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Minutes of a Board meeting held on Wednesday 5 March 2008 at
2.00 p.m. at Bakewell Agricultural Centre, Bakewell

Councillor Faulkner (in the Chair)	High Peak Borough Council
Lesley Stevens	High Peak Borough Council
Rosemary Stafford	High Peak Borough Council
Ruth Marchington	Peak District National Park Authority
John Herbert	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
Paul Stuart	Business Link
Giles Dann	DDEP – RAZ
Roger Flint	Derbyshire Constabulary
Ian Copstick	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Bruce Laurence	Derbyshire County PCT
Mike Hase	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Neil Moulden	Derbyshire Dales CVS
Councillor Bob Janes	Derbyshire County Council
Jude Wildgoose	Derbyshire County Council
Helen Lidgett	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
Gideon Smith	Tameside & Glossop PCT
Nigel Caldwell	High Peak CVS
Councillor Jacqui Bevan	Peak District National Park Authority

07/46 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Pat Wilson (High Peak Borough Council), Elaine McDonald (DCC-CAYA), Professor D Gray, Cllr Rose (Derbyshire Dales District Council), Steve Capes (Derbyshire Dales District Council), Kevin Skingsley (High Peak CVS), Sian-Elin Jones (High Peak Borough Council), David Wheatcroft (Derbyshire Dales District Council).

07/47 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Professor John Herbert had been nominated for the position of Chairman of the LSP by Peak Partners. Professor Herbert was present at the Board meeting and introduced himself and outlined his aspirations for the future of the LSP.

RESOLVED:

That Professor John Herbert be appointed Chairman of the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak LSP for the 2008/09 Municipal Year, with effect from the June meeting of the LSP Board.

07/48 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Tom Moat be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak LSP for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

07/49 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMEN

RESOLVED:

That the Leaders of High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council be appointed as Deputy Chairmen of the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak LSP, to take the chair if the Chairman is absent.

07/50 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak LSP held on 5 December 2007 be approved as a correct record, subject to minute 07/40 – theme 8 (line 4) being amended to make reference to “HPBC and DDDC” rather than “HPBC and DCC”.

07/51 MATTERS ARISING

Further to minute 07/37 (3), the Chairman formally welcomed Ian Copstick, representing Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, to his first meeting of the Board.

With reference to 07/40 “Theme 5 – Access to Services and rural transport”, Helen Lidgett advised that DDEP, emda and DCC were working towards a new programme in this area and that DCC had sought a bridging grant that had not yet been confirmed.

RESOLVED:

That the LSP write to DDEP/RAZ confirming its support for the project.

07/52 UPDATE ON LAA

Jude Wildgoose updated the LSP on the progress of the LAA. A partnership forum had been held in December where the draft 35 priorities (plus 16 for

Early Years) had been refined. The draft priorities were submitted to Government Office on 25 January and negotiations were on-going to confirm the final 35, including the agreement of baseline targets with Government Office. The Partnership Forum was to meet next week to consider governance issues and partners had nominated representatives for the main board and 4 sub groups. Approval of the targets was due on 30 June.

In response to a query regarding the amount of input the local authorities had had in this process, the Board were advised that all LSP Chairs had been invited to meetings of the Partnership Forum, as well as workshops and consultation days to enable local priorities to be fed into the process. In response to particular concerns regarding the role of rural areas, the Chairman confirmed that both Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Councils had made representations centred around rural communities, the outcome of which could be judged once the 35 indicators were agreed. Helen Lidgett representing Derbyshire Rural Community Council also advised that a meeting was to be held between partners and Government office to ensure rural issues were reflected in the LAA.

The relationship between the LSP Board, the LAA, the community strategy and the Derbyshire Partnership Forum was outlined, with it being noted that further clarity would be forthcoming once the governance arrangements for the LAA were in place.

RESOLVED:

That the update on the LAA be noted.

07/53 PEER REVIEW

Neil Moulden advised the Board of a peer review of Hinckley and Bosworth LSP. The review team included representatives from the PCT, LA, voluntary and independent partners who met with representatives on the LSP to assess the performance of the LSP against benchmarking information from the IdeA. Issues arising from the review were that the LSP made a conscious effort not to be LA led and had difficulty demonstrating the LSP's impact and achievements. The Board supported the idea of a similar review being undertaken on this LSP.

RESOLVED:

That Neil Moulden discuss the idea further with the Chairman and an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board.

07/54 HIGHLIGHTS AND EXCEPTIONS MONITORING REPORTS 2007/08

A report was circulated.

Theme 2 – Affordable Housing

Mike Hase advised that a decision had been made by the government around the Housing Corporation Fund for 2008 – 11 which would enable Derbyshire Dales to deal with 182 of new affordable housing units.

Theme 3 – Thriving economy

Giles Dann reported that the Peak District Rural Delivery Pathfinder programme had finished in February and a final report had been made to the last steering group and a national report was also available.

