

**GLOUCESTER HERITAGE URBAN REGENERATION COMPANY LTD**

**MINUTES OF GHURC BOARD MEETING**

The Cory Room, National Waterways Museum

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>(DB)</b>	David Bush	<b>(SP)</b>	Sally Pearson
	<b>(PF)</b>	Peter Foyle	<b>(MP)</b>	Bishop Michael Perham
	<b>(JG)</b>	Julie Girling	<b>(SPi)</b>	Sally Pickering
	<b>(AG)</b>	Andrew Gravells	<b>(MSec)</b>	Martin Seccombe
	<b>(CH)</b>	Chris Hallam	<b>(AS)</b>	Antonia Shields
	<b>(PJ)</b>	Paul James	<b>(GS)</b>	Greg Smith
	<b>(IJ)</b>	Ian Jarvis	<b>(MS)</b>	Mary Smith
	<b>(IK)</b>	Ian Knight	<b>(MTW)</b>	Michael Tallett-Williams
	<b>(DW)</b>	David Warburton	<b>(MB)</b>	Maggie Bolt
<b>Observers:</b>				
	<b>(CFO)</b>	Chris Oldershaw	<b>(RO)</b>	Richard Owen
	<b>(MT)</b>	Mike Tilt	<b>(MTh)</b>	Mick Thorpe
	<b>(JW)</b>	Julian Wain	<b>(SH)</b>	Sam Hoad
	<b>(NG)</b>	Nicky Godding	<b>(SE)</b>	Simon Excell
	<b>(BK)</b>	Barry King	<b>(MW)</b>	Martin Wallace
	<b>(PC)</b>	Philip Cooke		
<b>Minutes:</b>				
	<b>(JM)</b>	Jo May		

<b>300/09</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<u>Board Members:</u> Ian Mean, Chris Foley, Stan Jones and Mark Owen <u>Advisors:</u> Andrew Vines	
<b>301/09</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	Bishop Michael – University of Gloucestershire Peter Foyle – Ecclesiastical and British Legion Mary Smith – Planning Committee Ian Jarvis – Gloucester Quays Sally Pearson – Gloucestershire NHS Trust David Warburton – Gloscat site	
<b>302/09</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous Board Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2008</b>	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting subject to the following amendment requested by Paul James: The Board endorsed the option to amend proposals if Allstones remain in situ.	<b>CFO</b>
<b>303/09</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
286/08	<u>Llanthony Quay Hotel</u> Final decision on the location of the new hotel is between Gloucester and Milton Keynes	
292/08	<u>Greater Blackfriars</u> Meeting held with the University regarding the use of 17 Ladybellegate	

