

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 31st May 2006****1. In Attendance**

Doug Gill - Vice Chair and Patch Representative 21

Directors

John Jones - Patch Representative 3
 Mick Taylor - Patch Representative 4
 Albert Hodgkins - Patch Representative 5
 Mervyn Stonard - Patch Representative 7
 Ray Pritchard - Patch Representative 10
 Graham Morris - Patch Representative 11
 Debbie Marshall - Patch Representative 12
 Roy Jones - Patch Representative 13
 Charlie Robertson - Patch Representative 14
 Shaun Fitzpatrick - Patch Representative 15
 Stan Lyons - Patch Representative 16
 Alan Venables - Patch Representative 17
 Cliff Webb - Patch Representative 18
 Margaret Rowley - Patch Representative 20
 Ray Walters - Patch Representative 22
 Peter Smith - Patch Representative 24
 Paul Jay - Business Representative
 Les Beeley - WMBC Representative
 Bill Smith - Local Trader Representative
 Sam Ramaiah - Health Representative
 Ian Robertson - Stakeholder Representative
 Arthur Bentley - Stakeholder Representative

Officers

Paul Rowlands - Chief Executive
 Beverley Mycock - Personal Assistant (Minutes)
 Dick Hackett - Interim Performance Manager
 Paul Capelin - Interim Programme Manager
 Louise Biffin - Finance Manager
 Mike Brice - Neighbourhood Manager
 Andy Bradley - Communications Manager
 Michelle Parry - Community Involvement Manager
 Bob Marsh - Education Theme Manager
 Harjinder Singh - Health Theme Manager
 Sarah Patrice - Anthony Collins Solicitors
 Edward Broadhurst - Anthony Collins Solicitors

Observers

Tim Johnson - Accountable Body
 Andy Burns - Accountable Body
 Nigel Cavendish - Government Office for the West Midlands

4.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>i. An email had been received from Walsall tPCT in relation to the Dental Suite at Blakenall Village Centre. Dr Sam Ramaiah reported that the service would be a community dentist working with referred patients. He confirmed the community dentist to be NHS and he recommended that Clive Fern, the Manager of the service be invited to give a presentation to the Health Theme Group on how the service will operate. The Chief Executive confirmed that he would invite Clive to make a presentation to the Health Theme Group at the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11th July 2006.</p> <p>ii. A letter had been received from Walsall Housing Group informing the Board that they had received funding to build 7 bungalows and 2 flats 'for rent' on the site on the corner of Severn Road and Thames Road. A display of the proposals was available at the meeting. The proposal was welcomed.</p> <p>iii. Copy document detailing the 2006-9 Phase of the National Evaluation. The Chief Executive explained that Walsall's New Deal had been selected as 1 of 6 NDC's to be evaluated for the remainder of the programme.</p> <p>iv. Copy letter received from a local resident thanking New Deal for their help and support in securing employment.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>To note</p> <p>To note</p> <p>To note</p>
5.	<p>Approvals Sub Committee</p> <p>The Chief Executive informed the Board of the recommendations arising from the Approvals Sub Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday 23rd March 2006 and to seek the Board's approval to the recommendations and to note the decisions as appropriate to the particular projects. Discussions took place on each of the projects as follows:-</p> <p>a. Communications Project</p> <p>The Interim Programme Manager reported that the Communications Project Phase 2 was a two year extension to the previously approved Communications Project. A breakdown of the ChTatter costs was provided as requested. The Board was informed that the project would be subject to close monitoring and internal evaluation by the Board Development and Promotions Sub Committee, with quarterly reports produced by the Interim Performance Manager. The Interim Performance Manager stated that the website would also include Board papers when it was updated.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <p>i. approve the Communications Project Phase 2 at a cost of £459,512, subject to close monitoring of the project and an external interim evaluation to take place in the 4th quarter of 2006/07.</p> <p>Proposed:- Charlie Robertson. Seconded: Cliff Webb.</p>	

The Board voted as follows:-

FOR = 13

AGAINST = 3 (Peter Smith requested that his name be recorded)

ABSTAIN = 3

b. Blakenall Virtual High School

The Education Theme Manager reported the project was to provide additional funding to the New Deal footprint schools and enable funds to be targeted by schools to improve their performance.

