

GREENWICH PARTNERSHIP

BOARD MEETING

Held on Thursday 13th December 2007 at 6 pm at the Eltham Centre, 2 Archery Lane, SE9 1HA

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Chris Roberts, Greenwich Council (Chair) (CR)
Councillor Peter Brooks, Greenwich Council (PB)
Christopher Jarratt, Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police (CJ)
Reverend Martyn Coe, Greenwich Community Network (RMC)
Steve Nelson, SE London Chamber of Commerce (SN)
Jonathan Louth, SE London Chamber of Commerce (JL)
Malcolm Rodrigues, Learning Skills Council London East (MR)
Mark Maddison, JobCentre Plus (MM)
Michael Chuter, Greenwich PCT (MC)

Presenting Item 2.1

Gillian Jones, Nathaniel Litchfield (GJ)
David Cullingford, Eltham Renaissance (DC)

Observers:

Mary Ney, Chief Executive, Greenwich Council (MN)
Jill Crumpton, Co-ordinator, Greenwich Partnership (JC)
Natasha Walker, Office Manager, Greenwich Partnership (NW)
Graham Verge, Principal Support Officer, Greenwich Council (GV)
Mike Hows, Head of Regeneration, Greenwich Council (MH)

1. Welcome and Introductions

CR welcomed the group and asked for introductions.

1.1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Wendy Dibdin MBE (GAD), Rosa Goncalves (GCN), Makhan Bajwa (GCRE),

Harcourt Alleyne, (Greenwich Council), and Andy Mitchell (GOL).

1.2 Minutes of meeting on 20th September 2007

The minutes for the previous Board Meeting held on 20th September 2007 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

1.3 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

2. Main Items

Item 2.1 Grove Market Development - Gillian Jones (GJ), Nathaniel Litchfield & David Cullingford (DC), Eltham Renaissance.

2.1.1 CR advised the group that neither he nor Peter Brooks (PB) would express any views as they are members of the Planning Board.

2.1.2 GJ opened the presentation and started by outlining a few facts about the development. The Grove Market Development is a 60 million pounds investment. Eltham Renaissance has owned the site for the past 8 months. Consultation was undertaken in summer 2007. The Public, Police, Councillors and people in Eltham Town Centre were consulted. They received 600 responses of which 82% were positive.

2.1.3 The Greenwich Strategy was emphasised to encourage investment in the Borough. The Grove Market development is proposing 3 restaurants, 1 coffee shop, GP surgery and 130 units for Flats. 10% of the flats will be run from renewable energy sources and 10% will be wheelchair accessible. They hope it will retain visitors to the area and this is all due to happen by 2010.

CR asked the group for any questions.

- 2.1.4 JL had an interest as an architect and strongly questioned the colour scheme and said that it would not create a new area of town. He felt it was trying to ensure appearance and asked how many people would want to live in that kind of 'urban' pattern. He thought the Eltham Centre was better in design terms and that people would have questions. The mass looks well, but does not match the three story building to the right. JL compared the development to Westminster Social Housing, and said we should be careful not to patronise Eltham.
- 2.1.5 GJ responded that it was bold and that they were trying to regenerate and also pay respect to Eltham. DLA architects were consulted and are responsible for the design. External applications are always going to be subjective which is why the consultation period was held.
- 2.1.6 CJ asked what the style of Eltham was. And who had they spoken to in the Police about designing out crime. GJ responded that the Architects and locals were consulted and that she would follow through with a definite answer on the Police contact via email to JC the next day.
- 2.1.7 SN asked how much higher the new building was compared to those surrounding it. GJ said 3 storeys high with 5 & 6 storeys inside and at the back was a 7th storey. SN said that it was twice the size, and from the presentation it looked like it seemed to be in the shade. DC answered that they had carried out a sunlight analysis. The building is south facing and 90% of it does get the most daylight.
- 2.1.8 SN asked about the GP surgery and asked why would the public not go there? DC stated that all came together with what's happening at Passey Place. There are already local GP surgeries in Passey Place, but added this one would not need public sector funding.
- 2.1.9 MC said that the Department of Health come up with money to give a 'kick start' to Primary Care. GP's were

invited to decide how to do this with the Wallace Centre, Millennium Centre and the redevelopment of LDEH. A bid was put in but GP's wanted more information. They are consulting with Eltham right now to determine what they would want. He added that the buildings on the left were unattractive prefabs and a Paediatric centre is already at Passey Place.

