

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board Meeting held 2.00pm 8 July
2004 at Shipley College.**

Present: Cllr Simon Cooke (Chair), BMDC
Cllr Lynne Joyce, BMDC
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson
Trevor Higgins, BT
David Gates, Bradford Vision
Jean Mcallister, The Learning Partnership

In Attendance: Andy Taylor, BMDC
Robert Brough, BMDC
Mike Osborne, Arup
Sarah Shaw, BMDC
Jane Hughes, BMDC

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Andy welcomed all those in attendance. The Board Members were introduced to Jane Hughes and Sarah Shaw from the local PACT teams and also to Mike Osborne from Arup.

2. Apologies:

Bob Gomersall, Bradford Technology Group Ltd

3. Declarations of interest:

As usual these would be declared at the appropriate point on the agenda

4. Presentations on the local PACTs from Jane Hughes and Sarah Shaw:

Sarah and Jane gave overviews of the work of both the Keighley and the Shipley East PACTs. The PACTs aim to engage communities, get local people back into employment and create job opportunities through social enterprise and intermediate labour market activity.

The first phase of the PACT's work has established physical infrastructure projects that included buildings such as Springfield Mill, Highfield Community Centre, Windhill Furniture Store and the Rockwell Centre. The second phase will be developing projects further, continuing to improving the asset base and developing projects leading to jobs and training outputs.

Through the PACTs Sarah and Jane can offer much support to the Airedale Partnership through their established networks and their

extensive local knowledge of issues that are likely to impact on the work of the Partnership also they can help to ensure that their programmes meet the needs of key supply chain industries, and support relevant local enterprise activity. The PACTs would also like to work with the Partnership to develop closer links to the private sector. They are keen to be involved in the development of the Masterplan and Strategy for Airedale to achieve its vision and finally and finally opportunities for mentoring and work shadowing in the private sector.

The Chair thanked Sarah and Jane for their presentation and asked the Board members for comments or questions.

*Mike Osborne asked to meet with Jane to discuss potential horticultural projects within the PACT area.

*Trevor Higgins offered his support for work shadowing and mentoring

*Mick Milner, asked for clarification on the source of PACT funding. Also, how much emphasis was there on project sustainability? This was an integral part of project approval.

Mick also commented on the lack of publicity of PACT work.

*Cllr Joyce asked if there was a marketing budget. There is no money available specifically for promotion of the PACT work, it was agreed that this was a weak area.

*William Jowitt asked what the level of funding is per year. The PACTs are currently reviewing how they allocate the funds for the district.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting:

These were agreed as a true record.

6. Matters arising:

The meeting about the Advanced Digital Institute (ADI) was held and has support from Yorkshire Forward and the Council, a steering group is to be established to move the project forward and a Project Investment Form has been submitted for the Sub Regional Investment Plan (SRIP).

Sub Regional Investment Plan:

At a meeting of the West Yorkshire Executive green light status had been given to the Dalton Lane and Airedale Digital Park projects and an amber light to the Shipley Sustainable Waste Park. All projects are at stage 2 development.

Keighley College/Bus Museum development:

David Gates informed the Board that the initial bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund had been unsuccessful and that they had been asked to re submit.

It has been suggested that their bid links to a whole package of tourism activities from the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, Vintage Carriage Trust, Bus

Museum, Space Centre, the Canal and other tourism sites to give a unique selling point to Keighley.

David said that the LSC had given 12 months for the College to get the final plans submitted to enable them to allocate the finances otherwise the funds would be re allocated elsewhere in the region. It is key to achieve the college redevelopment as it will free up the site on Cavendish Street to help in the regeneration of the town centre.

7. Network Event:

Andy Taylor gave a summary of the report of the network event (previously distributed) emphasizing how successful and positive it had been particularly in the numbers of representatives from the private sector and the positive/constructive feedback from the table top exercise.

8. Inception Report Feedback – Mike Osborne:

Mike initially explained some of his ideas resulting from discussions he has had with different people where developments are either underway or in the process of being implemented.

Ideas in Keighley covered the station site, the town centre, the college site, location of the bus museum, Dalton lane developments.

Discussions for Shipley centred on the development of the station, the location of the Advanced Digital Institute, Dockfield Lane developments, Marshalls Quarry and links with Shipley East Pact.

Mike also emphasized the problems of the lack of development land in public ownership and the difficulties this raises in getting major projects off the ground from the masterplan.

9. Skills/Training/Employment Projects:

From the update previously circulated Robert explained that most of the projects were now up and running and achieving their targets notably the Learning Node is due to open on 10 July. The Wheels2Work launch is due in August and the Connectivity Survey is due out early September, and the Construction Network launch is due early September.

10. Keighley College CoVEs:

David explained to the Board that the College is the regional CoVE (Centre of Vocational Excellence) for Gas and Plumbing and the National one for Fabrication and Welding.

11. AOB:

For information The Partnership now has its own headed paper.

It was suggested that we have presentations regarding the Inspection Report on the UDP and Roberts Park Heritage Lottery Fund Bid.

12. The next meeting will be held on 9 September at 2.00pm venue to be agreed.