

Minutes of the Board meeting of the New Deal for Communities (Hathershaw & Fitton Hill) held at The Honeywell Centre on Thursday 13th March 2008.

Present:	Les Coop	Independent Chair (non-voting)
	Mark Birchall	Resident Board Member
	Janine Conway	Resident Board Member
	Philip Howarth	Resident Board Member
	Anita Williamson	Resident Board Member
	Graham Taylor	Resident Board Member
	Janice Latreche	Resident Board Member
	Sylvia Patterson	Resident Board Member
	Joyce Todd	Resident Board Member
	Chris Nielson	Resident Board Member
	Martin Griffin	Small Business Representative
	Cllr Hugh McDonald	OMBC
	Kath Muir	Jobcentre Plus

In Attendance:	Gordon Roscoe	NDC Chief Executive
	Saima Kausar	NDC Office & Facilities Manager
	Harry Govan	NDC Capital Projects Manager
	Joyce Hatton	NDC Theme Manager
	Lesley Starmer	NDC Theme Manager
	Robin Prescott	NDC Theme Manager
	Jit Kara	OMBC
	David Latham	NDC Admin Assistant (Minutes)

The Chair opened the meeting with an update on the tributes to Ian Payne. It was agreed to go ahead with the following subject to approval from Ian's family;

- Memorial tree at Honeywell Centre
- Naming of new IT suite at Honeywell Centre
- Annual Award for Achievement in IT in local schools

1. Apologies/Introductions

Apologies were received from:

Tom Flanagan – OMBC

Paul White – OMBC

Michael Wilde - Resident Board Member

Martin O'Connell - Crime & Disorder Partnership

Paul Thackeray – GONW

Ian Hughes – Health & Social Care Partnership

Councillor Jean Jones - OMBC

2. Declarations of interest (if known at this point)

PH declared an interest in agenda item 5.1.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 7th February 2008

There was one amendment to agenda item 11. It was **JL** and **JC** who reported the broken windows at St Martin's School and not **BM**.

HG has spoken to the owners of the pharmacies regarding disabled access. One will be going ahead on their own but the other is not interested.

PCSO's are to visit premises owned by **MG** as requested.

4. **Report of Chair, Vice Chairs and NDC Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The Green & Clean Neighbourhood Agreement was launched on 29/02/08 and residents will begin monitoring response times as of tomorrow. **SP** requested feedback on any issues and agreed to report progress at future Board meetings. She added that she had received a request to speak about Neighbourhood Agreements in Birmingham on April 3rd.

A request from PH for a report on the Honeywell Centre running costs/income will be covered at the June 5th Board Meeting when a full year of data is available.

GR reported that there was still no news on our funding allocation for 2008/09 and that there was a £27m underspend across all NDC programmes but added that our spend should be met this year. **MB** suggested writing to DCLG to request additional funds from the shortfall. **GR** reported that our succession strategy fits in with government thinking of customer engagement.

ACTION 4.1: **GR** to write to DCLG requesting some of £27m shortfall.

5. **Matters Arising from the minutes**

- i.) **GR** and Paul White met with Villages Housing who are happy to sign up to Pauls proposal. OMBC could voluntarily apply to register the new open space as a Town Green once transfer of ownership has been completed. OMBC are yet to formally consider **PH's** request.

ACTION 5.1: **GR, PW** and **PH** to meet before next meeting to discuss this matter.

Board members agreed to defer further consideration until the next meeting.

6. **Report of Chief Executive**

- i.) The Chair reported that the Board Awayday went well.
- ii.) Seven candidates have been nominated for election as Resident Directors. The nomination process has now closed.
- iii.) **HG** gave an update on major capital projects. **MG** expressed an interest in the Ashton Road Block Repair scheme. The first phase is almost complete

and the second phase will commence in April. The NDC is in the process of developing a design brief for the development of the sports zone with a number of options being considered. PH enquired whether OMBC could transfer ownership of the sports pitches to community ownership.

iv.) 2008/09 funding allocation is unknown at present.

7. 2008/11 Delivery Plan

The Board considered a draft Delivery Plan pending confirmation of the grant allocations for 2008/09 and beyond.

GR suggested discussions be kept for new projects only. Families First have been designated as an Early Years centre and will therefore be mainstream funded. NDC is looking to sell Belgrave Mill 2 to a developer but this is subject to vacant possession. Community Safety Initiative Fund is a new project incorporating the Designing out Crime (alleygates) and Safe & Secure projects.

Les Coop reported that Alan Hardy would like Oldham Athletic Football Club to become more involved with the NDC.

MB requested that the final version of the Delivery Plan include comments on each project explaining the prospects for sustainability.

The Board noted the report pending confirmation of the grant allocation.

8. Project Approvals

The following Projects were considered and approved by the NDC Board.

- Skilled Communities Project Phase II – NDC Grant £291,393
- Beat the NEET – NDC Grant £112, 031.61
- Theme Manager Variation – Change in outputs/grant funding unchanged

9. Any Other Business

GR replied to a question raised by **GT** that any action taken against OMBC by the Disability Forum would not conflict with his involvement with the NDC Board.