

# NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

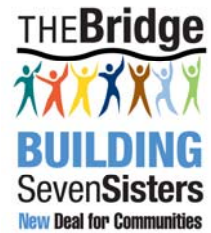
The Bridge Neighbourhood

## Partnership Board

24<sup>th</sup> January 2007

7.00pm

St. Ann's Library Hall



### Minutes

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Lorne Horsford (Chair), Randolph Flatts, Wilf Sullivan, Rachel Hughes, Yvonne Denny, Tanjou Mehmedova, Andrea Holden, Barry O'Callaghan, Cllr Bob Harris, Justin Holliday, Gill Prager, Yasmine Boudiaf, Ulrika Longinotto, Linda Banton, Rahim Ullah, Cllr Isidoros Diakides
<b>Staff present:</b>	Symon Sentain, Geoffrey Ocen, Jane Chambers, David Folorunso, Amy Beckwith, Tracey Campbell, Glenville Grey, Natasha Weekes, Richard Coe
<b>Advisers</b>	Chris Leigh
<b>Resident/ others present:</b>	Mario Petrou, E. Britchlow
<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	Pearl Amoateng, Cllr Claire Kober, Cllr Kaushika Amin, Cllr Bob Harris (early departure), Deborah Cohen

Item	Description	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  On invitation from the Chair, all those present introduced themselves to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>  Noted (see above)	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  None	
4.	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from 22/12/06</b>  <u>Ordinary Meeting</u>  Explanation of the choice of Gladesmore School as venue for The Way Forward event on 9 <sup>th</sup> December to be provided to Andrea Holden.  Disabled access at Gladesmore school was described as very poor.  Mario Petrou questioned the role of the NDC Board in regard to the outline plan for St. Ann's Hospital that is due to be ratified in March 2007.	SS

### Special Meeting

Director confirmed that arrangements would be made to send a briefing note to all Board members on the reasons for disclosure of information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. SS

Update to Board on progress of securing HAVCO membership of the Partnership Board remains outstanding. SS

Update to Board on the progress of filling the Business Representative vacancy remains outstanding. SS

## **5. Strategic Plan Update**

Supplementary Paper titled 'Final Changes to Outcome Reprofiting' was tabled which incorporated the amendments brought about as a result of the Board Away Weekend on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January.

It was suggested that the Enterprise targets need to be clear about the key aim of increasing the number of local residents earning a good salary.

The result of the vote on the recommendation outlined in paragraph 2.2 of the report was as follows:-

For – 14  
Against – 0  
Abstentions – 0

Therefore, the revised outcomes detailed in Appendix 2 were duly approved.

## **6 Programme Delivery Report 2006/08**

Paul Ely (Haringey Council Recreation Department) and Chris Leigh (Consultant for St. Ann's Library Hall Project) were introduced to the meeting.

Visit by Board Members to the new Children's Centre to be arranged. JC

Following questions raised regarding the budget for Chestnuts Park it was agreed that the plans for the park would be sent to Tanjou Mehmedova. GG

The local authority has committed to bringing Chestnuts Park up to Green-Flag status and maintaining that standard.

Post-consultation report on Manchester Gardens Project due to be published w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 which should help to allay any concerns about the poor levels of consultation.

Paul Ely set out the historical/political context which lead to poor levels of maintenance at Manchester Gardens during the 1980/90s.

Board Members were reminded that the report seeks approval in principle. Individual projects will all go through the agreed project appraisal and approval process.

**341-379 Seven Sisters Road** : design panel due to sit in March, to be followed by consultation exercise.

Investigation to be made into the situation regarding the Pulford Road Garages Site in light of the meeting that occurred on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. JC

**St. Ann's Library Hall** : going forward for appraisal at Special Meeting of the Partnership Board on 6<sup>th</sup> February. The local community and service users have been consulted and 89% indicate that they favour the venue as a community meeting place. Concern was raised that the inclusion of a music studio would duplicate work that the NDC has already done at the City Learning Centre. The consultant Chris Leigh will develop the business plan. Plans will be distributed to Board Members. JC

The result of the vote on the recommendation outlined in paragraph 2.1 of the report was as follows:-

For – 10

Against – 2

Abstentions – 4

Therefore, the provisional Delivery Plan 2007/08 was duly approved.

## 7 **Highlight Report 2006/07 incl. Finance**

**Neighbourhood Wardens** : NDC funding in place till 31/3/07. Robin Payne (Haringey Council Enforcement) has given assurances that NDC wardens are still operational. Further discussions will be arranged to review the role of wardens in light of wider developments such as the establishment of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Warden representatives to be present at the next Neighbourhood Services Theme Group on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007.

**Youth Bus** : The NDC Youth Forum is working with Haringey Council to develop a Service Level Agreement. Members were reminded that the project appraisal papers had clearly set out that the bus would be used across the whole of the borough. A programme/timetable for the use of the bus is currently being devised which should be completed in a matter of weeks. Concerns were raised that the bus had not yet been assigned to the Culvert Road / Edgecot Grove area.

**Hanging Baskets** : Poor maintenance record was reported. Contract will be changed to new service provider in February 2007.

**Tiverton Youth Club** : Question raised as to why the promise to keep open the club had not be fulfilled. It was agreed that the Staff Team must systematically monitor and manage promises and assurances.

## 8 **Review of New Organisational Structure**

The recommendations detailed in the report were set out in the context of reductions in revenue budget, direction of travel and the existing plan to review the structure.

The Director stated that he was confident that the new structure would support programme delivery.

As part of the restructuring process, every effort will be made to redeploy staff, but redundancies remain a possible outcome.

The Met Police Project Manager is not shown on the structure charts as the post is funded through a project and only has a functional link in to the main structure.

Andrea Holden expressed strong concerns about the merger of the Communications and Community Engagement Manager role and stated that she did not have confidence in the overall structure.

The Board were reminded that, technically, the decision on restructuring fell to the Board representative from the accountable body. They were also advised that changes to the structure of the organisation should be expected as the programme reaches end of its 10-year life. Any decision would be subject to meaningful consultation with all views expressed being carefully considered.

The result of the vote on the recommendations outlined in the report was as follows:-

For – 10  
Against – 2  
Abstentions – 2

Therefore, the revised staffing structure was approved as the basis for consultation in accordance with Haringey Council's HR policy and procedures and the Director Appraisal Panel was authorised to process the review as outlined in Table 4 of the report.

## 9 Any Other Business

Following a request from Yvonne Denny, the Highways Department will be contacted to look in to the installation of wheel chair friendly drop kerbs in the vicinity of Culvert Road / Edgecot Grove.

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Minutes signed as an accurate record:

Chairs' signature:	
Date:	