

**TEES VALLEY LIVING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 5.00 PM AT
ENDEAVOUR HOUSE**

Present:	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough BC
	Dave Budd	Middlesbrough BC
	Julie Allport	Stockton BC
	Steve Nelson	Stockton SBC
	Bernard Williams	Erimus
	Peter Scott	Hartlepool BC
	Stuart Drummond	Hartlepool BC
	Ian Wardle	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Lynn Pallister	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Diana Pearce	GONE
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Jennine Robson	TVL
	Irene Sams	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

327/07 Apologies

Apologies were received from Pauline Mitchell, Iain Sim, Alison Thain, Donald Urquhart, Tom Warburton, Linda Wright, Richard Buckley, Ed Rowley, John Lowther, Cath Purdy, Mike Mealing and Katie Dunstan.

328/07 Minutes of meeting held on 19th July 2007

Referring to 321/07 it was noted that Phil Toal is the Head of Housing Unit at the NE Assembly.

The minutes were then agreed.

329/07 Matters Arising

Visits

- Baroness Andrews visit on 8th August proved successful and she was impressed. The residents she met were very welcoming and enthusiastic.
- Andrew Vaughan looked at the challenges facing TV in more detail and realised the size of these. DP stated that he was impressed with the way that it all fits together and the MAA. NE felt that they conveyed the message that flatlining is not suitable for all, successfully.

- JJ stated that he joined a meeting that John Lowther and Hugh Lang had with Nick Brown and the 4 TV MPs Thursday, 13th September. JL agreed to hold monthly briefing sessions with NB to keep him updated.

321/07 – JJ advised that the SHIP bid was submitted on time and that RHB asked several questions the major one being ‘what would you do if you only received half of the money bid for?’ He advised that he worked closely with the Housing Group to formulate responses and these had been submitted earlier in the day. JA stated that the assistance given by JJ, MM and JR had been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

KP raised the issue of TV representation on Regional Housing Board. NE stated that Bridging Newcastle Gateshead (BNG) has its own representative. DP expressed the view that it would be worthwhile TVL asking if they could also be represented but suggested that it may be appropriate to see who the ANEC representative is. She suggested that TVL should write to the Director of the Assembly.

NE suggested that it would be of benefit if JA brought her thoughts on ‘Growth Point Status’ to the next meeting.

323/07 – JJ advised that the ‘RealDemand’ system has been ordered.

324/07 – It was agreed that the bus tour of TV that took place on 4th September was interesting and JJ advised that he had received numerous positive comments. DP stated that her colleagues found it of benefit.

330/07 Tees Valley Living Executive Group Chairman’s report

BW gave a verbal report.

Sharing good practice – JR has arranged 3 workshops
TV Housing Protocol – The Housing Corporation are considering individual housing protocols. The Heads of Housing have discussed this and consider that it should be sub regional and have asked the Executive Group to take this forward.

BW stated that there is a lack of clarity as to the exact role of the Executive Group and stated that he would welcome clarification on the role of the Board and the support network that they require. All discussed and agreed that a meeting

should be held with JL to discuss the implications of TVU on the work of TVL. NE stated that he is meeting with Hugh Lang next week.

Resolved

Meeting to be arranged with JL and JJ, JA, BW, NE and KP to attend.

JJ

331/07 HMR Business Plan Submission

JJ referred to his report and stated that he is looking for a steer as to whether the proposed content headings are correct. All discussed. It was agreed that JR would delve into the percentage of funding spent on staff costs.

JJ discussed the elements under the Business Plan Headings and advised that Paul Hackett has looked at it and will look at the 1st draft when it is available.

DP stated that the scope is well founded and will help in strengthening the message to London.

JJ stated that he will forward a copy of the draft Business Plan to TV MPs and PS stated that he would invite him to one of his monthly meetings with Ian Wright.

JA advised that stakeholders are having active discussions about zero carbon issues and KP stated that Middlehaven is the largest carbon neutral site in the UK. JJ stated that TVR are to give a presentation at the next Board meeting on 16th October 07.

All discussed the issue of house prices and NE suggested that it would be of benefit to have a paper prepared on this.

Resolved

Progress noted

Work to be undertaken to identify the % of funding used for staff costs

Paper on house prices to be prepared.

JR
JJ

332/07 Any Other Business

HMR Conference

JJ advised that the HMR Conference takes place 12th October p.m. and a.m. 13th October and that he is facilitating one of five workshops on Engaging Wider Regeneration Agenda.

Communications Network

JJ advised that the Sunday Times is researching how much public money is spent on CPOs and that they are using the Freedom of Information Act to obtain the data. He expressed the view that they should be looking at average costs. He stated that in his opinion TV are in a good position.

Meeting

NE advised that he is meeting with Hazel Blears on 6 October 07.

333/07 Date of Next Meeting

5.00 p.m. **TUESDAY** 16th October 07 at Cavendish House