

## Gt Malvern High Street UK Design Group meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007

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Present: Dudley Brook ([Dudley.brook@btopenworld.com](mailto:Dudley.brook@btopenworld.com)), Peter Smith, Ray Roberts, Ted Fahey, Christine Turner, Geoff Douglas, Penny Douglas, Anthony Collis, Lynne Jones

Apologies: Robin Elt, Christopher Turner

- Hedge in front of library – Town Centre Partnership plans shown – the group agreed that these were appropriate & every effort should be made for these to be progressed. It was noted that the Library Forecourt Steering group would also like the addition of a recreational area.
  - Ted suggested Cluster funding could be looked at for this if needed
- Group updated on plans for Rosebank Gardens. Possibility of using probation service to help renovate the area. Plans to include labyrinth, rose garden etc. Peter explained the proposal to incorporate a Walenty Pytel sculpture of 2 buzzards which would be visible from the A449. Additional suggestions discussed:
  - Approaching large companies for ‘team challenge’ event to renovate gardens
  - Peter has passed on Heritage Lottery forms to Simon Smith to make initial application for funding (Parks for People)
  - Make it family friendly – water feature (linking with Malvern’s history). Something similar to the one in front of Somerset House?
  - Nature area
  - Pagola
  - Information boards – geology/fauna & flora of the area
  - Approaching the BBC to take on part of the work/televise progress – great promotional opportunity
  - Ongoing maintenance – funding. Sponsorship/ Friends of Rosebank Gardens?
  - Approach RHS (key collaborator for the 3 Counties Show)
- A new information board will be (next few months) erected at Bellevue Island – designed by Dudley it will inform visitors of buildings of historical interest.
- Discussion around the publicity for the Wells dressing competition (27<sup>th</sup> April). Anthony offered support in getting out leaflets & approaching the Worcester News.
- Peter showed his plans for Post Office & town centre development. Group found these inspiring. Will be brought to Post Office meeting.
- How can planning become more creative? In Italy town squares are dug up to build underground car parks & then replaced. How could the roof of Waitrose car park be used more imaginatively?
- Discussion over sale of Council owned properties e.g. High Lea. Strong feeling that short term financial gains were not taking consideration of long term needs of the town & its residents.

Next meeting Weds April 11<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm