

GLOUCESTER HERITAGE URBAN REGENERATION COMPANY LTD

MINUTES OF BUSINESS FORUM MEETING

Venue: Cory Room, British Waterways Museum, Gloucester

Monday 22nd September 2008

Present	Business Forum - Board Members	
	Michael Tallett-Williams (MTW)	GHURC Board Member (Chair)
	Mark Owen	GHURC Board Member

Present	Panel Members	
	Angela Presdee (AP)	
	Chris Gabb (CG)	
	David Tate (DT)	
	Grenville Bird (GB)	
	Paul Hopkins (PH)	
	Phil Hanman (PHa)	
	Roger Hanbury (RH)	
	Tommi Nielson (TN)	
Guests	Philip Cook	DMUK Ltd
	Laura Philpotts	DMUK Ltd
	Anthony Skates	Gloucester Works

GHURC	Mike Tilt (MT)	GHURC
	Martin Wallace (MW)	GHURC

Refs.	Item Title	ACTION
120/08	Apologies	
	Peter Foyle, Chris Oldershaw, Sam Hoad, Fred Reed, Geoff Day, Howard Francis, Neil Draper	
121/08	Introductions	
122/08	Declaration of Interest:	
	Grenville Bird ref; Gloucester Quays	
123/08	Minutes of the Business Forum Meeting held 21st July 2008	
	Minutes agreed.	
124/08	Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting – 21st July 2008	
	263/08 MT reported that there was no knowledge of any sale or takeover of Bloor Homes	
125/08	Feedback from the Board meeting 25th July 2008	
	MTW; refs Public Art , the views of the forum had been fed back and were supported by the Board. The priorities for 08/09 were approved and would be managed by the Design Review Panel	

	<p>Blackfriars Masterplan. The Board accepted the draft masterplan.</p> <p>University of Gloucestershire; concerns whether funding was in place to go-ahead. Chris Oldershaw to work with the team to secure funding and was looking for commitment from the High Education Funding Council - HEFC</p> <p>MT highlighted funding pressures on HEFC</p> <p>Kings Quarter; the formal announcement of Niall McLaughlin leading the team for the public realm design was confirmed</p> <p>Gloucestershire Parkway; The Board accepted that it was unlikely in the face of opposition from Network Rail that the Parkway station be sited in Barnwood and the report was noted. Final report would go to the forthcoming September Board. MT advised the forum that the Parkway was a bolt on to the park and ride. There was a good chance of getting Parkway at Elmbridge in 5 years; zero chance of Parkway at Barnwood. The URC were making the case that Gloucester need a Parkway station.</p> <p>AP; Recognised that we won't get a station at the Triangle. There was acceptance of the need to enhance Gloucester's central station. The City Council are in support of Elmbridge Parkway</p> <p>AP; commented on the logistics of connecting with taxis</p> <p>PH noted that Cheltenham taxis were already planning for Parkway phase 1 park & ride, but highlighted some of the issues regarding Gloucester taxis; if they could not pick up there then they would not drop off there. There was confidence that a solution would be found</p> <p>MO pointed out that the biggest problem was communication to the general public</p> <p>MT; Network Rail need to come clean on their funding position</p>	
126/08	<p>Business Improvement District (BID) – Philip Cook</p> <p>PC gave a presentation on the origins of BIDs from the USA – now a global movement, citing a number of examples in New York etc. He stated that Gloucester's BID will be the only significant BID in the South West. The forum were supportive of the Gloucester BID.</p>	
127/08	<p>Board Agenda Items</p>	
	<p>279/08 GHURC Second Annual Report</p> <p>The report was being printed and would be available at the forthcoming main Board meeting. Copies would then be made available to forum members thereafter. There was a noted emphasis on community engagement and in particular with young people</p> <p>280/08 Programme Performance Update</p> <p>MTW had some general concerns regarding the effect of the credit crunch;</p> <p>GB gave a brief update re the opening of the St Ann Way bridge link and one of the hold ups being Spinnaker House; the Bishops had now signed up a release agreement.</p> <p>Highways & the City Council are making sure that the legal period for challenges pass then undertake all commissioning</p> <p>MO confirmed that Graham Walker the Chief Exec for Marketing Gloucester was in post since the beginning of September and was working on the business plan in order to release new monies and was in the process of looking for premises (currently housed in the city council offices, Gloucester Docks</p>	

	<p>RH; desperate for marketing in the docks, business was slower than expected. The slowdown in Gloucester is a problem</p> <p>281/08 Community Regeneration Protocol MW gave a brief overview of the protocol stating that it was an update to the document agreed by the Board in September 2007. He highlighted the section of community engagement undertaken by the URC, added value contributions to the programme by partners and stakeholders and community facilities. The update still represented work in progress by Andrew Maliphant of Gloucester City Council</p> <p>282/08 Kings Quarter Project Update – CONFIDENTIAL MT; We need to move forward giving the Board confidence that the scheme is on track</p> <p>283/08 Gloucestershire Parkway Station & Railway Triangle Master Plan Update This item was covered under 125/08 feedback from the Board meeting</p> <p>284/08 Bakers Quay – CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>285/08 Best Practice visit, Temple Bar, Dublin Forum members that attended found the trip very useful and highlighted some of the good and not so good things about the public areas.</p>	
128/08	<p>Any other Business Anthony Skate of Gloucester Works gave a brief update of the activities they are involved with in Gloucester, namely that it had been running for 3 months, they were working with the jobless, employers and workforce development training. Over 100 people had been recruited onto the programme to-date and referrals were being received from Train to Gain. The public launch would take place 7th October. AS was keen for businesses to sign up to commit to train citing examples of Ecclesiastical Insurance and the Gloucester Rugby club. Gloucester Works were targeting 19+ age group including NEETS (Not in Employment, Education or Training) groups. Training was free up-to NVQ level 3</p>	
	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 24th November – 6:00pm – British Waterways Museum 	

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