- 2.1.10 There is an opportunity to make a health campus, particularly in Eltham/Mottingham but the GP's are not keen. With up to 25 GP's working in the same practice this poses a real challenge. At present the Greenwich PCT are working on getting GP's to retain their own surgeries with an Eltham/Mottingham diagnosis centre for x-rays and minor injuries etc. GP's will run them along with their own practices, possibly with both running side by side.

CR thanked Gillian and David for their presentation.

Item 2.2 Greenwich PCT 'A Picture of Health' Michael Chuter (MC)

- 2.2.1 MC opened the presentation by explaining that Greenwich PCT is at the second public consultation stage. He explained previous consultation involved over 140,000 people between September and November 2005. The results showed that Londoners go to hospital more times than anywhere else in the UK.
- 2.2.2 He then explained some of the financial information and advised the group that the PCT were spending more than they had which was bad clinically and financially.
- 2.2.3 MC talked about Angioplasty as an example and how it reduces mortality compared to thrombolysis and advised on new methods that the PCT are looking at for early detection and prevention of strokes. He gave some of the public's feedback when consulted on hospital services.

- 2.2.4 Also he explained that they were working on modelling change with over 90 potential options and talked about the plans for borough, minor and major hospitals to deal with all aspects of health in different ways to take the strain away from the 2 major hospitals currently running in the PCT area, and to prevent locals from going outside the area for accessible treatments.
- 2.2.5 He lastly advised that they were still awaiting the consultation document from their Lawyers which was due the next day. (The presentation is attached to these minutes.) CR advised that the 12 week timescale will end before the next meeting.
- 2.2.6 JL asked if there was an underlined organisation that meets with the PCT's needs. MC answered yes, with a 50,000 health hub. GP's are on rota from 8-8PM. The PCT will urgently ensure one surgery opens until 8PM and some places, until 10PM. They are looking to improve management and expertise in certain areas.
- 2.2.7 PCT are also looking at who attends A&E, and how often. Some people are attending more than others and they will look at people who need early medical intervention. An idea for a Telecare service will be looked at to alert housebound people when to take their medication and there will be more alternatives to come. The consultation will look at different methods before investment to make sure that patients will use the services.
- 2.2.8 CJ asked if Mental Health care had been considered and also disaster relief? MC answered that the disaster arrangements were set by the London NHS service. They have a cascade system where they will decant. For example: if Guys and St. Thomas was the closest initial hospital then patients would get moved to Queen Elizabeth Hospital to free up bed space. Looking at the mental health side of things 20% of cases turn up at hospital with clinical conditions resulting from mental conditions. CJ asked if the service would be halved.

- 2.2.9 PB suggested vetting what is financially affordable. How did we end up with phases like we have? And how can we explain investment? We read inconvenience; a GP should be an enhanced quality of care.
- 2.2.10 MC said that it makes it difficult on the clinical side. Individual technicians need to work shorter shifts as there are not enough specialists to recruit. It will stop GP's working long hours and secondly it would drive specialist care.
- 2.2.11 It costs the PCT £124 if patients go to A&E and £54 if patients go to their GP. In order to improve waiting times the maximum wait for any treatment is 6 months. That is being delivered by spending money on hospitals. Another way of reducing this would be to look at health before hospitalisation.
- 2.2.12 SN noted the option for an admitting hospital in Lewisham and asked why? MC answered that they might have more than one in any area, and maybe more in one Borough depending on what the patients feel would be better.