	<p>Street, Blackfriars Priory North and East Ranges as a venue for Performing Arts. Works will be starting on the North Range June/July for completion December 2009.</p> <p>At the November meeting Patricia Broadfoot had advised that the Blackfriars move was “one step too far” for the University. Subsequently CFO and RO had undertaken a more detailed review of the Buro Four report and amended proposals based on a reduced square footage allocation were submitted. PB had responded favourably to the new proposals but CFO has recently received a letter from Patricia Broadfoot advising that the University’s Finance and General Purposes Committee feel it may not be possible to continue discussions at the present time due to the economic down turn. A further meeting with PB has been arranged.</p> <p>AG had expressed concern at the last Board Meeting on the viability of the project and asked if it would be possible to speak with an MP to ensure finance is available to at least begin the project. More funding may become available in the run up to a Government election.</p> <p>GS would speak with the Chair of the University for his comments.</p> <p>MP advised that no formal decision had been made at University Board level, the proposals were still on the table and although they have a meeting next week it is unlikely that a decision will be made that quickly. MP advised that the Vice Chancellor was very keen to relocate to Blackfriars; however, the financial advisors will need to be convinced it is a viable move.</p> <p>CFO and GS to speak with Parmjit Dhanda next week.</p>	<p>CFO</p> <p>GS/CFO</p>
294/08	<p><u>Greater Railway Triangle Masterplan</u></p> <p>CFO advised that a noise survey had been carried out. LXB are continuing to work up their proposals and the revised scheme is much improved on the previously submitted version. LXB are also working closely with the NHS on the Medi/Science Park proposal.</p> <p>SP advised of the difficulties she had been facing with the County Council and its different departments in working up the proposals for the Medi/Legal facilities. AG agreed it would be sensible to have all parties meet and Barry King/Simon Excell are to convene a meeting of interested groups.</p> <p>AG expressed his disappointment that there was still no change to the site and again asked that GHURC contact Network Rail and request that the derelict buildings be demolished.</p> <p>DB was concerned over the possibility of Allstones remaining in situ and the effect that this would have on the north of the site, CFO advised that other options were being worked up and a further update would be given at the next Board meeting in March.</p>	<p>SE/BK</p> <p>CFO</p>
296/08	<p><u>Bakers Quay</u></p> <p>CFO advised that Bob Beswick, Architect, had been commissioned by Mr Bishop to look at proposals for the Downings Malthouse.</p> <p>CFO had a meeting with Numold who are keen to keep a presence on the site, but are not opposed to redevelopment. A further update will be given at the May Board meeting.</p>	<p>CFO</p>
297/08	<p><b>Confidential text removed.</b></p> <p><u>Greyfriars</u></p> <p>DW advised that the first meeting of the Greyfriars Steering Group had taken place. Linden Homes are on track with submitting their planning application for the whole site by the end of the calendar year. However, concern still remains over the Four Gates Centre which is taking a lot of effort to progress. <b>Confidential text removed.</b></p>	<p>CFO</p>



	<p>IK also asked how Marketing Gloucester proposed to make such improvements on such a small budget. GW advised that they rely heavily on volunteer work/contributions.</p> <p>SPi advised that she had this morning met with a, recently made redundant, marketing person, who she would put in touch with GW.</p> <p>PF was pleased to hear in GW presentation that they are working closely with Cheltenham and wishes GW and his team every success.</p> <p>DB asked if improvements to the car parking arrangements had been thought about with the proposals to encourage more people into the city. GW was aware of the difficulties.</p> <p><b>The presentation and report were noted.</b></p>	SPi
306/09	<p><b>Economic Linkages – Proposed improvements to Victoria Basin and Back Badge Square (Route 1) – Application for Scheme Approval</b></p>	
	<p>A presentation was received from William Wheeler.</p> <p>WW advised that 90% of those who attended the exhibition were in favour of trees being included in the scheme.</p> <p>SPi advised that the Residents &amp; Community Forum were keen to see improvements on the Kimbrose Steps and the disabled access route. WW advised that due to the levels in the Docks it was difficult to alter the ramp, but they were working on proposals to make it feel less claustrophobic.</p> <p>IK had recently spent a lot of time in Gloucester and was amazed at the number of disabled users who cut across the Southgate Moorings car park and was concerned that should the EIG proposals be progressed the disabled/family access linkage would be greatly reduced. GS asked that IK speak with EIG regarding this.</p> <p>IK welcomed the news of the proposed trees in the Docks, but was concerned that the plans would not be passed through English Heritage. MS also expressed concern over the maintenance of the trees. CFO to follow up with English Heritage and the SWRDA.</p> <p>MTW asked that the timing of the proposals be looked into with regards to car parking facilities.</p> <p>MSec asked for clarification that the lighting proposals also included the Kimbrose Steps. WW confirmed that it did.</p> <p>Concern was raised over the need for continued funding from the SWRDA for Public Realm works and it was agreed that CFO would discuss this with Parmjit Dhanda MP and at the URC's Chief Executive meeting next week to strengthen the position.</p> <p><b>The recommendation that the proposed economic linkage improvements to Route 1 comprising works to the eastern edge of the Victoria Basin are approved in principle at an estimated cost of £4.0 million funded from the URC's indicative allocation from SWRDA, 2008/09-2010/11 was agreed.</b></p> <p><b>It was further agreed that SWRDA be requested to fund the proposed economic linkage improvements and that the Board delegate authority to the CEO to agree the details of the scheme with SWRDA.</b></p>	<p>IK</p> <p>CFO</p> <p>CFO</p>
307/09	<p><b>Community Engagement – Presentation by Sam Hoad (GHURC Community Engagement Manager)</b></p>	
	<p>An excellent presentation was given from Sam Hoad which was very well received.</p> <p>GS was very interested in SH's comments regarding the Liverpool</p>	

