

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 6th December
2007 at the Airedale Partnership Offices Keighley**

Present: Bob Gomersall, Bradford Technology Group Ltd
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson (Acting Chair)
Trevor Higgins, British Telecom

In Attendance: Andy Taylor, Airedale Partnership
Robert Brough, Airedale Partnership
Margaret Robson, Assistant Principal Employer and
Community Responsiveness, Shipley College
Ian Durham, Head of Estates and Facilities, Shipley
College

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed every one to the meeting.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Mallinson, Jean McAllister, Cllr Doreen Lee, and Adam Cairns

6.0 Dalton Mills Redevelopment

6.1 Morris Properties were unable to give their presentation on the progress of the planned redevelopment of Dalton Mills. This item was deferred to the next Board meeting in early 2008.

7.0 Shipley College Property Development Strategy

7.1 A presentation was given by Ian Durham and Margaret Robson and discussion held on the current Shipley College Distributed Property Strategy which would result in the College having a physical presence in Bingley, Saltaire, Shipley and Bolton Woods/Frizinghall. The proposals formed an integral part of the implementation of the Airedale Masterplan and the Canal Road Masterplan. Feasibility work is underway to identify sites in Shipley Town Centre and develop proposals.

7.2 Funding for land acquisition was required for the Shipley Town Centre and Bolton Wood/Frizinghall proposals. The College were advised to begin discussions with Yorkshire Forward at the earliest opportunity if funding was to be sought from this source. The Regeneration Manager would be invited to a future meeting of the College Development Feasibility Group to provide assistance.

7.3 The Board welcomed the proposals and offered their full support and assistance in their development and implementation.

3.0 Declaration of interest

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

4.0 Minutes from the last meeting

4.1 The minutes from the meeting held 25th October 2007 were accepted as a true record and will be placed on the website.

5.0 Matters arising

5.1 There were no matters arising

8.0 Yorkshire Forward Renaissance Team

8.1 Representatives from the team were unable to attend the meeting therefore this item would be deferred to a future meeting in 2008

9.0 Discussion following Next steps away day

9.1 The Board received a report and summary of issues and action identified prior to the meeting. The Board noted the content and agreed to work on the actions as priorities for 2008

9.2 The Board agreed that the key messages that came from the day are:

- Good progress is being made with implementation but there is a need to accelerate delivery rather than ease off.
- Need to continue the focus on the five priority projects and ensure they are a success
- Begin to identify the next round of projects as there is often a long lead-in time
- Establish baselines and an evaluation strategy to demonstrate and assess progress with the delivery of the masterplan.
- Assess the success of the ADI as a case study for future project development
- Hold a conference on innovation
- Need to do more to communicate success to key stakeholders
- Work with Invest In Bradford, to develop a marketing strategy for Airedale as a centre for 'commercial research and development.'
- Identify a pipeline of development sites for employment uses to support economic growth
- The importance of the vibrancy of our town centres

9.3 The Board agreed:

- a) that the Regeneration Manager be asked to draw up a project plan to address the issues and actions identified at the Workshop for consideration at a future Board meeting
- b) that the proposal to hold a stakeholder event to highlight progress with the Masterplan be supported.

10.0 Progress with the masterplan

- 10.1 A report on progress with the masterplan was circulated with the agenda. The Regeneration Manager highlighted the key areas of progress since the last Board meeting.

It was agreed that future priorities would be added as a standing item on future agendas.

- 10.2 The Board noted the report.

11.0 Board Agenda Plan

- 11.1 An updated copy was circulated for information. The missed items from the meeting today will be added to future agendas.

- 11.2 The Board noted the report.

12.0 Press Coverage

- 12.1 Nine articles featuring the masterplan were recorded in November. A list was circulated to the Board

13.0 AOB

- 13.1 Meeting dates for the New Year would be agreed after April 2008
- 13.2 Bob Gomersall asked about changes in the structure of the Council's Regeneration Department and their potential impact of the Airedale staff. Andy Taylor outlined the changes to date, including the appointment of Barra Macruairi as Strategic Director of Regeneration and agreed to circulate details with the minutes of the meeting.
- 13.2 Andy Taylor informed the meeting that the Manufacturing Advice Service has contacted the Partnership to work together to promote their services in the area.
- 13.3 Andy Taylor informed the meeting that he recently visited PFP a manufacturer of food packaging who had moved into new premises in Keighley. Its Managing Director, Andy Bairstow was keen to get involved with the work of the Partnership. It was agreed that a further meeting involving Mick Milner be arranged to discuss further.
- 13.4 Andy Taylor informed the meeting that Craven DC had approached Arup to extend the Airedale Masterplan to Skipton.

14 Date of next meeting

- 14.1 Date of next meeting will be the 17th January 2008