

Minutes of the Board Meeting of New Deal for Communities (Hathershaw and Fitton Hill) held at Borough Mill on 10 November 2005

Present	Clive Jacotine	Interim 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
	Anita Williamson	Resident Board Member
	Chris Neilson	Resident Board Member
	Philip Howarth	Resident Board Member
	Cllr Hugh McDonald	Oldham Borough Council
	Cllr Jean Jones	Oldham Borough Council
	Martin Griffin	Small Business Forum
	Peter Cassin	Economic Partnership
	Alan Caddick	Local Housing Partnership
	Alan Higgins	Health and Social Care Partnership
	Nick Hudson	Local Learning Partnership
	Anthony Hill	Oldham Business Forum

In Attendance	Gordon Roscoe	Chief Executive
	Karron Roberts (Minutes)	Office & Facilities Manager
	Jit Kara	OMBC – Regeneration Finance
	Jacquie O’Neill	GONW
	Harry Govan	Interim Capital Programme Manager
	Sarah Bevan	Villages Housing
	Robin Prescott	Theme Manager
	Sarah Spence	Theme Manager
	Lesley Starmer	Project Officer (Observer)
	Harry Govan	Interim Capital Projects Officer (Observer)

Clive Jacotine opened the meeting following the earlier Extra Ordinary meeting.

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

Apologies were received from:

- Martin O’Connell – Crime and Disorder Partnership
- Elma Plant – Voluntary, Community and Faith Partnership
- Joyce Todd – Resident Board Member
- Maria Guest – Resident Board Member
- Janice Latreche – Resident Board Member
- Mohammed Alyas – Voluntary, Community and Faith Partnership

Alan Caddick continued to withhold his vote in order to meet quoracy requirements.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Anthony Hill and Martin Griffin declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 i) as they are both business owners that will benefit from this project.

Philip Howard declared an interest in Agenda item A2 ii) as a member of a user group.

Ray Taft declared an interest in Agenda item A2 ii) as he is Chair of the Steering Group

Janine Conway declared an interest in Agenda item A2 ii) as the NDC Theme Champion on the Steering Group.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September were agreed.

4. Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere

Gordon Roscoe advised the Board that Joyce Hatton is now the NDC Officers' representative for the Hathershaw and Fitton Hill Community Centre.

Jacquie O'Neill advised that GONW have approved the spend for the Hathershaw and Fitton Hill Community Centre

5. Appointment of Independent Chair

Gordon Roscoe presented the report.

The Board agreed the appointment of Les Coop as the NDC Independent Chair

GR

6. Reports of Chair and Vice Chairs

Clive Jacotine advised that the Change Management Group (CMG) had met and that minutes of the CMG will be circulated to Board Members in future.

KR

The Board were advised that Tony Blackman can no longer be the NDC representative/School Governor for Newbridge School Governing Body. Nominations are to come to the next Board Meeting and additional information regarding the position can be obtained from Tony Blackman

TB

Ian Payne advised that he had attended the Fitton Hill and Bardsley Multi Agency Partnership (MAP) meeting and that reports from these will be circulated to all Resident Board Members.

Ian Payne, on behalf of the Board, offered thanks to Anthony Hill and Clive Jacotine for their time and input into the Partnership. Anthony Hill replied that he had seen a change in the Board and that it has overcome past difficulties and is pleased that it is heading in the right direction.

Gordon Roscoe advised that due to Anthony Hill standing down from the Board, there is now a vacancy on the Board for a Business representative which, in the past, has been nominated by Oldham Business Forum. Mr Gordon Haynes who is the owner of Borough Mill and 4 other mills within the Borough of Oldham has been suggested as a possible candidate. No other candidates had come forward.

A query was raised queried if other owners of businesses within the NDC area had been approached. Martin Griffin advised that they had been approached by himself and Bob Bell but there had been no interest shown in joining the NDC Board.

Paul White advised that he had had dealings with Mr Haynes over a 10 year period and he has a good reputation.

GR

The Board agreed that Gordon Roscoe is to continue discussion with Mr Haynes with a view to him joining the Board but if anyone had any other possible nominees they should contact Martin Griffin or Gordon Roscoe.

7. Report of the Chief Executive

Gordon Roscoe presented the report. He advised that the first masterplan consultation will take place on Tuesday 15th November at Ashton Road Congregational Church and Wednesday 16th November at Fitton Hill Youth Centre. An advert will be placed in the Oldham Chronicle on Friday 11th November to ensure that all residents and business owners are aware of the sessions.

