



Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership

**Minutes of a Board Meeting held on Wednesday, 4th April, 2007 at 2.00pm at the
Bakewell Agricultural Centre**

David Lomax (in the Chair)	High Peak Borough Council
Lesley Stevens	High Peak Borough Council
Peter Sloman	High Peak Borough Council
Steve Capes	Derbyshire Dales District Council
David Wheatcroft	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Peter Foley	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Peter Corke	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Elaine Reddish	Derbyshire County Council
Jude Wildgoose	Derbyshire County Council
Geoff Carlisle	Derbyshire County Council
Julie Hirst	Derbyshire County PCT
Jacque Bevan	Peak District National Park
Roger Flint	Derbyshire Police
Gideon Smith	Tameside & Glossop PCT
Ruth Marchington	Peak District National Park Authority
Rob Jones	Peak District National Park Authority
Ruth Fish	Natural England
Mike Harris	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
Giles Dann	DDEP / RAZ

07/01 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from), Paul Stuart (Derby and Derbyshire Business Venture), Lewis Rose (Derbyshire Dales District Council), Sian-Elin Jones (High Peak Borough Council), Neil Moulden (Derbyshire Dales CVS), Tom Moat (Natural England), Dr. B. Laurence (Derbyshire County PCT), Dr. D. Gray (University of Derby – Buxton Campus).

07/02– CHAIR

As the Chair's post was vacant due to the departure of Neil Swanwick, the Leaders of the hosting authorities will chair the April and June Board meetings. In the absence of Councillor Lewis Rose, High Peak Leader David Lomax agreed to chair the April meeting and the Derbyshire Dales Leader will be invited to chair the June meeting in High Peak.

07/03 - MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the 6th December 2006 be approved.

07/04 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

07/05 – DCC Young Peoples Framework presentation by Elaine Reddish Youth Service Manager

(Presentation notes attached).

Discussion points following the presentation included –

- The importance of providing feedback to young people on consultations involving their views.
- A suggestion that consultation exercises should be co-ordinated to avoid 'consultation overload'; and that the monthly service development plan could be circulated to Board members.
- That the Derbyshire County PCT could provide the health needs assessment for Hurst Farm estate in Matlock to add to consultation information.
- Thinking through potential for disappointment amongst young people when consultation does not fulfil expectations e.g. youth shelter provision in New Mills.

07/06 – HIGHLIGHTS & EXCEPTIONS MONITORING REPORTS 2006-2009

Theme 1 – Furthering Community Participation and Involvement

A report on the Diversity Training carried out on 14th March was presented to the Board. It was generally agreed that this national challenge could be efficiently progressed by sharing good practice if all Partners committed to the process. Despite low attendance at the training, it was considered this should be taken forward.

Theme 2 – Affordable Housing

Peter Foley reported that a £571,000 bid had been successful –

- Decent homes to vulnerable
- Energy Efficiency grants
- Stock condition survey
- Pilot Handy Person Scheme

Home Options – Council Lettings in High Peak & Derbyshire Dales

Theme 3 – A Thriving Local Economy

Giles Dann reported –

- Glossop Gasworks site
- Proposed 20 units at Hathersage
- 2 Skills centres – Hope Valley and New Mills open and working well, lots of interest.
- Tourist attraction at Pooles Cavern – franchise for Go Ape.
- Executive Business support – regional. Concerns over lack of Derbyshire provision. DDP meeting to discuss filling gaps. EMB has a hot desk in Buxton, and RAZ has allocated some money to secure better provision. SSP expected to contribute by EMDA and LA's. Concern was expressed that their will not be sufficient provision for business start up, which links to affordable housing and the environment. It was

suggested that the LSP may be able to influence by questioning what rural-proofing had been done.

Theme 4 – Enhancement of the Natural and Built Environment

Ruth Fish reported that the reorganisation at Natural England had delayed their commitment to the sub group, but a revised Action Plan would be available for the September meeting.

Theme 5 – Access to Services and Rural Transport

There was no report for this theme group.

Theme 6 - Opportunities for Young People, including Leisure

Peter Corke reported –

- Liberation Day plans, with an inter-generational theme, were progressing and will again be videoed in the Big Brother diary style.
- Additional funding from EMDA had been secured to develop the Wheels to Work scheme that has proved to be a lifeline for access to work and training.
- A Safer Communities Officer (High Peak & Derbyshire Dales) had been appointed.
- The CSN was now operational.

Theme 7 – Crime and Community Safety

Roger Flint reported –

- The 'hot off the press' crime figures had reported a reduction in crime down to good detection rates.
- Almost an eradication of vehicle crime in beauty spot areas due to effective partnership working.
- Violent crime, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage figures were increased, which may be due to better reporting mechanisms.
- Safer Neighbourhood Schemes
- CSO's
- Mobile police station in rural villages provided but resources are tight.

Theme 8 – Health

Julie Hirst reported –

- Health Trainers pilot Derbyshire County/Derby City
- Public Health Sub Group is identifying cross cutting health issues throughout the theme groups as an on-going process to develop added value.

07/07 - THEME GROUP SUPPORT

The Board discussed the Partnership commitment required to support the 8 theme groups, particularly theme groups 4 and 5.

Whilst there was general commitment it was recognised that various Partners had got resource difficulties, which reflect on their availability. Giles Dann suggested that with the review of the RTP there is potential for the integration of theme group 5.

It was **AGREED**

- i. That Ruth Fish would take on the role of Champion to the Environment Theme Group and provide Executive Officer support from Natural England;
- ii. Geoff Carlisle undertook to arrange Executive Officer support for the Transport sub group.
- iii. Dr. Bruce Laurence from the Derbyshire County PCT will replace Neil Swanwick as the Health group Champion.
- iv. The arrangements will be reviewed at the September Board meeting, along with the chairmanship.

THEME GROUP	CHAMPION	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
1. Furthering Community Participation & Involvement 2. Housing 3. Economic 4. Environment 5. Access to transport and rural services 6. Opportunities for Young People (incl. Leisure) 7. Community Safety 8. Public Health	Executive VACANT COUNC. L. ROSE RUTH FISH VACANT SIMON CAINES ROGER FLINT BRUCE LAURENCE	Executive PETER FOLEY GILES DANN from NATURAL ENGLAND from DCC PETER CORKE SIAN ELIN JONES LESLEY STEVENS

07/08 ACTION PLANS 2007

With the exception of the Environment sub group, action plans for all themes were circulated to the Board. Comments were invited and should be sent to Lesley Stevens.

07/09 RAZ PATHFINDER PROGRAMME – Giles Dann / Rob Jones

The programme, to be launched on 12th April (until September 2008), can be found at <http://www.peakdirections.co.uk/>. The regional Pathfinder Conference is to be held at the Bakewell Agricultural Centre on 19th September.

07/10 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 13th June 07 – University of Derby, Buxton Campus
(www.derby.ac.uk/faculties/buxton/about-buxton/maps-and-directions)
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/)