

**MINUTES OF
ALT AND SHOLVER PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
1st FEBRUARY, 2007, CIVIC CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Cllr Dave Hibbert, Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Lila Wilson Alt Tenants and Residents' Association
Laurie McDonald, Alt TRA
Val Smith Sholver Tenant Management Organisation
Rose Johnstone, Sholver TMO
Jackie Greenhalgh, Alt Primary Headteacher
June Harvey, ARC Community Centre
Amit Khan, Alt Local Business Member
Cllr Hugh McDonald, Alexandra Ward Councillors
Cllr Jackie Stanton, Roger Hindle St James Ward Councillors
Nick Cumberland Regeneration Unit, OMBC
Mark Glynn Housing Market Renewal Team
Claire Morgan, HMR Consultation Manager
Mushtaq Khan, OMBC Housing Strategy Unit
Joanne Bentley, FCHO East Area Services Manager
Kevin Clarke, Alt / Sholver Project Officer

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Roger Hindle, St James' Ward
Councillor Asaf Ali
Hazel Shaw, Oldham Primary Care Trust

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31st October

Accepted as accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Lila Wilson and Laurie McDonald reported that they had resigned from Alt TRA, but expressed their wish to remain on the board. Discussion followed about the Terms of Reference agreed BY Oldham MBC's Cabinet in February, 2006 when the board was established. These terms would need to be revised at a future stage when discussions become more critical, but for the present, it was felt that the experience of both members should not be lost and that they will be accepted as co-optees onto the board.

KC to also request two nominees from the revised Alt TRA, as per the original Terms of Reference.

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3. Community Engagement, Ideas for Change Consultation

Zerg Raja's report was welcomed as a reflection of the continuing efforts to involve local residents by making consultation events as informal as possible. The inclusion of community-based agencies, such as Oldham Play Action Group, had done much to improve attendance at the November events and to make residents feel more comfortable with the process.

4. Ideas for Change : Analysis of Responses

Nick Cumberland presented the report which analysed responses to options and questionnaires presented at Sholver on 19th November and Alt on 26th November.

There was some concern raised by the Sholver TMO that the figures did not reflect a wide representation of local people and that relatively small numbers had actually attended the event and given their views. The problems in engaging residents were discussed, especially in relation to Sholver, which had also proved difficult to secure members for the Tenant Management Organisation. Overall, it was agreed that there had been significant progress in Sholver where the first event attracted just 7 people, while the November event received 60 responses to the questionnaire – members considered this to be very positive progress. It was stressed that flyers had been distributed in advance of all consultation events, and that after the poor response to the July Sholver event, door knocking had followed to try to ensure that everybody had the opportunity to have their say.

The report was generally well received and it was noted that there was appetite for significant change on both estates. It was stressed that whilst there was an appetite for change, residents wanted a phased approach and to ensure that they could remain on the estate if they wanted to.

There was also some discussion on moving to a Preferred Option ; members were reminded that this would not favour any single option, but would seek to reflect a balance of views received from residents and stakeholder agencies. A report on this is to be submitted at the next meeting and members confirmed their wish to see the Preferred Option before it is presented publicly.

5. Proposal to Demolish Alt Void Flats

Members endorsed the need to remove the empty blocks as early as possible, following repeated concerns expressed by Alt TRA and at Alt Multi-Agency Partnership.

Subject to Cabinet approval, **KC** to ensure that Alt TRA would be kept informed of the plans to demolish the flats.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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To be agreed

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