

NEW DEAL NEW HORIZONS

Company Number 4582937

A Company Limited by Guarantee
Registered in England**Minutes of a Board Meeting held at
Blakenall Village Centre
on Wednesday 30th November at 5.30pm****1. In Attendance**

Tom Perrett	-	Chair
Directors		
Jean Moore	-	Patch Representative 2
John Jones	-	Patch Representative 3
Mick Taylor	-	Patch Representative 4
Albert Hodgkins	-	Patch Representative 5
Gladys Aston	-	Patch Representative 6
Mervyn Stonard	-	Patch Representative 7
Christine Hateley	-	Patch Representative 9
Ray Pritchard	-	Patch Representative 10
Debbie Marshall	-	Patch Representative 12
Roy Jones	-	Patch Representative 13
Charlie Robertson	-	Patch Representative 14
Stan Lyons	-	Patch Representative 16
Alan Venables	-	Patch Representative 17
Cliff Webb	-	Patch Representative 18
Margaret Rowley	-	Patch Representative 20
Doug Gill	-	Patch Representative 21 and Vice Chair
Ray Walters	-	Patch Representative 22
Peter Smith	-	Patch Representative 24
Sam Ramaiah	-	Walsall tPCT Representative
Paul Jay	-	Business Representative
Jean Jevons	-	Voluntary and Community Sector Representative
Bill Tweddle	-	WMBC Representative
Peter Monroe	-	West Midlands Police Representative
Peter Heath	-	Education Representative
Bill Smith	-	Local Trader Representative

Officers

Paul Rowlands	-	Chief Executive
Beverley Mycock	-	Personal Assistant (Minutes)
Dick Hackett	-	Interim Performance Manager
Louise Biffin	-	Finance Manager
Mike Brice	-	Neighbourhood Manager
Christian Seilflow-Moran	-	Interim Programme Manager
Angie Kelly	-	Crime Theme Manager
Michelle Parry	-	Community Involvement Manager
Bob Marsh	-	Education Theme Manager
Steve Pooni	-	Environment & Housing Theme Manager
David Alcock	-	Anthony Collins Solicitors
Amy Walker	-	Anthony Collins Solicitors

Guests

Lynne Beighton	-	Homebuy Project Officer
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Observers

Andy Burns	-	Accountable Body
Nigel Cavendish	-	Government Office for the West Midlands
Philip Hodgkinson	-	Local Resident

Apologies and Confirmation Of Quorum

Vicky Hodson	-	Patch Representative 1
Christine Hateley	-	Patch Representative 9
Paul Wright	-	Patch Representative 23
Arthur Bentley	-	Stakeholder Representative
Ian Robertson	-	Stakeholder Representative
Helen Denton	-	Education Representative
Tim Johnson	-	Accountable Body

It was noted that a quorum was present being one third of the Directors for the time being of whom the majority must be Resident Directors – Article 25.1.

Agenda Item		ACTION
2i.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting – 28th September 2005 Dains Auditors had been incorreced recorded on the minutes as Dains Solicitors. The minutes of 28th September 2005 were then agreed as a true record. Proposed:- Doug Gill. Seconded:- Mick Taylor. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	To note
2ii	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of 28th September 2005 There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>	To note
3i	<p>Declaration of Interest a. Cliff Webb, Charlie Robertson, Alan Venables and Ray Walters all declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 entitled “Leamore Park”</p> <p>There were no notifications of late items.</p>	To note
3ii.		
4.	Correspondence	
i.	A letter had been received from the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, confirming the ring fencing of the New Deal for Communities’ budget.	To note
ii.	The Chair had received a letter from the Lady in Waiting to HRH The Princess Royal, thanking everyone for the warm welcome The Princess Royal had received in her visit to the Blakenall Village Centre for the opening ceremony.	To note
iii.	The Chief Executive had received a thank you letter from Chief Superintendent Peter Monroe, congratulating everyone on the successful Blakenall Village Centre opening.	To note
iv.	A letter of resignation had been received from Bill Smith, Resident Board Director, due to his change of address	To note
5.	<p>Report of Approvals Sub Committee 22nd November 2005 The Chief Executive informed the Board of the recommendations arising from the Approvals Sub Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday 22nd November 2005, to seek Board ratification to the recommendations and to note the decisions as appropriate to the particular projects.</p>	