The Board therefore resolved to:-

- i. approve the Blakenall Virtual High School project at a cost to New Deal of £418,752.

Proposed:- Bill Smith. Seconded:- Peter Smith.

The Board voted unanimously.

c. Blakenall Primary Education Improvement Fund.

The Education Theme Manager again reported that this project was the mirror image of the Virtual High School project but targeted at Primary Schools.

The Board therefore resolved to:-

- i. approve the Blakenall Primary Education Improvement Fund at a cost to New Deal of £418,752.

Proposed:- Peter Smith. Seconded:- Bill Smith.

The Board voted unanimously.

d. Young Person's Sexual Health Project

The Health Theme Manager explained the aims of the project which took a holistic approach to addressing young persons sexual health.

The Board therefore resolved to:-

- i. approve the Young Person's Sexual Health project at a cost to New Deal of £405,403

Proposed:- Cliff Webb. Seconded:- John Jones.

The Board voted unanimously.

The Board also resolved to:-

- i. note the approval of the Approvals Sub Committee of the Sports Development Programme at a cost to New Deal of £198,839
- ii. note the decision of the Approvals Sub Committee to provide an extension of two months and a reduction of expenditure of £258,842 for the Drugs Aftercare Service project and refer it to GOWM for its consideration.

11.	<p>Scheme of Delegations – Blakenall Schools Sub Committee Note: this item was moved up the agenda at the request of the Chair.</p> <p>Anthony Collins Solicitors invited the Board to change the Scheme of Delegations by adding the Blakenall Improvement Fund Steering Group to the scheme as a committee with delegated powers to receive, consider and approve or reject applications to the Blakenall Schools Improvement Fund covering secondary and primary schools.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. amend the Scheme of Delegations to add the Blakenall Improvement Fund Steering Group as a further committee with delegated powers, with terms of reference as set out ii. to bring a report to the next Board meeting in relation to nominations. <p>Proposed:- Paul Jay. Seconded:- Shaun Fitzpatrick. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	Anthony Collins Solicitors
6.	<p>Personnel Sub Committee Nominations The Chief Executive informed the Board that four nominations for the vacant positions on the Personnel Sub Committee had been received. Three of the nominations were for Cliff Webb and the other nomination was for Debbie Marshall. Roy Jones reported that he had felt it appropriate to resign from the Personnel Sub Committee immediately following the last Personnel Sub Committee due to his conflict of interest and that he had not been asked to resign as the report had suggested in paragraph 2.3. The Chief Executive acknowledged this to be the case and apologised for the oversight.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve the nominations of Cliff Webb and Debbie Marshall to become members of the Personnel Sub Committee. <p>Proposed:- Stan Lyons. Seconded:- Bill Smith. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	Chief Executive
7.	<p>ND:NH Resident Board Director Elections The Community Involvement Manager explained the process and timeline that was to be used for the next roll out of elections during the Autumn / Winter of 2006.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve the proposed election timetable, method and election cycle ii. to promote and encourage residents to put themselves forward for nomination to supplement the promotional work that will be carried out by staff. 	Community Involvement Manager Board Directors

