

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 2.00pm 28
April 2005 at Salt Building, Shipley College**

Present: Cllr Simon Cooke (Chair) CBMDC
Bob Gomersall, Bradford Technology Group Ltd
William Jowitt, Carnuad Metal Box
Jean McAllister, Learning Partnership
David Gates, Bradford Vision

In Attendance: Andy Taylor, Regeneration Manager
Robert Brough, Brokerage & Network Coordinator
Mike Osborne, Arup

1. **Welcome & Introductions:**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies for absence:**
Were received from Trevor Higgins, Cllr Lynne Joyce, Mick Milner (who would be attending Later)
3. **Minutes from previous meeting (3 Feb 2005)**
These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:**
The script from Brahms in promoting the district was circulated for comments by the Board. Please send comments to Andy Taylor.
5. **Declaration of interests:**
As usual these would be declared at the appropriate point on the agenda.
6. **Feedback from the Airedale Corridors launch:**
All Board member confirmed that the feedback they had received at and following the launch of the Masterplan had been very positive. There had been very extensive press coverage which again had been positive and supportive. The only negative response had been from traders in Shipley who were concerned about the proposals for Shipley Markets and the Town centre.

Robert Brough reported that difficulties had been experienced by those trying to download the Masterplan from our website. These problems stemmed from the filesize and the time taken to (the web stats showed that approx 80% of attempts to download had been abandoned). The document has been split down into separate sections to ease this problem.

7. Airedale Corridors action plan update:

A brief summary of actions to date following the launch was given by Andy Taylor this included:

- Widespread dissemination of the Airedale Corridors Masterplan document. The original supply of 1,000 has now been exhausted and a reprint is underway. Airedale
- Discussions with developers and or their agents who are now considering Airedale as an investment location
- A series of briefings/presentations to, for example, Keighley Rotary Club, Philip Robinson (CEO BDMC), Cllr Anne Hawksworth, Environment Partnership, Esholt Neighbourhood Forum, and the Creating a Prosperous District Priority Board.
- A motion at the Bradford MDC Council meeting welcoming the Masterplan

Future action planned includes:

- Completion of the 3 Town Plans, Baseline Reports, and Executive Summary
- A report to the Council Executive in June.
- A programme of meetings with key stakeholders to discuss the Masterplan is being drawn up
- Further public consultation will be held in July across Airedale.
- Beginning work on the 5 priority projects forward by initially identifying key partners followed by initial meetings.
- Work has also begun on 3 additional projects namely, Dalton Mills, Rural Backdrop and Shipley College.

8. Skills/Training/Employment projects update:

It was reported to the Board that the majority of the skills/training and employment projects had achieved their milestones, outputs and outcomes up to end of April 2005, with only two projects needing to carry forward finances into the new financial year. These were the ICT Apprentices Project, the Construction Network and the Bingley Connection. This was largely due to the late start of the projects. However it is expected that those remaining targets will be achieved by the end of June 2005.

The final management report has now been completed. We are now in the process of completing an end of year report on the Business

Network, which should be published over the coming weeks and available to view on www.airedalepartnership.org

After discussions with Yorkshire Forward and the Learning and Skills Council, the majority of the projects including the Business Network and Brokerage activity will continue to be developed through the Sub-regional Investment Plan. If successful the Partnership will continue to work on delivering a successful geographical brokerage and business network.

9. The Board is reminded that the following dates have previously been agreed for future meetings:
 - 9 June 2005
 - 21 July 2005
 - 8 September 2005
 - 20 October 2005
 - 1 December 2005