

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SHROPSHIRE BUSINESS BOARD**

**HELD ON
MONDAY 11th July 2016
4.30 pm – 6.00 pm**

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SHREWSBURY

Present:

Mandy Thorn MBE (Chair)	Marches Care Ltd, Shrewsbury
Lindsay Barton	Golden Kite Solutions Ltd
Catherine Baxter	Harper Adams University (Agri-technology sector rep)
Steve Wain	Shropshire Learning Network
William Morris	Utilities Representative – Managing Director of SSE Retail
John Pitchford	Head of Business and Corporate Banking - Barclays Bank
CLlr Nic Laurens	Deputy Portfolio Holder, Shropshire Council
CLlr Steve Davenport	Chair of Shropshire Council's Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee
Arthur Hill	CH Hill & Sons, Much Wenlock
Ashley Joule	Oaklands Farm Eggs (representing Elwyn Griffiths)
Paul Kirkbright	University Centre Shrewsbury
Matthew Snelson	Grainger & Worrall Ltd (Vice Chair)
Mandy Stoker	E4environment Ltd, Shrewsbury (Chair of Metnet)
Gill Hamer	Director Marches LEP

Shropshire Council Officers

Andrew Stirling	Regeneration Manager
Lisa Ashby	Economic Growth Coordinator

In Attendance

Ed Cox	IPPR North
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53 Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

- 53.1 The Chair welcomed both the Business Board and Ambassadors to the meeting together with Ed Cox from the Institute for Public Policy Research North. The Chair explained that the meeting element would be short with the meetings primary focus being the IPPR workshop.
- 53.2 The Chair welcomed John Pitchford, Head of Business and Corporate Banking at Barclays to his first Business Board meeting.
- 53.3 The Chair confirmed that she had sadly received a resignation from Nick Scott, J Ross Developments Ltd, who unfortunately could no longer give the time required to the Board, although not present the Chair thanked Nick for his attendance and contributions to Board. The Chair also confirmed that this would also be Steve Wain's last meeting due to

moving out of the County and again thanked Steve for his attendance and contribution. The Chair confirmed that replacement representatives and members would be recruited as soon as possible.

53.4 Apologies for absence were received from Clive Wright [Chief Executive, Shropshire Council] Paul Bennett [Shropshire Business Partnership], Tudor Griffiths [Tudor Griffiths Group Ltd, Ellesmere], Fay Easton [Shropshire Enterprise Partnership], Shaun Carvill [Clickingmad Ltd] Matt Sandford [Pure Telecom], Kully Chahal [DWP], Graham Margetts [Agilent Technologies], Alison Wright [Starfish Advertising and Marketing], Ann Fisher [Hatchers], Tim Downes [JR & MC Downes & Sons]

53.3 Ashley Joule attended as a representative for Oaklands Farm Eggs

54 Declarations of Interest

54.1 Members were reminded to declare any interests either at this point or if they became apparent during the meeting.

55 Minutes and Matters Arising

55.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd May 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and that actions had been followed up.

55.2 The Chair discussed the outcome of the referendum and notified the members that the Local Enterprise Partnership had been approached by Government to look at intelligence from businesses, particularly around business outlook confidence and what impact the result had had on investments. The Chair asked if any changes to business confidence, both positive and negative could be reported either to herself or Gill Hamer at the Marches LEP.

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56 Election of Vice Chair

56.1 Following the resignation of Matthew Snelson as Vice Chair, the Chair confirmed that following the call for nominations she had received one nomination from Paul Bennett. The Board agreed the appointment unanimously and the Chair confirmed the appointment of Paul Bennett as Vice Chair and would contact him following the meeting as he was away on leave.

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57 IPPR North Workshop – Ed Cox

57.1 Minutes not recorded.

58 Dates of Next Meetings

58.1 The next meeting of the Business Board to be held at 4.30pm on Monday 12th September 2016, at Tudor Griffiths, Wood Lane, Ellesmere.

Future Meetings:

12th September 2016

21st November 2016

Tudor Griffiths, Wood Lane, Ellesmere
Shirehall, Shrewsbury