	<p>Proposed:- Charlie Robertson. Seconded:- Mick Taylor. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	
7A.	<p>Youth Stakeholder Director Nomination The Chief Executive requested the Board's endorsement of the Youth Council's nomination of Shane Best to one of the two vacant Stakeholder Directorships for Youth.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <p>i. approve the nomination to one of the vacant Youth Stakeholder Directorships of Shane Best.</p> <p>Proposed:- Bill Smith. Seconded:- Cliff Webb. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	Chief Executive
8.	<p>Young Person's Centre The Chief Executive informed the Board of the current position in the development of the Young Person's Centre, including the appropriateness of the potential location for the delivery of the project and to offer a potential alternative use for 212 Ingram Road / 1 Stanley Street. The Chief Executive discussed a number of other possible locations including Blakenall Community Association, Bloxwich High Street and Leamore Shopping Centre. The following comments and issues were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the wishes of Leamore Forum been taken into account as this link is vital? The Board report had only recently been prepared as the alternative options had become available and discussions would take place with the forum dependent on the decision of the Board. • Young people are territorial and the old Leamore Neighbourhood Office is out of the target area • Some facility was badly needed, a consultation had taken place and most were in favour. This project must be taken forward • Facility must be central <p>After a long discussion, the Board resolved to:-</p> <p>i. note the progress in development of the Young Persons Centre and the purchase of 212 Ingram Road / 1 Stanley Street</p> <p>ii. note the concerns registered by the local residents to locating a Young Persons Centre at 212 Ingram Road / 1 Stanley Street</p> <p>iii. pursue the purchase of 212 Ingram Road / 1 Stanley Street for the original purpose of a Young Persons Centre, notwithstanding the local concerns and the consequent delays to the start of the project.</p>	Chief Executive/ Community Involvement Manager

	<p>Proposed:- Cliff Webb. Seconded:- Mick Taylor. The Board voted as follows:- FOR = 14 AGAINST = 1 (Charlie Robertson requested that his name be recorded)</p>	
9.	<p>Bloxwich East Senior Citizens Centre Mick Taylor had declared an interest in this agenda item and therefore left the room at this point. The Neighbourhood Manager updated the Board on the developments of the Senior Citizens' Centre project and provided the Board with the current action plan/timeline.</p> <p>John Jones proposed that the Steering Group should have 5 Resident Board Directors as opposed to 3 Resident Board Directors as stated in the report.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. note the project development that has taken place to date, the updated action plan/timeline and the submission of the planning application ii. endorse the setting up of a Steering Group and to bring nominations back to the next Board meeting iii. approve the appointment of an external Project Manager as set out at 5.1(iii) of the report. <p>Proposed:- Charlie Robertson. Seconded:- Cliff Webb. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	<p>Anthony Collins Solicitors</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager</p>
10.	<p>Health Strategy The Health Theme Manager presented the final Health Strategy to the Board for approval. He reported that elements of the Health Strategy were included in other themes, as health had a cross cutting agenda.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve the Health Strategy that was appended to the report. <p>Proposed:- Bill Smith. Seconded:- Mervyn Stonard. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	<p>Health Theme Manager</p>
12.	<p>Goscote Industrial Estate – Units The Neighbourhood Manager updated the Board on the developments in respect of three key projects:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Young Fire Fighters b) Local Intervention Fire Education and c) Pleck Boxing Club <p>and how efforts to identify premises for the delivery of the projects had proved fruitless to date. The Neighbourhood Manager reported</p>	

	<p>that an opportunity has been identified to acquire two units on Goscote Industrial Estate that may enable to projects to be delivered. Both the Fire Service and Pleck Boxing Club are interested in the units.</p> <p>Again, a number of issues were raised which included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concerns that the units were on the extreme edge of the footprint area. • Pleck Boxing Club should be renamed New Deal Boxing Club if funding required and premises secured • would the units get used constantly or only very occasionally if rent was being paid? <p>Nigel Cavendish of Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) stated that if the project was considered, it would have to be referred to GOWM for consideration on the basis that the sport of boxing is a contentious issue.</p> <p>The Chief Executive reiterated that the report was to provisionally secure the premises for the projects and suggested the Neighbourhood Manager enquire whether the vendor would reserve the units for New Deal: New Horizons on a monthly basis whilst further information is acquired.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. allow the Neighbourhood Manager to approach the vendor of Units 2 and 6 Goscote Industrial Estate, Slackly Lane, Walsall and request a monthly lease until further information is acquired ii. note that if recommendation (i) is supported, projects in respect of Young Fire Fighters and Local Intervention Fire Education and Pleck Boxing Club will be developed with partners and brought to the next Approvals Sub Committee for consideration on the basis outlined at section 7.4 of the report. <p>Proposed:- Charlie Robertson. Seconded:- Ray Walters.</p> <p>The Board voted as follows:- FOR = 13 AGAINST = 3 (Peter Smith requested that his name be recorded)</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Manager</p>
<p>12A</p>	<p>Homebuy Scheme</p> <p>The Chief Executive requested the Board’s endorsement of the priorities to be included in the ‘householder’ leaflet to “announce” the New Deal Homebuy Scheme. The leaflets will be distributed to everyone within the footprint area and to the adjoining clearance area over a 48 hour period. The Chief Executive reported that New Deal was following the National Homebuy Scheme and that there would be no ‘buy to rent’ applicants allowed.</p>	