LEADER had been successful in securing funding for the RAZ area (excluding Matlock, Buxton and Glossop). Centres for construction were to be developed in the Hope Valley, which would enable equipment to be purchased.

Councillor Janes reported on a grant of nearly £1M from the Learning and Skills Council towards the building of facilities at the National Stone Centre.

Theme 5 – Access to services and rural transport

The Access Partnership was to meet on 2 April at County Hall and a community rural access study was to be undertaken south of Ashbourne. A Partnership Officer was also to be recruited.

Theme 6 – Young People including Leisure

Councillor Bevan thanked the LSP for helping keep the swimming pool in Hathersage open and made reference to the rural problem of access to swimming pools through lack of transport. Bruce Laurence advised that the *Choosing Health* funding had also provided funding for targeted swimming lessons and transport, and reference was also made to the Youth Opportunities Fund which could be used for a number of purposes including transport.

Councillor Janes reported that Phase 3 2008 – 11 of the Sure Start programme would lead to the development of between ten and twelve children's centres in Derbyshire serving rural areas following negotiation and consultation, and that more details would follow.

Theme 7 – Crime & Community Safety

Councillor Bevan made reference to a successful meeting of Hope Valley Area Forum and congratulated the police for their well received presentation.

Theme 8 – Health

Bruce Laurence advised on the outcome of the *Choosing Health* bids, some of which were recurrent and so would cut down on the availability of next years funding.

Bruce Laurence advised that his role was changing within the PCT and that in the future his role on the Board would be taken by Julie Hurst and Vicki Price.

RESOLVED:

That the Highlights and Exceptions Reports be noted.

07/55 DCC LSP FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The following approved bids for DCC LSP Funding applications were attached to the agenda:-

- Specification to assist in developing the Sustainability Appraisal of the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Sustainable Community Strategy – £11,500
It was noted that this bid may change following talks with the regional assessor about whether to use the East Midlands Integrated Toolkit. In response to a question, the involvement of the Peak Park was through the development of the LDF was confirmed.
- Baseline evidence for next SCS - £5,000 (max)
- LSP Futures Network – one years membership - £275

RESOLVED:

That the bids be noted.

07/55 EQUALITIES – GREENFIELD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Minutes of the LSP Equalities Sub-Group meeting held on 18 January were circulated and the Board were advised that a report around the Greenfield recommendations would be submitted to the next meeting. Reference was made to Polish workers in the Buxton area and the submission of a bid with Lincolnshire and Bolsover to make social connections and other issues.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

07/56 REGENERATION

Neil Moulden advised of an event at Bakewell Agricultural Centre on 7 March and invited partners to participate.

07/57 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Roger Flint circulated a copy of the Safer Neighbourhoods newsletter and provided the LSP with an update of the work of the team throughout High Peak and Derbyshire Dales.

The number of crimes had all reduced, particularly burglary which was down by 27% and violent crime which had reduced by 5% (the national average had

increased). The importance of the fear of crime had been recognised and a new national monitoring system had been introduced.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

07/58 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Mike Hase advised that a programme had been prepared for the review of the community strategy. Partners had been consulted and their comments had been reflected in the programme prepared for the joint Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Core Strategy.

A discussion ensued around consultation and Mike Hase agreed to send a copy of the consultation done around hard to reach groups to Giles Dann. The importance of not duplicating work already done elsewhere was discussed.

RESOLVED:

That Partners be requested to send a list of all the consultation currently being undertaken to Lesley Stevens to enable a central list to be compiled and distributed to the Board.

07/59 RAZ ACTION PLAN 2008

The Peak District Rural Action Zone Final Draft Action Plan 2008 – 2011 had been circulated and would be submitted to the DDEP Board on 14 March 2008 for approval. Actions would be finalised at the RAZ steering group at the end of March.

The proposed delivery structure for the plan is to establish a LAG to deliver LEADER with buy-in from partners. To develop what has been done in the RAZ and take it out to the sub-region. Establish a rural forum and develop a rural officer group to support the LEADER group. A session was also to be held with the national park.

The LSP Board were asked whether it would consider taking the lead role in the RAZ action plan. Links to the LAA and the community strategy and how the action plan should interact were also discussed.

In response to a question about village shops and post offices, the Board were advised that agreement had been reached with emda to tender a scheme comprising of specialist retail advice to shops and a pilot initiative to help this sector. Reference was also made to multi use of community facilities and the need for further discussions around co-location.

RESOLVED:

1. That the RAZ Action Plan 2008 be noted;
2. That Giles Dann meet with the Chair to discuss how the LSP could take on a lead role within the action plan and that an item be placed on the next meeting of the LSP Executive.

07/60 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 4 June 2008 at the Council Offices, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The meeting concluded at 3.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN