



# newhaven strategic network

## **NSN Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 8.00 – 10.00 am  
Newhaven Enterprise Centre, Denton Island

#### 1 - Present and Apologies

Present - Tracey Evans (TE), Amy Savage (AS), Rod Main (RM), Peter Aston (PA), Vera Gajic (VG), Judith Ost (JO), Marek Lorys (ML), Jean-Marcel Pietri (JMP), Ian Everest (IE), David Rogers (DR), Hugh Bumett (HB), Gill Short (GS), Anna Brookes (AB), Penny Shimmin (PS).

Apologies –Owen Clifford (OC), Jilly Bartrip (JB), Kirsty Godson (KG), Graham Amy (GA), Simon Kirby (SK).

#### 2 - Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes Accepted as a true record.

#### 3 - Matters Arising

- 4) PS and HB have drafted letter to Jean-Pierre Lucas to be sent to the port.
- 5) Brighton meeting very positive but no further dates have been booked at present. Transport meeting not booked but still being covered through infrastructure group.
- 6) TE to check OC has raised issue with construction charter with PH.

#### 4 – Key Current Issues

Skills Centre – Phase 1 will be completed by Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

Newhaven Enterprise Centre (NEC) - £35,000 remains of the AIF funding which is held in reserve to support new businesses entering the NEC.

Pending Planning applications – For future board meeting PH will compile a list of applications of four or more units and commercial developments, including expected/submitted/decided. This will be circulated with the agenda. Currently Expected is Saxonholme/Submitted is Bridge Street/Decided is Marina-Approved.

Sale of the Port – Although Oakdene are still hopeful a deal can be struck, the French have suspended negotiations and are completing technical reports. This is likely to continue until December, including designs for a proposed new berth and the mouth of the river. ESCC is keen to move forward the proposals for the Transport Interchange although currently LD lines are using the site for HGV overnight parking. Councillor

Kirby will be travelling to Rouen at the end of the month with VG and PH to meet the Deputy of the President of Seine Maritime to discuss the release of the land for the proposed Transport Interchange. As the Transport Interchange will involve rail/bus/taxi/ferry passengers it is important to address the East-West corridor and explore better links with Brighton, the Universities and London. It is important that the Transport Action Group (LAT) meets soon as not all these are covered within the Infrastructure Action Group. It was recognised the NSN has a role within this complex issue.

**Action Point** - DR to book date and set agenda for LAT to meet before the end of September.

**Library Application** - The Saxonholme application which will include a new library has resulted in £1.2 million being pledged by ESCC and enhancements are being explored using this as matched funding to create a multi-use arts facility, funded by CABE. This would be a 60 sq m facility which would be a visitor destination and a resource for local people, promoting culture, arts and heritage. The deadline for bids is the end of June and is likely to be very competitive. NSN agreed that they should offer their support to this project as it would enhance town centre development. The CABE process has a 10 week decision time-scale.

**Action Point** - PS to send letter of endorsement from NSN.

**Action Point** - JO to send letter of endorsement from NTC.

### 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report

The 2007 report was very short, the 2008 needs to be longer to show progress from the date of publication for the Masterplan 2006. VG has been working on this with TE and the executive have agreed to the format to be introduction/summary/action group summary/changes in baseline statistics/strategic links/glossary. The 2009 report will need to be equally weighty to show TE's role coordinating activity of the NSN board. PS raised the issue that TE was currently in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 3 year funded post, and further funding needed to be addressed. The board endorsed future funding for the post and a meeting is to be organised.

**Action Point** – All comments for inclusion by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action Point** – PS to coordinate funding meeting asap.

### 6 - Action Point Update Matrix

PS thanked everybody who had updated the matrix, this process is working well. IE noted his comments had not been included, TE has not been receiving emails from NTC. Additional action point update that LPC funding, as Newhaven meeting the core offer, means a LPC coordinator and parent advisor can be appointed.

**Action Point** – TE to check email system to address issue.

### 7 - Action Groups

PS explained the format of the report being sent with the agenda, for this and future meetings. The Business Development Action Group will be relaunched and will meet before September.

**Action Point** – TE to support ML in launching the BD group.

## 8 – Local Strategic Partnership

TE attended a meeting of all the chairs and chief execs across the county. TE will be attending East Sussex Assembly in July. For future meetings TE will prepare a one page report to distribute with the agenda.

**Action Point** – TE to prepare one page report for next meeting.

## 9 – AOB

The incinerator – RM reported two judicial review challenges ongoing. Some work has started onsite as CPO not needed following successful negotiations. A request has been made to make public, the money spent on the process. Veolia currently has no permit to pollute from the EA.

**Action Point** – VG to prepare update for next meeting.

Tideway Rebuild – Due to delays is unlikely to be completed by October, and is likely to be complete by February 2009. ESCC has land to dispose of, LDC has housing priorities, and NTC has community priorities.

Dates for your diary next year: 2008/09 dates – meetings held at Meeching Hall

### 2008

Exec	10.30-12noon	Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2008
Board	8-10.30am	Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2008

Exec	10.30-12noon	Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Board	8-10.30am	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2008

### 2009

Exec	10.30-12noon	Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
Board	8-10.30am	Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2009

Exec	10.30-12noon	Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2009
Board	8-10.30am	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2009

Exec	10.30-12noon	Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2009
Board	8-10.30am	Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2009

Exec	10.30-12noon	Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
Board	8-10.30am	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2009