

GREENWICH PARTNERSHIP

BOARD MEETING

**THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH 2007 AT 6.00 P.M. AT THE FORUM @
GREENWICH, LONDON**

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Peter Brooks, Greenwich Council
Christopher Jarratt, Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police Service
Reverend Martyn Coe, Greenwich Community Network
Jigs Chana, Cameo Properties
Steve Nelson, Chamber of Commerce
Linda McCabe, JobCentre Plus
Michael Chuter, Greenwich PCT

Observers:

Mary Ney, Greenwich Council
Patrick White, Greenwich Olympics & Paralympics Unit
Harcourt Alleyne, Acting Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Partnerships)
Jill Crumpton, Co-ordinator Greenwich Partnership
Alex Glyde, Greenwich Partnership

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Roberts, Rosa Goncalves (Greenwich Community Network), Malcolm Rodrigues (Learning and Skills Council) Jonathan Louth (Jonathan Louth Architects)

2. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Greenwich Partnership held on 18 January 2007 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Steve Nelson asked for clarification on the involvement of other businesses on the Board as there are currently only 2 reps and 4 are needed. He suggested that temporary business reps could be provided until permanent ones have been appointed. He indicated that Jonathan Louth would be interested in attending.

MC drew attention to the space between the meetings as the LAA board is directly before the GP Board and he felt that there should be a gap between the two meetings.

4. Main items

The Chair drew attention to the fact that the Council won a Beacon status award for cleaner air and that he accepted the award on behalf of the Council.

4.1 Crossrail Update

MN updated the Board on the situation in Woolwich and how the station will be funded. An arrangement has been made with Berkley Homes to fund part of the project.

JCh informed the Board that Crossrail was raised at the Bexley LSP Board and he would like to thank them for all their time and support.

The Chair asked for a personal thank you to go to Councillor Ian Clements who he said made a huge difference to people's way of thinking.

Resolved –

The work in Woolwich will continue

4.2 Olympics Update

Patrick White informed the Board that the new Head of the Olympics Unit is Ray Gerlach and he will be aided by Matt Delaney, who was from Sport England. He stated that these two are very well equipped to take the Olympics forward and ensure that there is a lasting legacy.

PW took the Board through a presentation covering;

- Events in Greenwich – aiming to raise people's aspirations. PW believes that the venues in Greenwich will be the most filmed and that the focus will be on Greenwich.
- The Olympic Unit – Small unit that is fit for purpose.

- Planning the Games – Ensuring that connections at various levels throughout the Council are made and that the Olympics are on the agenda.
- Our Vision – Engaging young people and raising their aspirations
- Greenwich Legacy Plan – Supporting the 17 Key Tasks
- Success to Date – Sportathon was a very successful event and is being repeated this year for a date to come in June 07

PW asked for the Mayors Bike ride to be noted on 29th April, Tour De France in July 2007 and the Gymnastics in 2009. PW called on the Board to get involved in the Olympics and to help show Greenwich as the cultural centre.

The Borough Commander, Christopher Jarrat requested a copy of the presentation and the Diversity tool kit. He also queried why there is nothing happening on the Thames and said that we need to ensure that we take up opportunities and are connected.

PW drew attention to a computer programme called Sports Search. Greenwich has pioneered this programme. It is for school children and they can put all their details in to the programme and it brings up 3 sports that they might be interested in and gives them addresses of clubs so that they can get involved.

CJ queried the Legacy Plan and asked what stages the unit were in with it. PW answered stating that it was in the very early stages and that comments were welcomed from partners.

SN commented on the O2 (previously The Dome) stating that it looked fantastic and asked The Chair if there was a chance that the hotel was still on the cards.

The Chair informed the group that both hotels are now non-existent, as without the casino they see no need to build a hotel.

SN also asked if the 17 key tasks have been published. PW informed him that they had and that they could be sent out again with the minutes.

Linda McCabe from Job Centre Plus queried the possibilities for volunteering with the Olympics. PW informed her that they are piloting a volunteering course and if those who attend the course are successful they will be guaranteed to be a 2012 volunteer.

The Chair asked for clarification on the website and if it keeps in touch with the Borough. PW stated that there was currently no capacity to create an interactive dialogue with the Borough.

The Chair also raised the issue of transport in relation to the Olympics and the problems that may arise and suggested that this should be an agenda item for the next Board to consider.

The Chair then thanked Patrick White for all his hard work on the Olympics and wished him well in his retirement.

4.3 Greenwich Strategy

Jill Crumpton, Partnership Coordinator, handed out a report setting out the main consultation results for changes to the Greenwich Strategy. She reported that the consultation period ended the first week of March and it has not yet been finalised what the new plan will look like.

The draft strategy was sent out with questionnaires for residents and organisations to fill in their comments and concerns and the report gives a run down of the responses received. Comments were received from a wide range of people of all different ages

CJ raised the issue of Safer Greenwich and the need for a separate chapter in the new strategy.

Resolved – That a safer Greenwich chapter will be added to the re draft of the Greenwich Strategy

4.4 Updates from Partnerships

Safer Greenwich Partnership

The Borough Commander, Christopher Jarrat reported that he is currently working with Steve Brennan on who is sitting on each of the groups. He is in talks regarding funding as this is a key concern with Neighbourhood Renewal ending and must ensure that they have adequate funds and do not over stretch themselves.

The Chair invited questions from the Board.

Jigs Channa drew the Board's attention to hotspots in Greenwich. Woolwich Town centre doesn't feel safe and asked how is this going to be rectified.

CJ stated that there are a number of measures being put in place. Transport Safer Neighbourhood teams are being put in place to travel on buses and tackle the problems that arise on public transport. Also looking at setting up a base in Woolwich Town Centre where people can go near to the Police station.

JCh suggested that communication with faith centres would be a very good idea and would be very reassuring as many people are very scared and this may allay some of their concerns.

Resolved – CJ to take on board and start communication with faith groups

Children's Trust

No one from the Children's Trust present but a short note was left as an update for the Board.

They are looking at reviewing the Children and Young People's Plan and aligning their targets with the LAA and Greenwich Strategy.

Healthier Greenwich Partnership

Chief Executive Mary Ney reported for Jane Schofield who fed back at the LAA Board. They are looking at the Health framework and section 31 agreements.

The PCT Board is looking at setting up 2 boards to look at more partnership working, particularly with hard to reach groups.

Employment Forum

Steve Nelson reported that they are currently setting up the Greenwich Employment framework and expect to have the final version within the next two weeks.

Jigs Chana raised the subject of the Thames Gateway Bridge and the fact that Bexley Council isn't supporting it. He said it was clear that they feel it won't benefit them and therefore this is an area that should be worked on.

The Chair raised that at the 5 borough working board Bexley chose not to attend and that the decision is purely political. They have to take this line as it is what they won the election on.

There was no other business to discuss. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7:35pm.