

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 2.00pm 9
September 2004 at Keighley College**

Present: Cllr Simon Cooke (Chair), CBMDC
Cllr Lynne Joyce, CMBDC
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box
Jean McAllister, Learning Partnership
David Gates, Bradford Vision
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson
Bob Gomersall, Bradford Technology Group Ltd

In attendance: Andy Taylor, Regeneration Manager CBMDC
Robert Brough, CBMDC
Mike Osborne, Arup

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1. **Welcome and Introductions:**
The Chair welcomed all Board members and attendees present, in particular Mike Osborne from Arup.
 2. **Apologies:**
Trevor Higgins, British Telecom
 3. **Declarations 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.

The following two items were swapped in order that they appeared on the agenda.

7. **Sub regional Investment plan (SRIP) Update:**
Andy Taylor updated the Board on the progress and status of the SRIP projects;
The Digital Business Park - has been designated a green light project but Yorkshire Forward had questioned the financial viability, discussions were continuing to get the project finalised.
Dalton Lane – has been designated a green light project, questions had been raised through the masterplanning process on the location of the various elements on the site, these would be finalised by the end of the month. The STAR project had also been given support by YF this would enhance the Keighley College proposals as a landmark development.

Sustainable Growth Park – the West Yorkshire Economic Partnership had considered this and a similar proposal from Wakefield and concluded that the two proposals complemented rather than competed. The proposals were now to be considered by Yorkshire Forward before they could progress through the appraisal process.

Advanced Digital Institute – At the last steering group meeting for the ADI there was a lack of clarity on the progress of the project within the SRIP process, Andy Taylor had agreed to look into this.

Andy said that YF are still fully supportive of the project and that it needs to be worked up to a stage 1 proposal to progress it further. Bob Gomersall was keen to see someone within the system to champion the ADI to ensure it succeeds as it is seen as essential to support the growth and development of the digital sector within Airedale.

It was agreed that the ADI vision statement would be circulated to Board members.

6. Masterplan progress report:

Mike Osborne updated the Board on the progress of the masterplan. The baseline research had been completed on the economy of Airedale. Feedback on the environment will be given to the Arup team on 14 September, with work on the property issues still outstanding, however, work is generally on target.

Mike talked through some of the ideas being generated around the rail and bus interchange in Keighley and the Beechcliffe site, the digital park in Shipley and the development of the station site. The Board requested that the Masterplanners consult with the Police and Transport Police regarding community safety issues raised in developing projects.

Mike reported that much publicity had resulted from his many meetings, particularly in Keighley, a mix of positive and negative, but the responses had raised many possible ideas too. The Better Education for All Group had sent a positive letter to The Keighley News in support of the work of the masterplanners.

The formal consultation process is set to begin in November, the consultation plan is being finalised.

8. Skills/Training/Employment projects:

Most of the projects are on target with their outcomes; The Connectivity report will be completed by the end of the month, the Construction Network has been launched, The Bingley Connection opened, the website will be working by the middle of October, KLEA continue to support new business starts and the wheels2work project was finally launched with the first mopeds allocated.

The next quarterly report giving a full update on progress will be circulated to the Board members at the end of the month.

9. Dates for Board meetings and masterplan briefings:

14 October 12.00 to 1.30pm Mercury House, Masterplan briefing

11 November Board meeting 2.00 to 4.00pm, venue TBA

16b December Board meeting 2.00 to 4.00pm, venue TBA

10. Future agenda items:

It was agreed that the Final Report of the Connectivity Study would be considered at the next Board meeting.

11. AOB:

Strategic sites need to be identified that can be purchased to support the masterplan, this information needs to be passed to Yorkshire Forward. Andy Taylor, Simon Woodhurst and representatives from Arup will prepare a list and forward to YF.

The launch of the masterplan is likely to be in February 2005 the board needs to prepare for that and to consider personalities to launch the plan and what form the launch will take.