

# NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

The Bridge Neighbourhood

## Partnership Board

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006

7.00pm

St. Ann's Library Hall



### Minutes

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Rachel Hughes (Chair), Cllr Claire Kober, Andrea Holden, Ruby Brown, Gill Prager, Deborah Cohen, Rahim Ullah, Yvonne Denny, Ayman Mohamed, Pearl Amoateng, Justin Holliday, Bernice Ashton, Cllr Isidoros Diakides.
<b>Staff present:</b>	Symon Sentain, Geoffrey Ocen, Jane Chambers, Glenville Grey, David Folorunso, Tracey Campbell, Richard Coe.
<b>Advisers</b>	Pete Richards.
<b>Resident/ others present:</b>	Mario Petrou (Resident & representing the Save St. Ann's Hospital Campaign Group).
<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	Lorne Horsford, Tanjou Mehmedova, Richard Bell, Randolph Flatts, Cllr Claire Kober (early departure), Deborah Cohen (early departure).

Item	Description	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Following requests from Board Members it was agreed that the Special Board Meeting on constitutional changes would take place after the Ordinary Meeting and not prior to it as originally scheduled.</p> <p>All those present introduced themselves to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Noted (see above)</p>	
3.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	
4.	<p><b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from 11/10/06</b></p> <p><u>Item 5 – Director's Report</u></p> <p>A note to Board Members will be drafted and distributed explaining the choice of Gladesmore School as the venue for 'The Way Forward' event on 9<sup>th</sup> December.</p>	SS

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct reflection of the meeting.

## 5. Director's Report

Apologies were given for the fact that Appendix 1 (Staff Structure Chart) had not been dispatched with the report. Copies of the document were made available to Board Members at the meeting.

Notice was given of the cancellation of the 'Board and Staff Networking Event' on 6<sup>th</sup> December. The business scheduled for this event will take place at the next Staff Awayday (date to be confirmed).

A social event for Board and Staff Members being planned for the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> December will need to be reviewed in light of the fact that a Neighbourhood Services Theme Meeting is taking place on that evening. SS

## 6 Programme Delivery & Finance Report

Questions were raised about the veracity of the financial projections for the current financial year. This was deferred until the Finance and Contracts Officer could respond later in the report.

Concern was expressed at the general level of community consultation associated with particular projects detailed in the report. GG reminded the meeting of the various events and meetings held related to Chestnuts Park and Manchester Gardens.

It was agreed that discussion of the report should focus on contentious projects listed in Appendix 2 – NDC Capital Programme:-

### Estate Renewal & Crime Reduction Works

Meetings being arranged between the NDC and the local authority housing department to investigate the possibility of renewal works on those estates currently not included in the project. JC

Service Level Agreements and Maintenance Review meetings will be developed to ensure quality control and long term sustainability. JC reported JC and GO will be working on sustainability issues for all projects. JC/GO

### Wards Corner

It was agreed that in spite of the highly complex nature of the project, the redevelopment of Wards Corner is of the highest priority to the NDC. It offers the opportunity to leave a high-profile and tangible legacy in the heart of Seven Sisters and as such it must be made to work.

### Youth Facilities – Tiverton/Fladbury Landscaping & Training

Short-term, low-cost developments will involve installing new lighting and sports nets. Longer term and more comprehensive redevelopment of the area will involve detailed consultation with the local community. Issues of Health & Safety and match-funding must be given high priority. Regular project updates will continue to be included in future Board reports.

### Chestnuts Park – Park Improvements

It was agreed that the NDC needed to ensure that its parks and open spaces received a fair share of the local authorities' overall budget for parks in Haringey. A range of opinions were expressed in regard to Haringey Council's commitment to parks in the NDC area; a request was raised that the Head of Parks be invited to a future Board Meeting. Responding to some criticisms, it was highlighted that Haringey has a strong record on park development and maintenance and that the long term plan of the council was to improve parks in all parts of the borough.

#### Chestnuts Park – Improving Youth Facilities in Community Centre

Board Members were provided with a briefing note and plan of the park giving details of the work completed to date on the feasibility study and subsequent masterplanning exercise including the proposed funding package for the Phase 1 works.

It was confirmed that facilities for the disabled were being designed in to the plans for the park. Public consultation is on-going, including at the 'Way Forward' event on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Manchester Gardens

Key aspects were identified as access, durability and cost. Changes have been incorporated in to the original design and these will be consulted on at the local meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November at Stamford Hill School and the 'Way Forward' event on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Concern was expressed at the number of people who had been consulted on the plans to date. Match funding was identified as being required for the development and long term viability of the project.

#### St. Ann's Library Hall

The Board representative from the Council Executive confirmed that transfer of the hall as an asset to the NDC was not an option. However, development of the site to support social enterprises would be considered.

A vote was taken on the recommendation detailed in section 1.14 of the report with the proviso that project approval for Chestnuts Park , St. Ann's Library Hall and Manchester Gardens is decided by the full Partnership Board. The Board was reminded that projects will be submitted for appraisal in the usual way. The result of the vote was as follows:-

For – 9  
Against – 0  
Abstentions – 0

It was agreed that a report will be submitted to the next Board Meeting setting out proposals on freeing up revenue funds for the Theme Programmes for 2007/08. JC

#### FINANCE

Doubts were raised about the veracity of the data in the financial tables. Questions were raised that the figures for actual spend were identical to the original forecast. JC reported that the majority of projects are forecast to spend in line with their budgets.

Responding to the suggestion of a gap analysis, the Head of Programme Delivery assured the Board that any gaps in spending had been identified.

## 7 Strategy Update

Board Members were asked to express an interest in joining one or more of the Succession Task Groups to help increase membership over and above that set out in section 7.2 of the report. The results were as follows:-

Neighbourhood Management : Yvonne Denny, Bernice Ashton, Cllr Isidoros Diakides.

Neighbourhood Plan : no further volunteers.

Asset Holding Trust : Justin Holliday, Gill Prager

Geoffrey will contact other Board Members not present to determine which group they would like to attend. Initial meetings of the three task groups to be arranged prior to Christmas.

GO

## 8 Communications Action Plan

This item was withdrawn and will go forward to a future meeting of the Partnership Board.

## 9 Any Other Business

As a result of Haringey Labour Party Meetings taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month it was agreed that a review of Board Meeting dates would be conducted and changes made to help maximise the attendance of the Ward Councillor representatives on the Partnership Board. Date changes will be applied post the AGM scheduled for 23/5/07.

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Minutes signed as an accurate record:

Chairs' signature:	
Date:	