

**ALT & SHOLVER PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2008
CROMPTON SUITE, CIVIC CENTRE
WEST STREET, OLDHAM**

PRESENT: Cllr J McCann (Chair), Cllr Martin Dinoff, Cllr Roger Hindle, Cllr Jackie Stanton, Cllr Jim McArdle

Tom Flanagan, (OMBC Regeneration), John Rooney (OMBC Housing Strategy) Kevin Clarke, (ASP Co-ordinator), Rob Goodinson, Shela Fletcher (Alt TRA), Rose Johnstone (Sholver Steering Group), Zerg Raja, (ASP Consultation Officer) , Joanne Bentley (FCHO East Area Manager), Julie Thompson (OMBC Regeneration

APOLOGIES: Cllr Shaw, Mark Glynn (HMR)

Item No

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Noted as above.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2008

Minutes agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. CHERRY AVENUE DEMOLITION AND RE-HOUSING

Members welcomed the prompt re-housing of the elderly residents.

Concerns were expressed about any delay in demolition. Tom Flanagan commented that although the PFI Board must approve the exclusion of these properties from the legal contract, it should be feasible to move processes forward in parallel – priority must be given to demolition as early as possible now that the bungalows are empty. Sheila Fletcher endorsed concerns that the bungalows will be a focus for vandalism unless removed quickly. Kevin Clarke to reiterate this with council's Housing Strategy Team.

5. APPOINTMENT OF EC HARRIS

Following previous reports, members welcomed the appointment of the advisors. At this stage it will involve preparation of financial modelling, advice on planning and legal issues. The next stage – i.e. recruitment of developers – will be of much more direct interest to residents. Involvement of residents in the appointment of developers was approved by the Board.

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6. DRAFT NEWSLETTER

Sholver: Given the more urgent timescales for Sholver deliveries, this draft was more advanced. Comments: Board welcomed the 'shift' from residents' comments at previous stages, e.g. re: Sholver Village Green plus action on the demolition of 237-259 Longfellow Crescent.

Cllr McArdle felt that the 'drop ins' might be not well attended if held at the youth centre.

Sheila Fletcher said that until the proposals are 'more real' many residents will not engage with the emerging process. Cllr McCann emphasised the need for residents to attend 'drop ins' and other events – active resident views had taken effect in the approach to 109-29 Swift Road, the Village Green etc and active involvement can only improve the eventual shape of the plan.

John Rooney pointed out that other projects had struggled to secure regular involvement until final proposals are drafted. The master-plan exercise will also be an opportunity for residents who have not previously engaged.

The initial outline for the Alt Newsletter was also discussed. Kevin Clarke to meet with ALT TRA to discuss in more detail.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

ZR outlined activity in relation to young people's work on camera skills (participatory appraisal) and the ALT TRA work to improve the TRA base.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 October @ 5.45 pm at the Crompton Suite.

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