	<p>regeneration.</p> <p>CH thanked SH for an excellent report and presentation and asked if there was one thing she could do differently over the last 12 months what would it be? SH would have to give that some thought, but had been very impressed with the GHURC's commitment to the Community.</p> <p>AG asked if Liverpool had a Community Engagement Strategy. SH advised that they had in fact been taken around Liverpool by the Community Engagement Officer, who, by his own admission, felt that there had been little commitment from Liverpool Vision to the Community, there was also no Section 106 arrangement.</p> <p>MB advised that through the Liverpool Biennial Arts based community improvements have been successful.</p> <p>SPi is aware of how difficult it is to contact "hard to reach" groups and asked that we look more at disadvantaged groups, as the young people are not necessarily disadvantaged.</p> <p>AG asked how we were consulting people about the regeneration and how this was being monitored. SH advised that an Attitude Survey was being investigated to enable the URC to monitor this.</p> <p>Julian Wain totally supports SH and feels that a good monitoring tool will be the Kings Quarter consultations with the public.</p> <p>IK felt the paper made him feel anxious particularly with regards to the role of Gloucester Works in the community. SWRDA and the LSC have awarded the highest funding to Gloucester in the region and this opportunity will not come around again. It was agreed that Ahmed Goga from Gloucester Works would present an update at a future Board meeting.</p> <p><b>The report was noted and the Board agreed for its partners to work with GHURC to ensure the programme meets the needs of the wider communities of Gloucester using all available resources.</b></p>	CFO
308/09	<p><b>Marketing Update</b></p>	
	<p>Philip Cooke updated the meeting on the Bus Advertising Campaign that will be commencing on 2<sup>nd</sup> February for 8 weeks.</p> <p>CH thought the artwork looked very impressive.</p> <p><b>The report was noted.</b></p>	
309/09	<p><b>Greater Blackfriars Masterplan – Feedback from Workshops</b></p>	
	<p>Feedback from the workshops had been very positive and the role of the Trust in providing an independent 'chair' had worked well. CFO advised that the final report from the Princes Trust would be circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>MB expressed concern over the massive revenue investment required for the cultural quarter to be delivered. CFO was aware of the difficulties the URC faced.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the report.</b></p>	CFO

<b>310/09</b>	<b>Executive Team – Quarterly Position Statement</b>	
	<p>CFO outlined the report and advised that the position statement has been approved by the Audit &amp; Governance committee.</p> <p>AG asked what steps were being taken to improve the museum management. PJ advised that the City Council were providing management support, rather than a cash injection.</p> <p><b>Confidential text removed.</b></p> <p><b>The Board noted the report.</b></p>	
<b>311/09</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p><b>Informal Meetings</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting would be held as scheduled on 14th May.</p> <p><b>Company AGM</b></p> <p>CFO advised the proposed date for the AGM was Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, this was approved.</p> <p><b>Conflicts of Interest</b></p> <p>The Founder Partners are to consider proposed changes to the Articles of Association and report to the March Board meeting.</p> <p>CFO asked that the March Board meeting be reserved for 2009/10 Business Plan Discussion – this was agreed.</p>	<p>DW/IK PJ/JG</p>
	<b>Future Meeting Dates</b>	
	<p>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – 1.30pm – <b>Gloucestershire College</b></p> <p>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009 – 1.30pm – Cory Rooms, Waterways Museum</p>	