



Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership

**Minutes of a Board Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th June, 2007 at 2.00pm at the
University of Derby, Buxton Campus**

Tom Moat (in the Chair)	Natural England
Lesley Stevens	High Peak Borough Council
Pat Wilson	High Peak Borough Council
Councillor John Faulkner	High Peak Borough Council
Chris Parker	High Peak Borough Council
Steve Capes	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Peter Foley	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Peter Corke	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Robert Cogins	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Mike Hase	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Jude Wildgoose	Derbyshire County Council
Dr. Bruce Laurence	Derbyshire County PCT
Jim Dixon	Peak District National Park
Brian Taylor	Peak District National Park
Peter Abbott	Peak District National Park
Roger Flint	Derbyshire Constabulary
Neil Moulden	Derbyshire Dales CVS
Mike Harris	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
Elaine McDonald	Connexions Derbyshire
Kevin Skingsley	High Peak CVS
Dennis Smith	University of Derby
Sylvia Green	Derbys. JCS Infrastructure Consortium

07/11 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Sloman, Sian-Elin Jones (High Peak Borough Council), Giles Dann (DDEP / RAZ), Paul Stuart (Business Link EM), Councillor Lewis Rose (Derbyshire Dales District Council), Dr. D. Gray (University of Derby – Buxton Campus), Ruth Fish (Natural England), David Wheatcroft (Derbyshire Dales District Council), Councillor Bob Janes (DCC), Ruth Marchington, Jacque Bevan (Peak District National Park Authority).

07/12– CHAIR

ACTION

The Vice-Chairman, Tom Moat, took the Chair and welcomed the presenters and new attendees to the Board.

07/13 - MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the 4th April 2007 be approved subject to amending minute no. 7/07(i) to read –

(i) that Tom Moat continue the role of Champion to the Environment Theme Group and Ruth Fish provide Executive Officer support.

LES

07/14 – MATTERS ARISING

7/07(iv) – Jude Wildgoose will liaise with Lesley Stevens to update the LSP directory following the change of membership i.e.

Councillor R. Janes to replace Derbyshire County Councillor D. Wilcox
Councillor J. Faulkner to replace High Peak Councillor D. Lomax and re-organisational changes.

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07/15 – Local Development Framework – Links to Community Strategy and Themes

A presentation was given by Mike Hase (DDDC), Chris Parker (HPBC), and Brian Taylor (PDNP) highlighting the role that the LSP theme groups can play towards the formulation of the LDF. In answer to Kevin Skingsley's question, Chris Parker explained that local authorities have to satisfy a checklist of how they engage with the community.

07/16 – Housing Policy & Delivery in the National Park

Jim Dixon led a presentation on how the PDNP had responded to housing needs through joint working. Peter Foley continued the presentation with recommendations of how PDNP planners, and local authorities can work more effectively to improve delivery and avoid wasted resources.

07/17 – HIGHLIGHTS & EXCEPTIONS MONITORING REPORTS 06-09

The report was circulated with the papers and the following updates given by the Theme Group Champions

ACTION

Theme 1 – Furthering Community Participation and Involvement

- Joint Equalities Impact Assessment with High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Leisure sections and stakeholders – 20th September 07.

It was **RESOLVED** –

That the Executive progress the commission for equalities profiling with £3000 financial support from the LSP fund.

Theme 2 – Affordable Housing

- DCLG Select Committee Housing Corporation published Rural Housing Strategy – best practice example Parwich, recognition of good work.

It was **RESOLVED** –

That a formal approach be made to Jim Dixon (PDNP) to take on the role of the Affordable Housing Theme Group Champion.

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Theme 3 – A Thriving Local Economy

Highlights and exceptions

- Further discussions held with EMB Ltd. / EMDA
- DDEP Board agreed to provide funds to enhance the business start-up offer for the sub-region
- Includes funds for additional x2 business start-up advisors for RAZ
- Awaiting clarification on contract arrangements

Theme Group Report

- New countryside structures agreed for addressing rural transport and access issues.
- Comprises over-arching strategic Accessibility Co-ordination Group reporting through the Derbyshire LAA and Local Accessibility Partnerships for the NW (working cross boundary in the RAZ area), SE of the County (covering Amber Valley, Erewash and South Derbyshire and linking in with activity in the City) and Alliance Coalfield patch.
- DCC leading on the implementation of the new structure.
- NW Local Accessibility Partnership to bring together existing access to services groups in the area. Meeting to be arranged shortly.

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Theme 4 – Enhancement of the Natural and Built Environment

- Environment Group to meet on 10th July, and a report will be available for the September Board meeting.

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Theme 5 – Access to Services and Rural Transport

- DCC to provide Executive Officer support, but a Champion is still required. The Executive will discuss the purpose of this Group.

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Theme 6 - Opportunities for Young People, including Leisure

- There is opportunity to incorporate changes through the HP & Dales Youth Partnership to incorporate opportunities relating to the Arts as well as Sports.

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Theme 7 – Crime and Community Safety

- ‘Safer Neighbourhood Week’ making good progress.
- Alcohol related violent crime proving to be challenging.
- 34% Increase in arrests through Operation Relentless.

Theme 8 – Health

- Public Health Sub Group meets 29th June to consider wider membership.
- Theme Group to set up a mechanism to allocate the ‘Choosing Health’ funding of £60k for health related partnership work in LSP areas.

07/18 ACTION PLANS 2007

It was **RESOLVED** -

The Action Plans circulated to the Board be signed off.

07/19 – AFFORDABLE WARMTH STRATEGY

Peter Foley presented the Strategy to be signed off by the Board, supported by both Local Authorities and promoted via the CVS. The Board acknowledged the work gone into the Strategy by Tim Braund (DDDC) and Bill Purvis (HPBC).

It was **RESOLVED** –

The Affordable Warmth Strategy be approved.

07/20 – ‘CHANGE UP’ PRESENTATION BY SYLVIA GREEN

Sylvia Green gave an overview of the Derbyshire VCS Infrastructure Consortium and requested access to LSP member organisations to develop joint working with the voluntary sector.

The Board agreed to provide Partners contact details to facilitate this.

A discussion about the chairmanship of the LSP resulted in the Executive undertaking to consider options.

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07/21 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**5th September 07 – Bakewell Agricultural Centre**

(www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/Business/AgriculturalBusinessCentre/)

5th December – High Peak Council Offices, Chapel-en-le-Frith

(www.highpeak.gov.uk/contact/location/)