

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held on the 4th
September 2008 at the Airedale Partnership Offices Keighley**

Present: William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson (Acting Chair)
Jean McAllister, Shipley College
Trevor Higgins, BT

In Attendance: Andy Taylor, Airedale Partnership
Robert Brough, Airedale Partnership
John Richardson, BT
Hilary Holden, Arup
Tom Bridges, Arup

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Mick Milner chaired the meeting and welcomed every one.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Bob Gomersall, Adam Cairns, Cllr
Adrian Naylor

3.0 Declaration of Interest

These would be noted as and when they occurred during the meeting

4.0 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2008, were agreed and
will be published on the Partnership's website

5.0 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting

6.0 Superfast Broadband – Trevor Higgins and John Richardson BT

A presentation was given on the potential development of super-fast
broadband connectivity in the UK by BT and the opportunities this may
offer Airedale.

Agreed:

To support to the idea of promoting Airedale as a pilot area to roll out
super-fast broadband development.

7.0 Connecting Airedale – Tom Bridges and Hilary Holden, Arup

Following the recent Connecting Airedale project submission to the
Regional Transport Board a presentation was given by Arup on the
latest developments and options for the next round of submissions over
the next 6 months.

Agreed:

- i) To endorse the 4 stages of the project and agreed that stages 1 and 2 be submitted for the autumn and would include Manningham Station, support for stage 3 in the long term to include Shipley Eastern Relief Road and the inclusion of wider improvements such as the 'dualling' of Hard Ings Keighley as stage 4.
- ii) To write a letter of support for the project to Arup for inclusion within the submission to the Regional Transport Board.

8.0 Masterplan Update

A brief progress update was given on key projects.

Agreed:

To note the progress outlined in the report.

9.0 Airedale Partnership Away Day

Agreed:

To hold the next Board away day on the date previously agreed for the November Board meeting and to focus on developing strategies to attract end-users to Airedale.

10.0 Future Agenda Plan – Andy Taylor

The future agenda plan was circulated prior to the meeting.

Agreed:

To note its content.

11.0 Press Coverage -

The latest update on press coverage was not available to the meeting.

12.0 AOB

Mick Milner brought to the attention of the Board the potential development of a Boiler Engineering Skills Training Academy in Keighley.

Agreed:

That a report on progress be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

The next meeting will be held on the 16th October at the Airedale Partnership offices.