mike Collins (HE) commented – the Management Plan is a long document, and the review is a big commitment and will need resources, useful to consider methods to review and streamline the Plan. He welcomes options to consider a web-based version. A Project Team has worked well elsewhere.</p> <p>JL – was involved in the last review which was useful, relevant and extensive. The Working Group met on a monthly basis to develop the rationale. Important to involve the key stakeholders to create a living document.</p> <p>JL, RM, Historic England – are interested in being on a Project Team for the Management Plan review.</p> |  |
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| <p>8. Any Other Business</p> <p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> | <p>National Trust develop a 'Spirit of Place' statement for their sites.</p> <p>Empty properties are a lower concern these days. Councillors reported that traffic is a higher concern now. TownCllr MC considers that the visitor economy is one of the biggest opportunities, this also brings issues of traffic as a challenge.</p> <p>Alexandra Warr – reported that the UNESCO requirements for Periodic Reporting will start in July 2022-2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> round), so this needs to be factored in with other work commitments. She is pleased to report the good news that there are no concerns here and Saltaire is not under scrutiny by the World Heritage Committee.</p> <p>No items raised</p> <p>This will depend if any discussion is needed on the Active Travel Neighbourhood ideas.</p> <p><del>15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 5.30-7.30pm</del> was pencilled in as a possible date, but could be later. Now considering October 2021.</p> |  |
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