Gordon Roscoe advised that future Programme Advisory Group (PAG) meetings are to take place during the day as they require Officer attendance only. PAG will provide professional advice to the Board.

Gordon Roscoe advised that a further Board Away Day will take place in the New Year to focus primarily on Housing Market Renewal (HMR). A date will be circulated once fixed.

KR

Ian Payne requested Agency members attend all future Away Days where possible.

Alan Higgins proposed the Away Days be shortened to finish at 2pm to improve attendance. **GR**

Clive Jacotine advised the proposed dates of the Away Days are January to focus on HMR, April to focus on 2nd Stage of Masterplan and June/July to address Forward Strategy **GR**

Alan Caddick will provide additional information relating to HMR at future Board meetings. **AC**

8. NDC Key Outcomes

Gordon Roscoe presented the Report.

The Board agreed the Key Outcomes subject to Item 3 being linked with Item 2 and Key Outcomes to include promoting Investment in the area.

9. Board Delegation Scheme

The Board was not in a position to continue this item because it had not agreed the relevant changes to The Constitution at the preceding Extra Ordinary meeting. However, Members of the Board expressed strong concern at the impact on the NDC's ability to deliver its programmes, and agreed to suspend the Ordinary Meeting and re-convene the Extra Ordinary Meeting.

The Board Meeting was then suspended whilst the Extra Ordinary meeting was re-convened.

The Board meeting was then re-started after the re-opened Extra Ordinary meeting had finished. Given the change in the quoracy rules, Alan Higgins was no longer required to with hold his vote.

The Board then considered delegation to the Approvals Committee.

Jacque O'Neill expressed concern regarding the high level of risk attached to the proposed ceiling figure of £250k and suggested a ceiling figure of £200k.

The Board agreed, the Scheme of Delegation to the Approvals Committee, subject to the amendment of the limit to £200k.

10. Appointment of Approvals Committee

At the previous Board meeting held in September, Ray Taft; Janine Conway; Janice Latreche; Maria Guest and Ian Payne nominated themselves to sit on the Approvals Committee. Philip Howarth withdrew his previous nomination at the Board Meeting.

The Panel needs to consist of both Resident and Agency Members and Cllr Jean Jones, Alan Caddick and Martin Griffin were nominated to also sit on the panel. Chris Neilson also offered to sit on the Panel.

The Board resolved that the Approvals Committee would consist of Ray Taft, Janine Conway, Janice Latreche, Maria Guest, Ian Payne, Cllr Jean Jones, Alan Caddick and Martin Griffin, with Chris Neilson as the standby member to deputise.

The Board also resolved that Ray Taft would Chair the Panel.

11. NDC Budget

Gordon Roscoe presented the report.

The Board noted the content of the Report

12. Performance Management

Gordon Roscoe presented the Report.

Cllr Jean Jones declared an interest as she is on the OMBC Planning Committee

It was agreed that making a decision regarding the One Stop Shop be deferred, as this was a separate item on Agenda.

It was agreed that Officers work on all interventions to manage the underspend and a report to come to the March Board. GR

It was agreed that the three separate studies for the CPD, the Fitton Hill Centre and NDC-wide Community Facilities Strategy be combined with a total budget of £60,000. HG

13. Options for One Stop Shop

Gordon Roscoe and Robin Prescott presented the report.

Ian Payne advised the Board that at the Residents Pre-Board meeting, the general consensus was to use the building which is currently occupied by Knox Wallpaper and Paint.

Philip Howarth queried the purpose of the One Stop Shop. Robin Prescott advised the Board that this would replace the current Bus Stop Shop project and would be a drop in centre where people have access to job opportunities and assistance in applying for vacancies.

The Board agreed that the project should be subject to an options appraisal and a report to come back to the Board.

14. Approvals

14 i) Business Security

Sarah Spence presented the Report

The Board approved the project subject to suitable signage and the development of a project plan from the Delivery Agency

14 ii) Alleygating Phase 2

Amendment to report – 1.1 To seek Board Approval for the NDC Alleygating Phase 2.

The Board approved the project subject to the above amendment

15. Any Other Business

The Bard agreed that festive food and drinks be provided at the December Board meeting, and that the Board meeting start earlier at 5.30pm.

Clive Jacotine said he had observed a marked change in the way the Board worked together, and it now much more of a focus on delivery and programme management. He wished the Board and all Board Members all the best for the future.

Meeting Closed 20.45