

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

**Minutes of Employment Meeting
held at the Blakenall Village Centre
on 26th June 2008 at 6.30pm**

In attendance

- Bill Smith - Chair/Local Trader stakeholder
- John Jones - Patch 3 Representative

Officers

- Bob Crundwell - Employment Theme Leader
- Mike Brice - Neighbourhood Manager
- Naomi Peters - Theme administrator

Partners

- Andrew Rumble - LSP Economic lead
- John Brewer - STW CEO
- Dave Rosser - CAB
- Kesia Pennington Yates - Addaction
- Peter Whitmore - Independent supporter of NDC
- Louise Powell - Economic Regeneration WMBC
- Kyle Stott - STW senior manager
- Steph Hammond - Manager Work on the Horizon
- Marlena Atkinson - Leamore Business Park Co-ordinator
- Ann Walsh - Environmental Community Team
- Ian Howles - Partnership Manager/JCP
- John Price - Walsall EBP
- Jane Kaur Gill - WMBC
- Mark Godson - Black Country SBS/Enterprise

Apologies

- Richard Maunders
- Jean Jevons
- Paul Jay
- Catherine Abbott
- Cheryl Campbell

Agenda item	Special Agenda Work On The Horizon	Action
1.	Introductions BS introduced himself and thanked everyone for coming. Introductions were made around the table. BS then passed the meeting to BC who explained about the one item agenda and started off the debate.	
2.	Declarations of interest John Brewer, Kyle Stott , Stephanie Hammond and Ian Howles.	

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3.	<u>Sustainability of Work On The Horizon after 2011</u>	
i	<u>Does New Deal want WotH to continue after 2011?</u>	
	Everyone present values the work that Work On the Horizon does and really want it to continue its services after 2011.	
ii	<u>Are the board happy to pursue mainstream funding?</u>	
	The board and partners are happy to pursue mainstream funding as they all want Work On the Horizon to stay open after New Deal Funding ends. It was debated as to where to get the funding/ grants etc from. BS suggested other ways to fund the shop after 2011, sponsorship and paying for services offered was an idea that was debated.	
iii	<u>What other sources of revenue shall we pursue?</u>	
	Some of the ideas were as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lottery grant- It was agreed to start looking into this now due to the time involved in the process. o WMBC money. o JCP/LSC o View Fund o ESF/RDF JB thinks the board should start looking into applying for lottery funding now as it takes so long for these to be processed. The meeting was not sure how the shop was going to generate its own income , and thinks it may need to work on a grant funded basis. Charging for services was debated and will be looked into further at a later date.	
iv	<u>Mainstreaming will mean that WotH will have to serve a much larger area, should we start that now?</u>	
	BC showed the meeting ,the figures of people who had used WotH 's services since it had opened. These showed that the shops services were being well utilised by people from the New Deal area as well as people from areas nearby. This shows conclusively that the shop is already serving people outside the footprint area and this will continue. BC wanted to discuss an outreach worker programme for the areas that are not on the footprint to get people using WotH's services.	

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<p>v</p> <p>vi</p> <p>vii</p>	<p>JB already has outreach workers in Leamore and the surrounding area and says that they are aware of WotH's services and do refer there.</p> <p><u>How Do we ensure that New Deal residents do not lose out?</u></p> <p>It was debated within the group that WotH is already serving a much bigger area than just the New Deal Footprint and has been doing so since it opened. Obviously the people in the New Deal area are able to access the grant funds that are their for that purpose , but the level of service has not been compromised across the board.</p> <p>BC understands WotH is going to be branching out and serving a wider area, and wants to review periodically so the board can see that New Deal residents are not losing out.</p> <p><u>Which wards do we target first?</u></p> <p>The meeting decided to target Blakenall, Leamore and Birchills wards and will startt doing this immediately.</p> <p><u>Who should progress this and how often should they meet?</u></p> <p>Everyone was happy with the idea that this will discussed every alternate theme meeting.</p> <p>There was commitment until 2011 from JCP, STW and CAB. BS was encouraged by this and said he could then take this to the board.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Date and time of the next meeting The next meeting of the Employment Theme will be held on 21st Aug 2008 commencing at 6.30pm at the Hollemeadow Centre</p>	