	<p>The Board made a number of comments in relation to the Homebuy project as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What criteria for Homebuy Scheme Lynne Beighton, Project Manager explained the scheme is for those people who couldn't otherwise afford to buy a home in the footprint area and the criteria was as follows:- <p>1st Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing NDC residents and those in the adjacent clearance area (minimum period of 2 years) • those with a close family member living in the NDC footprint <p>2nd Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those employed / with an offer of employment in NDC footprint <p>3rd Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employed or offer of employment within NDC wards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Means Testing? Mercian Housing will carry out financial assessments using tried and tested systems. Clients will take out the loan and New Deal will always keep a share of the property. <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <p>i. endorse the Approvals Sub Committee recommendation to approve and refer to GOWM for final approval of the Homebuy Scheme (£1,000,000)</p> <p>Proposed:- Bill Smith. Seconded:- Cliff Webb. The Board voted in agreement except for 1 abstention.</p> <p>The Board then resolved to:-</p> <p>ii. note the approvals of the Approvals Sub Committee of 22nd November 2005 for the Canal Tow Paths (£66,964), Leamore Park (£59,842), Access to Learning (£248,200), Basic Skills Project (£162,751), Targeted Learning Outreach Project (£195,131) and Workwise (Amendment to approved project)</p> <p>iii. endorse the above NDC contribution towards spend of £732,618.</p> <p>Proposed:- Mick Taylor. Seconded:- Jean Jevons. The Board voted and the recommendations of the Approvals Sub Committee meeting on 22nd November 2005 were carried.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>To note</p> <p>To note</p> <p>To note</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Performance Management Review 2005 The Chief Executive reported that the requirements from Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) for our Performance Management Review had been carried out and the document had been forwarded to GOWM.</p>	

	<p>Nigel Cavendish of GOWM stated that within the next two weeks, the Audit Commission and the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit would examine the document and choose projects to be monitored to ratify the scoring awarded. He stated that the increase in scores reflected the hard work New Deal: New Horizons had put in.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. note that the PMR for 2005 has been completed and forwarded to GOWM by the deadline of 30th November 2005 ii. to approve the PMR for NDNH for 2005. <p>Proposed:- Doug Gill. Seconded:- Mick Taylor. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	<p>To note</p> <p>Board</p>
7.	<p>Amendment to Memorandum and Articles of Association David Alcock, Company Secretary from Anthony Collins Solicitors invited the Board to consider proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, as set out and discussed in the report.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. agree the proposed revised wording for Articles 3.2.5, 3.12.2, 4.1, 4.6.1 and the new Article 18.4 as set out in the draft special resolution attached to the report as Appendix 1 ii. agree to the calling of an EGM at the start of the Board meeting in January 2006, with the only item of business being the special resolution and iii. authorise the Company Secretary to issue the formal notices of the EGM to those who are required to receive it. <p>Proposed:- Stan Lyons. Seconded:- Mick Taylor. The Board voted as follows:- FOR votes = 14. AGAINST votes = 6.</p>	<p>To note</p> <p>Company Secretary</p> <p>Company Secretary</p>
8.	<p>Stakeholder Nominations The Chief Executive requested the Board's endorsement of the following nominations:-</p> <p>Bill Smith for the vacant Stakeholder Director for the National Market Traders Federation and Peter Brown from Bloxwich Housing Trust as the Stakeholder Director for Housing.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve the nomination to the vacant Local Traders' Stakeholder Directorship of Bill Smith <p>Proposed:- Stan Lyons. Seconded:- Mick Taylor. The Board voted unanimously</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>ii. approve the nomination to the vacant Housing Stakeholder Directorship of Peter Brown, Chief Executive of Bloxwich Housing Trust.</p> <p>Proposed:- Doug Gill. Seconded:- Mick Taylor.</p> <p>The Board voted in favour of the nominations except Peter Smith who voted against the proposal of the Housing Stakeholder and requested that his name be recorded.</p>	All
9.	<p>Financial Performance 2005/06 Qt 2</p> <p>The Finance Manager informed the Board of the Delivery Plan Financial Performance for Quarter 2 2005/06. She stated that the Blakenall Village Centre would need to be valued for the Accounts at the year end.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <p>i. receive the financial analysis for Quarter 2, 2005/06</p> <p>i. note that the Quarter 2, 2005/06 results shows a predicted outturn for 2005/06 approximate to that set in the Delivery Plan.</p>	All To note
10.	<p>Accorn Fund Progress Report</p> <p>The Community Involvement Manager gave a 6 month update to the Board on the progress of the Accorn Fund Grant 'Community Chest' fund and reported that the Accorn Fund was on track to spend its allocation.</p> <p>The Vice Chair of the Accorn Fund reported that membership should be followed in line with the protocol agreement negotiated with the Accountable Body. Anthony Collins Solicitors stated that the Scheme of Delegations stipulates that members of the Accorn fund should be nominated by the Community and Voluntary Sector Group, and this should be confirmed by their respective Voluntary Group every 12 months to ensure appropriate representation.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <p>i. note the report for information purposes.</p>	To note
11.	<p>National New Deal Celebrating Achievement Awards</p> <p>The Chief Executive informed the Board of recent nominations made to the National New Deal for Communities Celebrating Achievement Awards held in London on 24th and 25th November 2005. The Chief Executive reported that none of Walsall's nominations had been successful in this instance but due to the stiff competition, this should not be seen as failure.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <p>i. note the report.</p>	To note
12.	<p>Leamore Park</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager updated the Board on project proposals to develop/upgrade Leamore Park in connection with the Transforming Your Space project plus the possibilities for further project development through the Sports Strategy, the Health Theme Group and the Housing and Environment Theme Group as part of the wider Sports and Physical Activity Strategy Implementation Plan.</p>	