	<p>The Board therefore resolved to vote on the 3 recommendations individually as follows:-</p> <p>i. approve that the Phases 1 and 2 of the Homebuy Scheme is restricted to Priority One applications.</p> <p>Proposed:- Bill Smith. Seconded:- Albert Hodgkins. The Board voted as follows:- FOR = 14 votes AGAINST = 1 vote</p> <p>ii. approve that Phase 1 is Summer 2006, Phase 2 is Winter 2006/07 and Phase 3 is Spring 2007 (if necessary)</p> <p>Proposed:- Mervyn Stonard. Seconded:- Cliff Webb. The Board voted as follows:- FOR = 14 votes AGAINST = 1 vote.</p> <p>iii. approve that the Board will review the prioritisation after Phase 2.</p> <p>Proposed:- Mervyn Stonard. Seconded:- Ray Walters. The Board voted as follows:- FOR = 14 votes AGAINST = 1 vote.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>
12B	<p>Distribution of Board Papers</p> <p>Anthony Collins Solicitors invited the Board to consider a request for advance copies of Board papers by a former Director. He explained that should the Board agree to send papers to non Directors, then other non Directors should be offered the same option of receiving Board papers in advance of the Board meetings.</p> <p>The Board therefore resolved:-</p> <p>i. not to send out Board papers to non Directors and that members of public may collect a spare set of papers at the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed:- Bill Smith. Seconded:- Ray Walters.</p> <p>The Board voted as follows:- FOR = 15 AGAINST = 1 (Peter Smith requested that his name be recorded)</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>
13, 14, 15 and 16	<p>The following information items were deferred until the next meeting in view of the time:-</p> <p>13. Financial Performance Report 2005/06 Quarter 4 Year End 14. Internal Audit Reports 15. Events Timetable 16. Place Checks</p>	

<p>17. i. ii. iii. iv</p>	<p>Any Other Business Next Resident Board Directors meeting Scheduled for Monday 5th June 2006. Ray Walters forwarded his apologies for this meeting.</p> <p>Snagging List A snagging list was distributed to Board members to list any issues they have in relation to the BVC building and provide to Managers.</p> <p>Routers Following a request from a Board Member on the progress of the Internet Access Radio Links project, the Neighbourhood Manager reported that a survey had been carried out and had recommended 10 routers for the area. These were currently being costed and the outcome would go the BVC Steering Group in the near future to discuss further.</p> <p>Andy Burns Andy Burns of the Accountable Body informed the Board that he would be leaving Walsall Council in July 2006 to take up a new position as Head of Finance for Staffordshire County Council. He stated that he had enjoyed and valued his experience with New Deal: New Horizons and that a successor would be introduced to the Board in due course. The Vice Chair thanked Andy for all his help and advice on behalf of the Board, and wished him good luck in his new job.</p>	<p>To note</p> <p>Board</p> <p>To note</p> <p>To note</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at 9.30pm</p>	
<p>These minutes have been agreed as a true record</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Chair / Vice Chair</p>		<p>.....</p> <p>Dated</p>