

NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

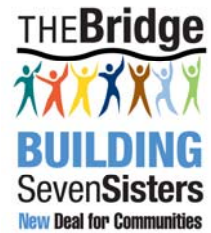
The Bridge Neighbourhood

Partnership Board

29th March 2006

7.00pm

St Ann's Library Hall



Minutes

Board Members Present: Lorne Horsford (Chair), Andrea Holden, Bernice Ashton, Ruby Brown, Yvonne Denny, Michael Oladije, Tanjou Mehmedova, Pat Mason, Ita O'Donovan, Cllr Basu, Justin Holliday, Pearl Amoateng, Rahim Ullah, Gill Prager, Wilf Sullivan

Staff present: Symon Sentain, Jane Chambers, Richard Coe, David Folorunso

Advisers

Resident/ others present: Dwynwen Stepien (LBH), Chris Leigh (Consultant – Children's Centre), Paula Hassall (LBH),

Apologies for absence: Rachel Hughes, Cllr Canver, Cllr Lister, Deborah Cohen, Randolph Flatts, Pete Richards

Item	Description	Action
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Thanks were expressed to outgoing Board Members Max Caller and Pat Mason. Thanks also expressed to Ann Marie Connolly who will be replaced on the Board by Gill Prager during her 3-month sabbatical.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were noted. (See above).

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from 22/2/06 and 8/3/06

Amendments to the minutes of the last 2 meetings were noted.

An Exception Report detailing outstanding actions from Partnership Board Meetings will be reinstated.

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4. Bridge Children's Centre – Community Business Plan

The key headlines contained in the report to the Board were highlighted by the report's author, Chris Leigh.

The centre will be the largest in Haringey catering to an age range of 0 to 19 and will have a strong community focus. The Centre must improve outcomes for children and families in the area and the services provided from it must be responsive to the changing needs of the community.

In response to various questions and concerns, the Board were assured

that decisions relating to the Children's Centre would be open and transparent.

Certain questions and concerns regarding the Centre included:-

- Concern about level of community activity.
- Use of space in the Centre; suggestion made that a wider audit of community spaces in the NDC would be useful.
- CIB checks to ensure safety and security.
- Conflict between the needs to the wider community and Paignton Park residents.
- Facilities for autistic & disabled children.
- Plevna Centre; NDC needs to be involved in decisions about the use of the land.
- Youth Club activity in the Centre is being promoted.

5 Strategic Development Working Group Update

The key aims and recommendations detailed in the report were highlighted:-

- Align NDC with partner's strategies.
- Focus on short, medium and long term.
- Address Government Floor Targets.
- Focus on sustainability.
- Equalities.
- Building community capacity.

The Strategic Development Working Group will meet for a further 6 months.

An awayday will be planned to work on the NDC strategy; it was suggested that a weekend event might be necessary rather than a single day.

Other points raised were:-

- Need for a clearer timetable for production of the strategic plan.
- Develop role of Theme Groups so there is a bottom up approach.
- Board training in strategic development. SS
- Need to strike balance between strategy and making a difference on the ground.
- Incorporate a glossary to explain jargon. SS

The reports recommendations were agreed subject to training before Board Away Day.

Agreed that the Strategic Action Plan will be completed by September 2006. SS

6 Programme Delivery and Finance Update

The summary and report recommendations were highlighted.

A suggestion that the Somali Health Project should have its budget cut by £10,000 and the funds re-directed to the Community Chest was rejected.

Update required on the status of the proposed West Green Road entrance to Seven Sisters Station.

JC

Improvements to the layout of the output and budget tables were requested, specifically the incorporation of pound signs and font consistency.

The Finance Director highlighted an increase in budget allocation.

The NDC will hit its spend targets for 2005/06.

The Project Approval Process was explained in response to questions and concerns raised by Board Members.

Two omissions were highlighted on the Project Approval Report, namely Mobile Youth Work and Chestnuts Park.

7 Any Other Business

Issues of anti-social and criminal behaviour near the Edgecot Grove estate were reported. Task Force 3 will be contacted for a response.

AH

The Chair stated that a complaint had been made against the Director direct to the Government Office for London. As a result, Justin Holliday had conducted an investigation into the 3 allegations :-

1. Inappropriate consultant invoices.
2. Excessive use of consultants.
3. Inappropriate outside interests.

In all 3 cases it was found that there was no substance to the allegations.

The Director confirmed that if Board Members incur costs when carrying out their role as Board Members of the NDC then they will be reimbursed. As part of the review of governance a position needs to be agreed as mobile phones are not currently supplied to Chairs of Forums.

Reassurances are being sought that the Tiverton Youth Club will be able to meet in the new Children's Centre.

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8 Confidential Item

Refer to confidential papers.

Meeting ended at: 22:00

Date of next meetings: tbc

Minutes signed as an accurate record:

Chairs' signature:	
Date:	