

Minutes of the Board Meeting of New Deal for Communities (Hathershaw and Fitton Hill) held at Borough Mill on 9 March 2006

Present	Les Coop	Independent Chair (non-voting)
	Ian Payne	Vice Chair & Resident Board Member
	Mark Birchall	Vice Chair & Resident Board Member
	Janine Conway	Resident Board Member
	Ray Taft	Resident Board Member
	Tony Blackman	Resident Board Member
	Philip Howarth	Resident Board Member
	Chris Neilson	Resident Board Member
	Martin Griffin	Small Business Forum
	Alan Higgins	Health and Social Care Partnership
	Mohammed Alyas	Voluntary, Community & Faith P'Ship
	Cllr Hugh MacDonald	OMBC
	Cllr Peter Dean	OMBC
	Kath Muir	Economic Partnership
Alan Caddick	Local Housing Partnership	
Matrin O'Connell	Oldham Against Crime Partnership	
Alan Higgins	Health and Social Care Partnership	

In Attendance	Gordon Roscoe	Chief Executive
	Karron Roberts (Minutes)	Office & Facilities Manager
	Harry Govan	Interim Capital Programme Manager
	Liz McVeigh	Secretary to CEO (Observer)
	Robin Prescott	Theme Manager
	Paul White	Assistant Director Regeneration
	Naz Sunni	Government Office North West
	Sarah Bevan	Villages Housing

Les Coop opened the meeting

<u>Item</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action</u>
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1. Apologies/Introductions

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Jean Jones – OMBC
- Jacque O'Neill – GONW
- Janice Latreche – Resident Board Member
- Joyce Todd – Resident Board Member
- Nick Hudson – Learning Partnership
- Gordon Haynes – Business Representative
- Joyce Todd – Resident Board Member
- Maria Guest – Resident Board Member
- Anita Williamson – Resident Board Member

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Ray Taft declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.ii) Capital Programme, as a member of a user group of the CPD playing fields

Sarah Bevan declared an interest in Agenda Item 6.i) Masterplan Update as a representative of Villages Housing.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Item 7 paragraph 3 should read “Philip Howarth queried if the Islamic Education Centre had been approached regarding disabled access.”

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting subject to the above amendment.

4. Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere

Phillip Howarth submitted a letter from Hathershaw Residents Association requesting that details of the Masterplan options be delivered to all residents in the NDC area. (NOTE the options are available in the current issue of NDC News)

5. Reports of Chair/Vice Chairs and NDC representatives on External Bodies

Ian Payne advised the Board that he attended the Fitton Hill and Bardsley MAP meeting which was poorly attended.

Les Coop advised that he has a meeting arranged with Mr Woollas, Mike Chambers and is currently meeting individually with all Resident Board Members. Meetings will be arranged with Agency Board Members shortly.

6. Report of the Chief Executive

Gordon Roscoe presented the report.

6.i) Masterplan Update

Gordon Roscoe advised that the Masterplan Consultation events were a success with high turnout at each event. He also advised staff are meeting with residents in groups and individually at a time convenient to residents to further discuss the Masterplan options.

Philip Howarth queried who had designed the options. Gordon Roscoe explained that the options had been drawn up by the steering group of which 3 Resident Board Members and a Business Representative were members of and had been nominated by full NDC Board.

Philip Howarth again raised the issue of the paragraph contained within the consultants tender for the community Facilities Strategy and again Harry Govan advised that this had been addressed as advised at the previous board meeting in January.

6.ii) Board Away Day

The next Board away day was identified and agreed, at a previous board meeting, to take place on 29th April. Gordon Roscoe advised that this day is to discuss the Masterplan. However, this would mean that a formal report could not come back to Board until the June meeting. Members were asked if they would prefer to bring the Board Away Day forward to 1st or 8th April. Karron Roberts is to consult all members for availability for Saturdays throughout April.

Phillip Howarth queried who will decide on the preferred option. Gordon Roscoe advised that this will be based on the views received from all resident consultation and feedback and a formal report will come to Board thereafter. The Board will have the opportunity to contribute towards the content of the preferred option at the away day.

It was queried how many people had attended the consultation sessions but officers were unable to give an accurate figure at that time.

Chris Neilson suggested using the Job and Youth bus to engage additional people who have not previously got involved. Mark Birchall explored this action as it will aim to engage people who, for personal reasons or otherwise, would not attend open meetings.

Gordon Roscoe advised that Officers will put together a timetable for this but this will delay a report coming back to board.

Phillip Howarth queried why there was no “do nothing” option within the Masterplan options which is standard for Officer produced Board reports. Mark Birchall explained that to “do nothing” was not an option as improvements are needed to Hathershaw and Fitton Hill.

Phillip Howarth left the meeting.

Item of Confidentiality

Ian Payne raised an item of confidentiality

It was agreed that Les Coop will address this issue

7. Performance Management

Gordon Roscoe advised that at the Pre Board meeting he was asked to query the outcome of 2005 performance management from the NRU review. NRU reported that they were awaiting a Ministers decision on the review. Meanwhile, GONW could release the report on performance management.

i) Spend

Gordon Roscoe presented the report and advised that we have received an additional £100k funding for spend this financial year. NDC is on target to meet the required spend of £6.35m in 2005/2006

The Board noted the content of the report

ii) Capital Programme

Harry Govan presented the report.

The Board noted the content of the report

iii) Staffing Update

Noted

iv) Targets and Outcomes

Gordon Roscoe advised there was no report at this time and a report will come to the next Board meeting.

8. 2006/07 Delivery Plan

Gordon Roscoe presented the report and NDC Officers gave brief details of each of the proposed new projects contained within the 2 year plan.

Martin Griffin declared an interest in Ashton Road Corridor as an owner of a business within the corridor.

Mark Birchall requested confirmation from GONW that the agreed £53.35m is still allocated to Hathershaw and Fitton Hill, but Naz Sunni was unable to comment.

Alan Caddick reiterated that this is routine, and that all NDC's and other government funded initiatives go through this process each year, and that spend is allocated on a year by year basis. He advised that the best way to ensure continued funding is based on performance.

Paul White advised that based on past experience, if the programme is secure and performing well then funding will continue.

Gordon Roscoe proposed that Ashton Road be a priority for year one and for the Board to readdress year 2 when the Community Facilities Strategy is complete in May 2006.

The Board Agreed to prioritise Ashton Road and consider funding implications for year 2 when the Community Facilities Strategy is completed.

9. Project Approvals

9.i) Neighbourhood Solutions

Harry Govan presented the report.

At the preboard meeting it was queried if monies collected from fines would be fed back into the NDC area. Harry Govan sought an answer from Environmental Services and they advised that the monies are fed into boroughwide budgets. Members had also queried what “added value” the project would bring. Harry Govan supplied the baseline for Council Services.

Environmental services have provisionally approved the project budgets and the full approval of the budget will be taken to the DMT next week. The project will only go ahead based on the approval of the Environmental DMT as they need approval for the potential costs and the agreement on the projected salary implications and staff changes.

10.ii) Any Other Business

Gordon Roscoe advised that there was an additional project (Enterprise Factory) that required approval and the amount of funding is over the Approvals Committee threshold. He asked if the Board wanted to consider the project now or delegate power to the Approvals Committee.

The Board Agreed to delegate responsibility to the Approvals Committee.

11. Neighbourhood Solutions Steering Committee

Gordon Roscoe advised that a resident Board member is required to sit on the Steering Committee for Neighbourhood Solutions project.

It was agreed that this would be decided at the next CE/RD meeting