

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 15 June 2006
at 14:00 at the Keighley News Offices, Keighley**

Present: Cllr Andrew Mallinson, (Chair)
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson
Bob Gomersall, Bradford Technology Group Ltd
Jean McAllister, the Learning Partnership

In attendance: Andy Taylor, Regeneration Manager Airedale
Robert Brough, Brokerage and Network Coordinator
Digby Lovell, Magna Holdings

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- 1.1 The Partnership Board's new Chair Cllr Andrew Mallinson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair briefed the Board on his background, experience and his hopes for the future regeneration of Airedale.

2. Apologies:

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Lynne Joyce, William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box, Trevor Higgins, BT

3. Presentation by Digby Lovell – Proposed development of Dalton Mills, Keighley:

- 3.1 Digby Lovell, Development Manager Magna Holdings gave an interesting presentation on the background of Magna Holdings and how the purchase of Dalton Mills came about, he also talked about the refurbishment of the clock tower which will provide 20,000sq ft of serviced office space, the development of the commercial side with the relocation of existing business to the riverside workshop and their aspirations for the Genapp or Cravens Mill for which they are currently developing detailed plans for its refurbishment. Magna Holdings are committed to Keighley and are extremely optimistic about the opportunities for the development of the mills and its role in the regeneration of the area.

A general discussion followed and the Chair thanked Digby for the presentation and looked forward to working with them during the redevelopment of the Mills.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting. (16 March 2006):

- 4.1 These were agreed as a true record

5. Matters arising:

- 5.1 Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) – since the last meeting AT has been working with a consultant appointed by the Regional Assembly to develop the growth area proposals, of which Airedale is one. Three key points have been identified in relation to Airedale:

- a) Airedale is a place to live and work therefore any housing growth should not be at the expense of employment land
- b) Development was dependent upon investment in the transport infrastructure. There is a need to consider a range of funding models for this investment e.g. through a review of S106 funds and introduction of a development tariff.
- c) There is a need for key partnership working to give direction to what is happening. The Airedale Partnership can take a lead role through developing its links with Craven. The Masterplan will be the key route to deliver the aims of the Airedale Growth area.

The Regional Spatial Strategy is a key document that will influence the new Local Development Framework.

- 5.2 Dalton Lane Business event – the first event went well and all the businesses present agreed that they would like to see a follow up event later in the year.

6. Declaration of interest:

- 6.1 This would be stated as and when items occurred during the meeting.

7. Masterplan progress report:

- 7.1 A full report of progress to date was presented to the Board which included progress on the 5 priority projects, strategic land acquisitions, funding, developing the rural backdrop, promotion and events.

It was agreed that there should be more publicity about the progress of the masterplan to keep the public informed. Officers would look at the best ways of achieving this and report back at the next meeting.

8 LEGI (Local Enterprise Growth Initiative) update and consultation:

- 8.1 A briefing note had been previously circulated to the Board members which outlined the aims, main themes, Board of Management and Community Engagement, how the allocation of funds would work, the formation of Local Development Agencies and consultation.

The Board raised several issues around how LEGI fits with existing business support, the quality of people delivering the support and the need for sector specific mentors to advise potential new entrepreneurs in niche markets.

9. AOB

- 9.1 Bob Gomersall raised the issue of broadening the skills of the Board by bringing in new members

It was proposed that the Board spend some time outside normal meetings to develop the work of the Partnership and next steps in the delivery of the masterplan. AT informed the meeting that Arup had expressed its' willingness to facilitate this 'away day' and assist in its'

planning. It was agreed that the Board would consider the structure of this event at its next meeting.

10. Next meeting

10.1 The next meeting will be on the 14 September 2006 at 2:00pm, venue to be confirmed.

10. Future meeting Dates:

10.1 A list of proposed new dates was circulated for consideration and agreement at the next meeting which would be held on the 20th July.

10.2 Bradford Enterprise Festival:

Details of the activities during the Festival week commencing 19 June was given out to Board members.

10.3 Proposed dates for future meetings:

14 September 2006

26 October 2006

7 December 2006

18 January 2007

8 March 2007

19 April 2007