

**TEES VALLEY LIVING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 5.00 PM AT
THE OFFICES OF TEES VALLEY REGENERATION**

Present:	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Hazel Neasham	Darlington BC
	Stuart Drummond	Hartlepool BC
	Peter Scott	Hartlepool BC
	Tim White	Middlesbrough BC
	Bob Gibson	Stockton BC
	Julie Allport	Stockton BC
	Alison Thain	Tees Valley Housing
	Diana Pearce	GONE
	Tom Warburton	ONE
	Richard Buckley	TVR
	John Lowther	TVJSU
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Katie Dunstan	TVL
	Irene Sams	TVJSU

Action

248/06 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Wardle, Cllr. Abbott, Donald Urquhart, Pauline Fletcher, Cllr. Dixon, John Holmes, Cath Purdy, Cllr. Budd, Bernard Williams and Linda Wright.

249/06 Notes of meeting held on 6th July 2006

243/06

It was noted that Cllr K Walker is Liberal Democrat and not Independent.

The notes circulated with the agenda papers are not the amended version (see attached)

The notes were then agreed.

250/06 Matters Arising

JJ informed the group that he had attended a regional seminar with Ann Kirkham, a senior civil servant with DCLG, on 7 August and that there had been a useful exchange of ideas. DP advised that it was part of the

gathering information process and that Ann had found it of benefit.

244/06 – JJ advised that the interviews for the post of Programme Monitoring Officer are scheduled for 19th September.

251/06 Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 – A Tees Valley submission

JJ referred to his report and the draft TVL CSR submission report. All discussed. It was agreed that the request for funding of £30m per annum for the next 10 years should be reworded so that it does not appear as an outright bid.

JJ requested comments/amendments to be forwarded to him by Friday 15th September to ensure that print deadlines are met.

NE stated that the submission is a tribute to everyone involved and BG congratulated JJ, MM and JL and his team on their work.

Resolved

The broad structure and content of the TVL CSR 2007 submission report agreed

The request for funding be reworded

Comments and amendments to be forwarded to JJ by Friday 18th September.

ALL

JJ

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After the meeting it was announced DCLG will accept electronic submissions on 30th September. The revised report will therefore now be circulated on Monday 18th with comments due back by Friday 22nd September.

252/06 Visit of Baroness Andrews from DCLG to Tees Valley Living (verbal report)

JJ advised that after Baroness Andrew's recent visit to NDC Hartlepool he had invited her to TVL and a visit of approx. 4 hours has been arranged for Thursday 16th November. He suggested that a presentation giving an overview of TVL's work be made, a discussion of the CSR and then take her out on site to meet some of the communities involved in HMR.

All

JJ asked Council reps to forward ideas on places for the

Baronness to visit.

NE suggested that a new updated presentation should be done and advised that he and JJ have meetings arranged with Vera Baird, Ian Wright, Dari Taylor and Frank Cook and they are keeping Ashok Kumar informed.

It was agreed that lobbying is important and every opportunity should be taken to do this.

Resolved:

A new presentation be produced giving an overview of the work of TVL

All opportunities to lobby should be taken

A communication strategy be presented to the Board at the next meeting

JJ

ALL

JJ

253/06 Verbal Updates on Individual projects – LA reps to highlight ‘headline’ issues

Hartlepool

There has been a full Public Enquiry on the NDC sites and GONE has confirmed that plans can be implemented. A programme to commence procedures being produced.

The enquiry has taken place and now awaiting notification of the outcome. It is anticipated that it will go ahead. At present there are some issues with commercial properties. They are working through Masterplan update.

Middlesbrough

Older Housing – Consultation in progress on financial packages.

St Hildas – The tender has been met and demolition is proceeding. Commercial investors are expressing interest.

Grove Hill – There is to be a Public Announcement detailing Erimus’ intentions.

Stockton

Phase 1 – Still experiencing difficulties in getting utilities disconnected and demolition cannot take place until they are. Some properties have been empty for more than 2 months. It is expected that difficulties will be resolved in another month. The plans have been approved for the new

build.

Phase 2 – This is going well There are lots of acquisitions in the pipeline.

Phase 3 – Plans have changed from demolition to refurbishment Worked with Glasshouse following concerns from BME Community. The Cabinet requested that a more detailed consultation take place. Following this the area of Phase 2 has been extended and something different is to be done in Phase 3. They are constantly re-evaluating the situation. The whole area feels more upbeat.

Redcar & Cleveland

In the absence of a representative MM gave the update. South Bank & Grangetown – reviewing the masterplan. Demolition has been deferred on some of the newer housing in the ‘old’ area. Looking at leaving it in situ and bringing both settlements together.

254/06 Any Other Business

Northern Housing Challenge

PS raised the issue on behalf of CP. There is an opportunity for RSLs to bid for some funding through the Northern Housing Challenge. Two bids are being prepared in Hartlepool and these are linked into the objectives of TVL. CP is looking for the Board to support the bids.

AT stated it is major opportunity and that the formal bid process deadline is 15 September 06. There is £50m available for the whole of the North from existing funds.

BG expressed concern that it is not ‘new money’ and requested that a report be presented to the Board. AT stated that as the RSL representative she would email her colleagues requesting that if they submit a bid they inform TVL Board for endorsement.

Resolved:

TVL Board supportive of bids achieving or complimenting TVL objectives but they must be kept appraised of these.

RSLs to be advised that TVL Board must be informed of appropriate bids

ALL

AT

RSS

BG requested a written report be presented to the Board on

the implications of the RSS to TVL..

JJ

Merger of Housing Corporation and English Partnerships

DP advised that there is a consultation paper on the proposed merger and that the review has been the Midlands and South East. She suggested that if there is a merger it will need one year to bed in. NE stated that it is not the role of TVL to have a strong view on the proposals but suggested that it is debated at the next meeting

JJ

255/06 Dates of Future Meetings

Wednesday 4th October 2006 to be held at 5.00 p.m. at ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, Teesdale

All further meetings are to be held at 5.00 p.m. at Cavendish House, Teesdale

Thursday 2nd November 2006

Thursday 7th December 2006

Thursday 4th January 2007

Thursday 1st February 2007

Thursday 1st March 2007