

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board Meeting held 19th
January 2006 2: pm Masons Mills**

Present: Cllr Simon Cooke (Chair), CBMDC
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson
Jean McAllister, Learning Partnership
Cllr Lynne Joyce, CBMC
Trevor Higgins, BT
Bob Gomersall. BTL Group

In Attendance: Andy Taylor, Regeneration Manager CBMDC
Diane Ramsden, Monitoring Officer CBMDC
Mike Kirby, Developmental Services CBMDC
Ged Powell, Chief Executive ADI

1. Welcome & Introductions:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

None

3. Planning Issues:

3.1 Mike Kirby outlined the background to the planning process and the process of making decisions on applications. The Council had recently adopted a revised UDP for the District and all applications are assessed against their compliance with this document. The potential areas of difficulties are where the Airedale Masterplan identifies designated uses which are contrary to or not supported by the UDP. Work is already underway to develop the Local Development Framework, which is the new planning framework introduced by the government. This will include a core strategy and sets out allocation for employment and housing plus action areas for more detailed proposals. The Masterplan proposals will be incorporated with these policies but the process is lengthy, a minimum of 3 years. In the meantime the Masterplan can be considered as a material consideration in deciding planning applications.

3.2 A number of Board members expressed concern that the wording of a report on the Otley Road application was unhelpful and negative regarding the Masterplan and asked how this could be avoided in the future. Mike informed the meeting that the Council had agreed a policy on pre-application discussions. It was agreed that the Airedale Partnership should work closely with planners to influence major scheme applicants/developers at this stage. It was agreed that Andy Taylor would meet with the Team Leaders of the Shipley and Keighley Planning Teams to discuss this further.

4. Advanced Digital Institute

- 4.1 Ged Powell gave a presentation on the current position of the ADI. Work was focussing on submitting the Stage 3 Business Plan to Yorkshire Forward and developing relationships with key companies, eg. Pace and Filtronics and local Universities. The presentation also outlined the potential technology areas which the ADI would initially focus. Funding of £2.02 million was being sought and the aim of the financial projections was to be self financing by the end of 4 years.
- 4.2 Andy Taylor informed the meeting that that the ADI had been included as a key project in the Leeds City Region Development Plan on the Northern Way. He was currently working up a capital bid for premises and incubator space for the ADI and the resultant spin-off companies for consideration as part of the Northern Way bid for funding in the 2007 Spending Review.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting:

- 5.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th December 2005 were agreed as correct and would be posted on the website.

6. Matters Arising:

- 6.1 The meeting was informed that the problems with land assembly on Dalton Lane discussed at the previous meeting had been resolved and contracts were due to be signed shortly.
- 6.2 Councillor Joyce declared an interest as Chair of Governors of Keighley College.

7. Update on Masterplan Progress

- 7.1 Andy Taylor circulated a report on progress with the masterplan and the 5 priority projects. Key points were:
- Feasibility work was continuing on the Shipley Eastern Link Road which had been identified as a major scheme in the draft Local Transport Plan. Simon Cooke informed the meeting that the Regional Transport Board have recommended three schemes for funding, one tram scheme in Sheffield and two schemes in Hull. Nothing was recommended for West Yorkshire. They have also commissioned a twenty five year review.
 - A scoping study was to be commissioned to examine the Keighley Station proposal after discussion with Northern Rail, Network Rail and Metro.
 - A series of meetings had been held with partners on the rural backdrop proposals. A bid to establish an Airedale Greenway was being developed for submission for funding from Yorkshire Forward.

8. AOB

- 8.1 Mick Milner and Andy Taylor informed the meeting of changes in partnership arrangements in Keighley. As part of the delivery of the Masterplan it was proposed to hold a number of business forums in areas affected by the masterplan proposals. The first of these would be in Dalton Lane Keighley and then Dockfield Road, Shipley

9. Date of next meeting 16th March 2006.