

**GLOUCESTER HERITAGE URBAN REGENERATION COMPANY LTD**

**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS FORUM MEETING**

**Venue: British Waterways Board Room – Commercial Road**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

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| <b>Present</b> | <b>Business Forum - Board Members</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
|                | Michael Tallett-Williams (MTW) Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
|                | Peter Foyle (PF) Vice Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |
| <b>Present</b> | <b>Forum Members</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
|                | Angela Presdee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Neil Draper   |
|                | David Tate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Peter Rust    |
|                | Fred Reed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Phil Hanman   |
|                | Geoff Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Doreen Davis  |
|                | Ian Simpson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sholto Thomas |
| <b>GHURC</b>   | Chris Oldershaw (CO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
|                | Martin Wallace (MW)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |               |
|                | Richard Owen (RO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |
| <b>Guests</b>  | Fran Mahon (Gloucestershire County Council)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |
| <b>180/10</b>  | <b>Apologies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               |
|                | Chris Gabb, Sam Hoad, Paul Bolton, Rachel Hossle, Tony Markey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |
| <b>181/10</b>  | <b>Declaration of Interest:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
|                | Fran Mahon (Gloucestershire County Council)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |
| <b>182/10</b>  | <b>Minutes of the Joint Business and Residents &amp; Community Forum held Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
|                | Minutes accepted as an accurate record of the meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| <b>183/10</b>  | <b>Matters arising from those minutes:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |
|                | MW advised that consultation on the County Council Local Transport Plan (LTP3) for Gloucester was currently being undertaken that evening in the City Council offices at North Warehouse<br>CO confirmed that the URC would be updating the Glossary of terms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |
| <b>184/10</b>  | <b>Feedback from the Board meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
|                | <p><b>Greyfriars:</b> Linden homes are currently revising their plans to include more town houses. PCT still interested, and some questions regarding the dawn redwood tree</p> <p><b>Kings Quarter:</b> The URC Board still want to demolish Golden Egg, but the new square is likely to be delayed until the designs for the Kings Quarter have been approved</p> <p><b>Railway Triangle Master Plan:</b> The Board asked the URC to hold an additional follow-up meeting with Allstones and are keen for the URC to explore all options. Noise and dust testing due to take place in the coming week. All agreed this is a crucial site for Gloucester</p> <p><b>Gloucester Works:</b> The Board shared the concerns of the forum regarding jobs for</p> |               |



Forum Comments as follows:  
PR Fleece should form part of the evening economy; the expressed uses of YMCA dorms don't feed into the night time economy. Hotel use would encourage continuous use

AP suggested a Boutique Hotel as seen in Derby. CO advised that he was working with a 4\* hotelier who was interested in the Barbican site as well as the Fleece

PR highlighted the parking issues, the forum then discussed matters about the evening economy and suggested inviting Anna Gwinnet to provide an update at the next meeting

GD commented that what would pull people into the centre would be the completed Kings Quarter

There was agreement that the YMCA would be good for the city but not necessarily located in the Fleece

There was also agreement that there were not enough quality restaurants

DD commented that not enough was being done to encourage new business into Gloucester

MTW; have to ensure we put this to the planners and gave the example of Bristol Printworks

FR gave examples of cheaper rents / rates

ND: need good accommodation/ restaurants and softer deals in the current economic climate

ST commented that Stage Coach brought significant numbers of people from Cheltenham to Gloucester over the Christmas period

### **373/10 Programme Performance Update:**

#### **Blackfriars:**

CO explained the South West RDA had agreed an extra £1.5m to make capital purchases to enable the greater scheme to go-ahead. The URC would be looking to seek a developer in September for the proposed 4star hotel and Car-park

#### **Gloucester Docks:**

Linkage works are underway, expected completion end of September 2010.

Southgate Mooring; IS was optimistic a decision would be forthcoming

#### **Outputs:**

GD asked what was included in the commercial floorspace, CO responded that the college and hotel had been included

AP wanted to know if there would be any government claw back if the URC did not achieve its targets, CO responded that the URC were monitored annually, future years funding is based on future output performance

MTW reminded why we were doing this and encouraged that we have to push for lasting change

**374/10 Marketing Gloucester Update:** Deferred till next meeting

**376/10 Railway Triangle Update:** Covered under matters arising

### **377/10 Community Regeneration Protocol Update:**

CO gave an overview of the protocol noting the progress made but requiring more

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|        | work to determine annual targets that could be monitored                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |    |
| 187/10 | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>FR Speaking on behalf of businesses in the Canal Corridor made reference to a lack of a long term Vision There were concerns amongst the business community about what was happening in the area</p> <p>CO advised that Richard Owen (GHURC) would be working up a strategy with Phil Staddon and Mick Thorpe (Gloucester City Council)</p> <p>AP commented that business in the area would have seen three major employment sites no longer trading and becoming residential</p> <p>CO A strategy was required for the whole area</p> <p>FR advised that the issues were the changing uses / mixed use on residential and industrial land</p> <p>GD recognised the bias to housing vs. jobs in the URC targets as well as the Spatial Strategy. There was the danger of having just lots of service jobs</p> | CO |
|        | <p><b>Future Meeting Dates:</b></p> <p>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010, 6:00pm, British Waterways - Board Room - Commercial Road</p> <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010. 6:00pm, British Waterways - Board Room - Commercial Road</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    |

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