



County Durham
Economic Partnership

MINUTES

Meeting	County Durham Economic Partnership Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday 19 th April 2016
Time	13.00 – 15.00
Venue	Kynren Development Site, Eleven Arches, Bishop Auckland

Attendees:

Brian Tanner	Chair
Cllr Eddie Tomlinson	Chair of Rural Working Group
Cllr Neil Foster	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Regeneration, DCC
Jon Gluyas	Durham University
Sue Parkinson	Chair of the BES Group
Angela Brown	Strategy & Partnerships, DCC
Simon Goon	Business Durham
Geraldine Kay	Derwentside Homes
Tarryn Lloyd Payne	Strategy & Partnerships, DCC
Barbara Gubbins	County Durham Community Foundation
Michelle Gorman	Visit County Durham
Alison Gittins	Durham Business Club
Jill O'Brien	Job Centre Plus
Heather Orton	DCC

1. Welcome

BT welcomed everyone and thanked Eleven Arches for hosting the meeting today

2. Apologies

Edward Twiddy	Atom Bank
Stephen Howell	Head of Sport & Leisure, DCC
Sue Soroczan	Job Centre Plus
Ian Thompson	Director of Regeneration and Economic Dev
Andy Palmer	Strategy, Programmes & Performance, DCC
Neil Graham	Chair of Durham City Board
Arun Harish	CPI
Sarah Robson	Chair of Housing Forum
Simon Hanson	FSB

3. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and all actions are complete.

5. Eleven Arches – Anne-Isabelle Daulon

AD gave a presentation to the Board about Kynren, which will be the biggest live production in the UK. It tells the story of the country through the eyes of the North East over 2000 years, bringing history to life. The running time of the show will be 90 minutes of open air live movie with 100 cast and crew. The show is led by 600 volunteers.

Eleven Arches facilitate the project. They expect the majority of visitors will be from the region in the first year and then hopefully build on its success with the hope of it becoming world class.

More information is available at www.kynren.co.uk

The Board members were then given a tour of the Kynren Development Site.

6. Bishop Auckland Castle – Liz Fisher

LF gave a presentation on behalf of David Ronn who was unable to attend today's meeting.

- She mentioned Jonathan Ruffer wanted to develop Bishop Auckland so therefore developing the market place as well as the town to try and attract people to visit the area.
- There are not a lot of hotels in the area so are hoping to have a 40 bedroomed hotel in the market place.
- 42 Market Place opposite the Town Hall has an Art Gallery downstairs and upstairs is office accommodation.
- Currently working in partnership with Durham County Council in relation to North Bondgate Car park.
- The walled garden will house an 80 seat restaurant and are working with Bishop Auckland College to develop Chef Academy.
- Binchester Roman Fort – A campaign was run to save this. The Fort is run by Durham County Council but Auckland Castle is the owner.
- Scheduled opening dates:
 - Restaurant will open this summer, possibly September.
 - Bishop's Palace - 2018 Felton Gallery – 2019
 - Spanish Gallery – 2018/19
 - Hotels - 2019

7. Partner and Working Group Updates

BT invited the chairs to provide updates:

Sue Parkinson – Business Enterprise & Skills/County Durham Investment Group
SP mentioned that she will give a full EU update at the next CDEP Board meeting in July.

There has been movement on Low Carbon. Calls are out for ESIF at the moment and there have been a number of responses to these calls.

Cllr Eddie Tomlinson – Rural Working Group

There has been no Rural Group meeting since the last CDEP Board meeting as they have now decided to meet bi-monthly

Both the LEADER programmes are now up and running with expressions of interest firming up to real projects.

The team are concentrating on the Rural Proofing for the County Durham Plan and how their own social value procurement can help to achieve these priorities. Durham is one of four organisations to be shortlisted.

8. Any Other Business

BT presented 4 papers circulated in advance of today's meeting which were received. He asked the Board members to note the quarterly performance and informed the Board that unemployment had fallen.

9. Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 12th July 2016, at Spectrum, Seaham