



newhaven strategic network

Minutes

**NSN Board Meeting, Tuesday 17th March 2009
8.30 – 11.30, Sussex Downs College, Denton Island**

8.30 – brief tour undertaken of the Skills Centre.

- 1. Present:** Penny Shimmin (PS); Marek Lorys (ML); Judith Ost (JO); Graham Amy (GA); Rod Main (RM); Vera Gajic (VG); Paul Hoppen (PH); Peter Aston (PA); Gill Short (GS); Ian Everest (IE); Anna Brookes (AB) and Tracey Evans (TE).

Apologies: Hugh Burnett (HB); Gilly Bartripp (GB); Jean-Marcel Pietri (JMP); Owen Clifford (OC) and David Rogers (DR).

- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** accepted as a true record.

- 3. Matters Arising:**

3.1 – on agenda below point 7.4.

3.3 – no progress to report (land at Tideway)

Priority Action: VG, GS and JO all to pursue information and share with board when update available.

3.5 – on agenda below point 7.7.

5 – County Adult Learning & Skills group – not a minuted meeting, but continuing to meet.

6 – District council are now taking the lead with this.

7.2 – TE collated information - on agenda below point 7.5

7.3.1 - TE collated information – on agenda below point 10

9 – Lewes District Council (LDC) confirmed they had no archive – so board in full agreement that Newhaven Economic Partnership (NEP) records to be archived and kept at Newhaven Town Council (NTC).

Priority Action: TE to condense archive and deliver to NTC.

- 4. 3rd Annual Report and Forward Plan 2009-2010:**

Main body of report accepted as circulated after extensive consultation process through the board. PS thanked VG for writing the introduction pages. PS invited any further comments or amendments to the 2009-2010 Forward Plan to be sent to TE for final collation by Monday – to achieve a sign off date of 23rd March 2009.

Priority Action: TE to resend the forward plan to all the board for comment, collation and sign off.

- 5. Action Point Matrix:**

This is cumulative over the year. PCT were not able to contribute in time for circulation – but additions will be included for tracking against for the June board meeting. Current figures for teenage pregnancies were queried.

Priority Action: TE and PA to contact Health visitors to gain tracked figures.

- 6. Action Group Update:**

Summary of work being completed by the various groups much of which gets regularly fed into the Action Point Matrix. Timetable of scheduled meetings distributed.

- 7. Key Current Issues:**

- 7.1 Youth Strategy** – completed and taken to the Local Partnership for Children Meeting (LPC). When the Youth Strategy gets presented to Newhaven Town Council, AB will endeavour to have some

young people available to present the findings. Supports work being undertaken by the LPC for 2009/2010 as a pilot for funding to allow disadvantaged children to have funding to access extended schools service. AB attending launch next week. Pfizer funded project at Southdown school supporting healthier lifestyles has credible report which supports contents of Youth Strategy.

Priority Action: TE to forward Pfizer report to AB.

7.2 Transport Interchange – now envisaged to be a small interim scheme – circa £350,000 including improvements to signage etc. ESCC funding all allocated for the next 2 years, so crucial to take forward in partnership – see point 7.4 below.

7.3 CUPP Project – A DVD project is being undertaken by students working with NCD A, which is furthering the building of the relationship with Brighton University.

7.4 CABE/Seachange – deadline for bid for final round of applications of Arts based projects within the public realm, is June 2009. Linking with point 7.2 above, it was agreed that this funding opportunity fitted well with strategic aims of NSN and a bid should be submitted by VG for the Transport Interchange Interim solution to be the centre of the Coastal Trail project, including landscaping and artistic improvements – see points 7.7 and 7.12 below.

7.5 Pending Planning Applications (Circulated with Agenda) – it was noted that the Secretary of State was unlikely to call in the Aldi application, as development which combated the recession would be supported.

7.6 Veolia – it was agreed that PS and HB would be delegated to speak on behalf of NSN to support a capital project for Newhaven. This strategic approach would be likely to have more weight than separate partners approaching Veolia.

7.7 ESCC Section 106 Funding – A priority list was established through the Open Spaces Action Group, including some smart timely projects for which funding applications would require match. The Board agreed to support the Coastal Trail project with the Transport Interchange as the centre-point – see point 7.12 below and the list of projects proposed by the Open Spaces Action group for submission to ESCC. NTC to submit their list of priorities to ESCC.

7.8 Skills Centre – The second phase of the capital build strategy is currently on hold.

7.9 Tideway – The new build is complete and everyone is in the new school. An official opening event is being held on May 8th. This event will showcase ex-pupils and their achievements to raise the aspirations of current pupils. Tideway this year a National Challenge school based on the previous year's results, although now achieving above the challenge standards. This has resulted in funding which allows tracking and support for children at risk of not achieving 5 GCSEs A*-C including English and Maths. Tideway is now the hub for the extended schools programme and Local Partnership for Children Coordinator. Newhaven is one of two pilot areas of the county to receive a fund to allow disadvantaged children to access activities for 2009/2010. AB is a governor for the Virtual Classroom resource which supports Looked After Children.

7.10 NEC AIF Funding – No final decision has been made regarding the underspend, but quotes are being sought to explore the viability of further Photovoltaics.

7.11 West Beach – Repairs are planned from the Lunette Battery to be completed by 2010. Newhaven Port & Properties (NPP) objected to the town council's application for Village Green status for the sandy West Beach. NTC will respond to NPP's objection in April.

7.12 Coastal Trail – VG would be drafting a brief for endorsement to go to the coastal town councils for support, as this project would need partner support for the ESCC CABE/Seachange bid and match funding for the Coastal Trail project.

8. Recession – It was agreed that any information on impact of the recession and mitigation opportunities should be shared by partners.

Priority Action: all – to share recession information with TE who will then pass on to all board members.

9. **Town Centre** – LDC are holding a town centre meeting at 5.30pm on March 26th in the Star Café to support local retailers and involve Newhaven Chamber of Commerce.
10. **Newhaven Port** – The French are completing their own reports and considering an Interreg 4a bid for Ports improvement with Ostend taking the lead. SEEDA have been respecting the French process for decision making. ESCC will be writing to NPP shortly regarding trying to diplomatically move forward the Transport Interchange.
11. **Oakdene – Project Birdhouse** – Price Waterhouse Cooper is the official agent dealing with the assets of Oakdene. BBP have been assessing the key sites. SEEDA have been addressing the issue through the Coastal Forum. It was agreed that it was crucial that the sites not be land-banked. Newhaven Marina is still fully operational.
12. **AOB** – none.
13. **PowerPoint presentation by Dave Reeves - Zap Arts – re: project for 2011**
14. **Date of next meeting:**
9th June 2009
Newhaven Town Council, Fort Road
8.15 for 8.30 start to 10.30.