

**TEES VALLEY LIVING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2007 AT 5.00 PM AT
THE OFFICES OF TEES VALLEY REGENERATION**

Present:	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Peter Scott	Hartlepool BC
	Stuart Drummond	Hartlepool BC
	Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough BC
	Dave Budd	Middlesbrough BC
	Ian Wardle	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Chris Abbott	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Julie Allport	Stockton BC
	Bob Gibson	Stockton BC
	Pauline Mitchell	Darlington BC
	Bernard Williams	Erimus
	Alison Thain	Tees Valley Housing
	Richard Buckley	Tees Valley Regeneration
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Irene Sams	TVJSU

	Action
<p>285/07 Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cath Purdy, Tom Warburton, Diana Pearce, Donald Urquhart., John Lowther, Julie Jacques , Linda Wright and John Holmes.</p>	
<p>286/07 Notes of meeting held on 7th December 2006</p> <p>Agreed.</p>	
<p>287/07 Matters Arising</p> <p>261/06 Utility Companies - JJ advised that he is continuing to focus on the Northern Gas Network. BW suggested that over recent weeks a new contractor has been brought in which has resulted in an improvement in the service provided.</p> <p>Commercial Properties – JJ advised that he is to present the short paper with regard to best practice on acquisitions, CPOs etc. at the next Executive Group meeting.</p> <p>Joint Procurement – JJ advised that the sub group is now</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>JJ</p>

working in this issue and are currently focussing on shutters and demolition. He advised that it is proposed that TVL and the LAs buy into the Hometrack service, which will result in future financial savings. JA stated that practical examples of joint procurement should be presented to the TVL Executive.

Equity Sharing Schemes – NE stated that the Executive Group is to take this forward.

BW

281/06

JJ advised that he had met with the HBF representatives and stated that he would provide progress reports to both TVL and the TV Chief Development Officers group..

JJ

288/07 Presentation by James Cruddas, Head of Sustainable Communities, The Northern Way Team – current position on the Northern Way Sustainable Communities Research

NE introduced James Cruddas and stated that he had kindly offered to make a presentation to the Board following their concerns about the way that Tees Valley had been portrayed in the recent 'Northern Way newsletter'.

Following the presentation all discussed and reiterated their concerns that the study did not go into enough depth and analysis to gain the true position within the Tees Valley.

JC stated that he understood the concerns but his interpretation of the report does not concur with that of the Board. He reiterated that he is positive and fully supportive of the Tees Valley case.

NE thanked JC.

289/07 Housing Market Renewal Pathfinders Directors and Chairs meeting with the Director General, Dept of Communities and Local Government, 15/12/06 – implications for Tees Valley Living

JJ referred to report and highlighted the key points. The Board agreed that it was important for TVL to be represented in the group, but also that the new Government agenda was being addressed as much (if not more) through Tees Valley Unlimited than the Pathfinders.

Resolved

Report noted

290/07 Tees Valley Living Communications Strategy (Key Issues)

NE introduced the report and stated that JJ had written a short paper describing the TVL's key issues. He stressed that it is a draft and asked for comments. RB requested that the figures for the three TVR sites be amended to show that there are some family homes included in the plans.

JJ advised that Baroness Andrew's visit has now been cancelled and suggested that it is now even more important that the TVL key issues paper for circulation to Government Departments and key stakeholders.

Resolved

The draft report was accepted as the basis of a key issues paper for circulation after amendments.

The completed paper will be circulated to Board members.

JJ

291/07 TVL Budget Update

MM presented the report and all discussed.

NE questioned whether One North East/Tees Valley Partnership would accept TVL's own evaluation thereby saving the cost of an independent evaluation.

NE also suggested the Chair should be subject to assessment by Board members and stated that he may raise the subject at the Pathfinder Chairs meeting next week.

BG questioned the need to make a contribution to a further BME study. He stated that The North East Assembly has already completed one study and TVL should be able to access this.

The requirement of an Action Plan for the Tees Valley Sub-Regional Housing Strategy was discussed in detail. All agreed it is critical that adequate resources are devoted to this large, important piece of work and expressed concern about the tight timescale. A scoping exercise is to be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Resolved

ONE/TVP are to be approached regarding self-evaluation.

MM

The North East Assembly is approached regarding the previous BME study.

MM

A scoping exercise for the Action Plan for the Tees Valley Sub-Regional Housing Strategy to be completed by Friday 16th February 2007.

JJ

The breakdown of funding as detailed in Table 1 in the report is adopted for managing the 2007 – 2008 budget. A budget progress report to be presented at every 2nd meeting.

MM

292/07 TVL Web Site Protocol

JJ presented report.

Resolved

The Board that the current quality control measures in place for use and content are appropriate and fit for purpose.

293/07 Verbal Update on Individual Projects

HBC

PS reported that progress is continuing. The report has been through Cabinet. He expressed concern that there are now areas with serious deterioration that will not have any intervention during the next 18 months.

MBC

DB stated that there are now only 7 households in Gresham Phase 1 refusing to negotiate.

There has been a successful CPO in Whinney Banks.

R & C

IW stated that progress is continuing to be made.

SBC

JA stated that the position is as before. It is anticipated that building will commence within 2 months.

294/07 Any Other Business

SHIP

NE referred to the 8% arbitrary cut to the SHIP allocation. JJ advised that he has written to express TVL's disappointment and view that performance should be a consideration when

reducing allocations across the region. NE requested that a copy of the correspondence is circulated to board members.

JJ

Future Meetings

JJ suggested that the scheduled meeting of 1st March 06 be postponed to Thursday 29th March being two weeks after the March Executive Group meeting. He also proposed that thereafter there are six meetings annually. He is to present a more detailed proposal at the next meeting.

JJ

295/07 Date of Next Meeting

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY and VENUE

**THURSDAY 29TH MARCH at ENDEAVOUR HOUSE,
TEESDALE, THORNABY.**