Item 2.3 Olympics and Paralympics Update - Mary Ney (MN)

- 2.3.1 MN explained the concept of Greenwich which comes together to deliver a strong Olympic and Paralympics legacy. Interlocking with huge regeneration in the Borough, it will bring to the table the opportunities that Greenwich have on stage. Greenwich is well known to Beijing as a Borough. She explained some of the happenings in Greenwich and advised that we are capitalising on our culture.
- 2.3.2 MN then talked about having a lot to be proud of with the O₂ site, Ravensbourne HE College and the Millennium site, we also have a strong interest from China and the Far East. With a vision for inward investment we should promote the Greenwich brand, be identified as the heart of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and be the destination where world class

heritage and potential meet. (The presentation is attached to these minutes.)

2.3.3 JL asked if any other boroughs had taken part in the trip to Beijing. MN answered that both Newham Council and LB Tower Hamlets had been on visits to Beijing.

PB said that no other Borough can offer what we do.

2.3.4 MN advised that screens would be put up in Greenwich Park with Olympic and Paralympics events for people without tickets. The park will also hire out its space for events.

2.3.5 JL asked if China's businesses regard 'ex-pat businesses' as being on their side. MN said there was a route in, through them.

2.3.6 CR said it seemed that China were delighted that London is taking over the Olympics from Beijing. We are the only Borough as part of the 5 host Boroughs that has no development happening and are not engaging in redevelopment. We have an idea of what we can build in a small space of time and our time is now. By the time the Stadium is built it will shift. It will exploit opportunity which is urgent to address.

2.3.7 This presentation had already been made to the World Heritage Site partners. There is a sense that we are playing on a World scale, and such an opportunity may not come again. All partners have a huge opportunity to grasp it. Schools are currently thinking about putting Chinese into the curriculum; imagine the prospects for young people.

2.3.8 SN said it was an easy sale on what we have to offer compared to other Boroughs. Investment could be helpful to get interest into Greenwich. If they see what we have to offer it will help to entice them to the area. We have to be serious with small businesses. We should get a register of agents in China to see what they specialise in.

- 2.3.9 MM said haven't GLA set up offices in Beijing? SN answered yes.
- 2.3.10 RMC said we should take a different tack. Not forgetting the faith and voluntary sector to boost the Borough. The Lever Centre of Excellence of Community Development and Exercise Group deliver Faith and Voluntary sectors within Olympic Boroughs. It was built using the same opportunities as businesses to give us a boost. We should use Faith and building of the Olympics to boost Greenwich. It may not happen in Beijing as they have no Faith Sector but we have an opportunity which will contribute to our 'final offer'.
- 2.3.11 CR advised that there was a relaxed attitude to faith and religion in Beijing. RMC added that it will be different there in terms of advocacy and engagement within Borough levels.
- 2.3.12 PB felt we need to grasp why we may need to go back to Beijing. He said it would be good to agree partnership working together as we take over next year. Hopefully China will come here and tell us what they have learnt. We only have a short time to do this in.
- 2.3.13 JL said that back in 1995 we thought that the Millennium would be great. Now here we are in 2007 and another city is coming here, our time is now. The Chinese fascination with Education is deep. China's communication in Greenwich had clashes.
- 2.3.14 There has been talk within the Chamber of Commerce about Chinese businesses here and it was felt that we have made it easy for them. A concern was spaces and parks for example; The Millennium building will be taken over with hoardings. Local partners have had consent to do it, and do it sooner. How do we deliver those sorts of Partners?
- 2.3.15 PB said there was a huge demand for hotels within Greenwich. MN said another reason to maintain the

link is to get experience of Olympic events, having seen the Olympic timetable is it clear where the whole Borough is working. It will provide public services through to the end.

- 2.3.16 CR said it was a challenging event, they learnt from the last event that there was not enough seating. It would be good to do a test event in Greenwich that will attract over 20,000 people.

3. Information Item

3.1 Local Area Agreement, Story of Place, Priorities and Indicators.

- 3.1.1 CR advised the group that this was the latest item on the LAA. He explained it was about what the priorities will be, and stated that we had until March 2008 to sign them off.

ACTION: it was agreed to return to this item at the next Board Meeting in March 2008.

4. AOB

- 4.1 No other business was recorded.

Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

The Next Board Meeting will be held on:

20 th March 2008 at 6PM	Venue TBC
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