

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> December  
2006 at 14:00 at North Street**

**Present:** Cllr Andrew Mallinson, Chair  
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson  
Jean McAllister, Shipley College/the Learning Partnership  
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box  
Bob Gomersall, Bradford Technology Group Ltd  
Cllr Lynne Joyce, BMDC

**In attendance:** Andy Taylor, Regeneration Manager, Airedale  
Partnership  
Robert Brough, Brokerage & Network Coordinator  
Simon Woodhurst, BMDC

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received from Adam Cairns, Trevor Higgins

**3. Declarations of interest**

3.1 This would be noted as and when it occurred during the meeting.

**4. Minutes from the last meeting**

4.1 The minutes from the 26th October meeting were agreed as a true record and will be placed on the Partnership website.

**5. Matters arising:**

5.1 Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) – Mick Milner reported that there were problems in recruiting local community enablers to promote the LEGI project in Airedale, in particular Keighley. Also the idea of a ‘test retailing’ location in Keighley was given tacit support by the Economic Partnership.

The Board agreed to give what ever assist required by the LEGI team to promote the programme.

**6. Briefing on the Bingley Business Technology Park – Simon Woodhurst**

6.1 Following a brief outline of the background to the project from Andy Taylor, Simon Woodhurst gave a detailed update and description of the proposed development of the Coolgardie Site including aims, initial design and layout and site management in the longer term.

It was agreed that the role of the Board will be crucial in promoting, marketing and supporting this development.

**6.2** Andy Taylor reported back on the success of the Yorkshire Forward Digital Cluster Team visit around Airedale to look at sites suitable to establish the ADI that included the Coolgardie Farm site, Bingley.

It was agreed that the Board send the Partnership's comments to the Area Planning Team in Shipley in support of the planning application for the development

**7. YF Digital Cluster Team visit**

**7.1** Andy Taylor gave a further details on the above visit, the purpose of which was to showcase the benefits of further developing the digital cluster in Airedale, the benefits to the local economy and in particular to consider potential locations for the ADI capital development. Action points from the visit were circulated at the meeting.

It was agreed that:

- a) The action points circulated to the Board be endorsed
- b) Officers be requested to work with the Digital Cluster Team of Yorkshire Forward to would complete the action points as agreed
- c) A report on progress with the action points will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.
- d) That Shipley College will be involved in future discussions in support of the College work in providing training in the creative and digital sectors and the development of its Creative and Digital Centre.
- e) A list of all the people who attended the visit will be circulated to Board members for information.

**8. Masterplan update:**

**8.1** A report on progress with the delivery of the masterplan was circulated with agenda. All five priority projects were moving forward and making progress. Andy Taylor informed the meeting that Steve Barton, Head of Service, Major Works had been invited to the next Board meeting to discuss the Shipley Eastern Link Road and the Airedale Transport Improvement Project.

**8.2** Andy Taylor also informed the meeting that the bid to Yorkshire Forward for funding for the Airedale management team is nearing approval. It was anticipated that the bid would be considered by the Yorkshire Forward Appraisal Panel prior to Christmas.

**8.3** The Chair suggested that the Airedale Drainage Board and other interest groups were contacted in relation to the Airedale Waterways project. It was noted that Robert Brough was to meet with William Jowitt to plan for the Dockfield Road Forum before Christmas.

It was agreed to note the information contained in the report.

**9. Leeds City Region Development Plan:**

- 9.1** Andy Taylor explained briefly about the development plan and that Airedale and in particular the ADI was mention as a key component of the City Region economy.

It was agreed that the report be noted and that the Board be kept informed on progress with the delivery of the CDRP.

**10. Press Coverage:**

- 10.1** A summary of masterplan coverage was issued with 8 articles featuring the masterplan since October.

It was agreed that officers would explore how the partnership can get coverage of its work in a broader range of papers, magazines etc

**11. ASDA Response**

- 11.1** The notes of the meeting regarding the response to proposed ASDA development were circulated. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Andy Taylor would arrange a meeting with ASDA in the New Year.

**12 AOB**

- 12.1** CCTV – Mick Milner informed the meeting that funding has been approved by the Economic Partnership to install some CCTV cameras in the Dalton Lane area. This was part of a package of measures to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour which was affecting businesses in the area.
- 12.2** Andy Taylor informed the meeting that Adam Cairns had requested the opportunity to do a presentation on the development of an Airedale Health Village and its contribution to the Masterplan. It was agreed that would be an agenda item at the next Board meeting.
- 12.3** Finally, on behalf of the Board, Bob Gomersall expressed their appreciation for the hard work of Andy Taylor and Robert Brough in supporting the Board and all the work undertaken so far in the development and implementation of the masterplan.

**Date of Next meeting - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at North Street.**