

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 2.30pm 16  
December 2004 at Victoria Hall, Saltaire.**

- Present:** Mick Milner (Chair), KEG/Leach & Thompson  
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box  
Jean McAllister, Learning Partnership  
David Gates, Bradford Vision  
Bob Gomersall, Bradford Technology Group Ltd
- In Attendance:** Andy Taylor, Regeneration Manager  
Robert Brough, Brokerage & Network Coordinator  
Mike Osborne, ARUP  
Neil Walmsley, ARUP
- Guest Speakers:** Dr Hilary Taylor  
David Talbot, Head of Parks & Landscapes Service  
Dick Webb, Performance & Special Projects Manager  
Dave Melling, Senior Policy Officer
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1. **Welcome and Introductions:**  
The Chair welcomed the guest speakers and Board members present
2. **Apologies:**  
Have been received from Trevor Higgins, BT and Cllr Lynne Joyce, CBMDC, Cllr Simon Cooke (Chair)
3. **Declaration of interest:**  
As usual these would be declared at the appropriate point on the agenda
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:**  
These were agreed as a true record
5. **Matters arising:**  
There were no matters arising
6. **Roberts Park open spaces conservation management plan for Saltaire:**  
The Chair introduced Dave Talbot who explained the background to the project which had resulted in a report being produced last summer. A Heritage Lottery Fund bid had been put together for the restoration of the park, however one of the key findings had been the idea of rebuilding the bridge at the end of Victoria Road. This would re-establish the main connection from the village to the Park, but the cost could not be justified unless the bridge was seen as part of a major regeneration programme for the area.  
The main aim of attending the Board meeting was, therefore, to gain acceptance and support for the project and its possible inclusion into the Airedale Masterplan as a major regeneration scheme.

**Dr Hilary Taylor – an insight into the design and development of the village:**

Dr Taylor gave an interesting and informative insight into the history, design and rationale of Salts Village and its relationship with its surroundings and to the reasons why the inclusion of the re-building of the bridge from Victoria Road to the Park is essential to the original spirit of the design and layout of Saltaire and its importance as a world heritage site.

After some discussion particularly regarding the masterplan the board gave its support to the ideas behind the restoration but was clear that there was insufficient funding at present to give financial support. However the Board was in a position to take forward the ideas and promote them within the masterplan.

**7. Dave Melling – West Yorkshire Rural Scoping Study:**

Dave explained about the background to the study and its importance in re-defining the rural nature of West Yorkshire particularly in how it relates to Bradford and Airedale. An executive Summary was circulated to Board members.

One of the objectives of The Airedale Partnership is to develop initiatives for the rural economy, by giving the presentation Dave was looking for support from the Board to essentially ‘find a home’ for initiatives for the rural economy under the auspices of the Partnership. Dave has also volunteered to represent the Board in any discussions that follow to develop rural policy in Airedale further.

**8. Masterplan update – Mike Osborne:**

Mike updated the Board on progress with the Masterplan and the timetable for the completion of the report for the end of February 2005. Mike also asked for initial feedback on the presentation given to the Masterplan Steering group which preceded the Board meeting. The general feedback was positive with particular support for Arup’s concept of the landscape being the new raw material for Airedale. Neil Walmesley, Arup, informed the Board that he would circulate the presentation and welcome comments.

**9. Sub regional Investment Plan/Advanced Digital Institute update – Andy Taylor:**

Andy informed the meeting that the 3 SRIP projects, Dalton Lane Regeneration, Shipley Digital Business Park and the Sustainable Development Park were all at Stage 2 of Yorkshire Forward’s appraisal process. Andy also commented that the latter two projects may need to be reviewed in the light of the draft Masterplan.

The Advanced Digital Institute had now been resubmitted and had been supported by the West Yorkshire Partnership Strategic Appraisal Panel. Now goes onto West Yorkshire Economic Partnership Executive and Board for approval, before a Stage 2 application can be considered by Yorkshire Forward.

- 10. Skills/Training/Employment projects update – Robert Brough:**  
Due to the late running of the meeting the following was agreed under this item:  
A full update on the projects would be available to the Board in the next quarterly report.  
The Board would be sent details on the Business Innovation Framework by e-mail.  
Guidance would be sought from the Board on how to take ideas forward from the Connecting Airedale Study.
- 11. Dates and venues for next series of meetings:**  
3 February 2005  
17 March 2005  
28 April 2005  
9 June 2005  
21 July 2005  
8 September 2005  
20 October 2005  
1 December 2005
- 12 AOB:**  
Customer First:  
The Board was advised that the Airedale Partnership Office was in the process of being assessed against the Customer First framework, formal assessment was likely in February 2005.