

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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Employment Theme Minutes held at Blakenall Village Centre on Thursday 15th March 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

In Attendance

Alan Venables	Patch Representative 17
Bill Smith	Trader Stakeholder/Chair
Paul Jay	Business Stakeholder
John Jones	Patch Representative 3

Officers

Bob Crundwell	Employment Theme Manager
James Kelly	Interim Programme Manager
Diane Jones	Theme Administrator

Partners

Linda Bowen	Local Partnership Manager JobCentre Plus
Dave Rosser	CAB
Roy Jones	Steps to Work
Ian Homard	Steps to Work
John Brewer	Steps to Work
John Price	Walsall EBP

1. Apologies

Mark Godson
Jean Jevons
Louise Powell
Kath Phillips

Agenda Item		ACTION
2.	Introduction Introductions were made round the table.	
3.	Declarations of Interest John Price, John Brewer, Ian Homard and Roy Jones declared interest in items on the agenda.	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting Were taken as a true record Proposed: Paul Jay Seconded: Bill Smith	

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5.	<p>Matters Arising not covered by the agenda</p> <p>The Business Incubator project has now been sorted and will go to the Approvals Sub Committee on Tuesday 20th March 2007.</p>	
6.	<p>Projects Updates</p> <p>a. Work on the Horizon – PJ asked why Sue Harvey position had not been covered while she was off sick, as this reflects in the figures. LB replied that steps had been put into place so that all her appointments had been covered by Job Centre Plus.</p> <p>b. Construction Training – BS told the meeting that this proved that an idea had work. The original idea had come from New Deal and therefore recognised. BC will look into this and JB admitted that this was an oversight on their part. National publicity should be contacted on this project's success rate. JB is looking at ways that this can be achieved. All the youngsters are now under WHG wing.</p> <p>c. CAB – BS told DR the graph was so clear and easy to understand. He would like if possible for more reports to be done this way.</p> <p>d. KS4 Transitions - This project again shows that this is working. BS stated that the 2 theme projects are working well.</p> <p>BC will look at the Leamore Park linkage as Sarah Lindsey, the coordinator, has left and Tony Jeavons is covering it at present. Tony Jeavons to be invited to the next theme meeting.</p> <p>JB - SLA comes to an end 31st March this needs to be renegotiated to ensure a whole package can be delivered. JB/BC to work out a programme to involve Leamore Park businesses in letting people from the footprint get experience and full-time employment within the park.</p> <p>BS told the group that there is not enough publicity for all the themes. JB suggested that he would get his publicity person, Mark, to contact Andy Bradley.</p> <p>JB will report back at the next meeting regarding getting a good evaluation organisation to evaluate the Construction Training project.</p>	

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7.	<p>Where Next? What projects can be achieved in the next 4 years and what projects do the group suggest be pursued.</p> <p>Sustainability – doing the training ourselves</p> <p>HGV – training for certificate of Professional competence for businesses and drivers.</p> <p>Construction Training – additional skills – local residents</p> <p>Leisure Industry</p> <p>Bus Driving Training } White Van Training } IT Training } all small organisation, facilitate not pay, Call Centre operation } train local people to be trainers. ‘Touch Typing’ course }</p> <p>The meeting to think of ideas for sustainability projects to carry on after New Deal comes to an end.</p>	
8.	<p>Any Other Business Work on the Horizon – RJ told the meeting that the training for carer’s course was not hitting its targets. Several people from outside the area had shown interest and he was requesting that the meeting agreed to Work on the Horizon taking people from outside the footprint to fill the course.</p> <p>This course does not involve any ND money but it was felt that the meeting should be approached. It was agreed by the meeting that as there was only a small % of ND residents wanting to take this course then it should be open to other people.</p> <p>AV said that when ND was first conceived it was that hoped to cascade outwards to involve other areas and this was one way of showing what was been done.</p>	
9.	<p>Dates of Meetings Tuesday 8th May 2007 Thursday 12th July 2007 Thursday 6th September 2007 Thursday 1st November 2007</p>	