

Burton upon Trent Town Deal Board Minutes

1st October 2021

Board Members Present

Ben Robinson	Chairman
Cllr Bev Ashcroft	East Staffordshire BC
Cllr Philip White (via zoom)	Staffordshire CC
Dennis Fletcher	Parish Council Representative
Valerie Burton	Burton Civic Society
Shaïd Hussain	Business and Community Representative
Mick Clifford (via Zoom)	Burton Civic Society
John McKiernan	Parish Council Representative
Kate Griffiths MP (via Zoom)	Member of Parliament
Chris Plant (via Zoom)	Chamber of Commerce
Cllr Duncan Goodfellow	East Staffordshire BC
Cllr George Allen	East Staffordshire BC

In Attendance

Andy O'Brien	East Staffordshire BC
Mark Rizk	East Staffordshire BC
James Abbott	East Staffordshire BC
Thomas Deery	East Staffordshire BC
Cara Wild	East Staffordshire BC
Wayne Mortiboy	Staffordshire CC
Monica Henchcliffe	East Staffordshire BC

Apologies

Nik Hardy	Business Representative
Cllr Victoria Wilson	Staffordshire CC

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1	Welcome and Apologies	The Chairman welcomed the Board to the meeting and noted that an apology had been received from Nik Hardy		
2	Minutes of Friday 30 th July 2021 Town Deal Board meeting and Matters Arising	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Chair requested that members of the board gave consideration to an alternative time for the Town Deal Board meetings bearing in mind members with other commitments on Friday afternoons.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Town Board meetings would now take place on Thursdays at 3.00pm monthly at the Town Hall so that the hybrid meetings would continue for those members that are unable to attend in person.</p>		

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		It was also noted that Dave Chadfield had retired and the new Manager would be in post soon.		
3	Annual Update of Register of Interest	The Board were reminded that all members should keep their register of interests up to date on an ongoing basis.		
4	Project Updates	<p>The Board considered the Programme highlight report which had been circulated previously.</p> <p>The Chair invited Project Leads to provide an update on each of the seven projects on the Towns Fund Programme, where a Project Lead was not in attendance, James Abbott was invited to provide an update.</p> <p><u>Regional Learning Centre</u> MR informed the board that a project meeting had been called at the Brewhouse to set out the programme with meetings every two weeks outlining the specific tasks that had been set out. He reported that they now have a work plan and members of the project knew where they are going and the expectations of each group. The action to recommission the condition survey was also under way. Philip White commented that the project was in a good place and moving forward.</p> <p><u>High Street Linkages</u> TD gave a short presentation of the overview of the Commonplace website that would be used in the next stage of the consultation for the project. He reported that platform had not gone live and not published to the public. He reported that the platform would be published the following Tuesday in order that Board members could make any comments and feedback prior to it going live. The main landing page will be launched from the Council's website, for Project D, with information of how people can make comments and get in touch with the team. He advised Board members of the various pages of the website. Stage 2 consultation was also captured in the overview. The page also include a statement regarding the Library project which is being considered separately. Consultation over a four week period are being planned, with drop in consultation events in the town centre and the Queen Street Community Centre are being posted on the page.</p> <p><u>Library and Enterprise Hub</u> WM advised the 8 week consultation has now been completed. 1161 questionnaire has</p>		

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		<p>been received and of those 195 being submitted by hand being handwritten. He advised the Board that data was inputted which they are currently analysing along with the online responses, along with all the detailed comments and to answer any supplementary questions that people had asked when they see the online figures. He reported that they are working Amion to complete the first draft of the business case for the review for officers at the Council. The group are on track to meet the deadline for the business case. The outcome of the publication would be submitted to Staffs County Council's Cabinet on 15th December 2021 along with the business case. The completed business case would be submitted two weeks after that.</p> <p><u>New Pedestrian & Cycling Crossing over the River Trent</u> WM advised that he had met with landowners on site along with the Environment Agency to discuss about proposal ecological and fisheries issues and the flood defence element, followed up with a session with users of the Washlands, Molson Coors Fishing Club, Canoeing Club, Burton Leander Rowing Club, Burton and Derby cycling touring club and Burton Trent partnership. The Cricket and the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust were invited to the meeting but were unable to attend. MC and SH also attended the meeting. A four week consultation has gone live referencing the linkages with Project D and the water frontage had been launched and opened until 31st October 2021 by press release to the Burton Mail. Issues raised about anti-social behaviour but taken advice from the Police Architectural Liaison Officer. Some trees would be displaced for the bridge but more trees will be planted in due course. Confident that all the surveys had been done, and a bridge inspection would be taking place on 5th October assessing the Oxhay bridge. On 22nd October for two weeks bore holes works to determine the ground strata below ground down to 15 metres underground to aid the designers to add value and complete their work.</p> <p><u>Trent and Mersey Canal Towpath Improvements</u> JMCK reported that there was an issue with water seepage on the Towpath and further funds was required for the state of the canal. AOB advised that the officer involved with the project was looking into some extra funding.</p> <p><u>Cycle Network Enhancements</u> BA confirmed that so far they were looking a three main areas for the network canal to Shobnall , Derby Turns and New Street to link the college. They are also looking at Derby Road junction as a priority. She reported that the project were on target and a draft business plan would be ready for 25th October.</p>		

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		<p><u>College Specialist Education Offer</u> In the absence of NH, meeting with John Beaty and Chris Beech later this month, and will give a full update at the next meeting of the board.</p> <p>JA advised from a written update provided by the college that the Consultation is now underway from week commencing 20th September for 4 weeks, to allow effective engagement with other local education establishments. They have set up a dedicated page on their website, giving detailed understanding of the benefits of the project to the College and the town board. The sentiment from the consultation so far has been overwhelmingly positive and from comments received they indicated the project was very exciting. Two letters of support from local Secondary schools who has been discussing the plans for this project with head teachers from across the borough. Local heads can see the benefit of the plans and they are confident of their support for the project. They highlighted that there was a small amount of negative chatter on social media but that, in their view, there may be secondary drivers for those negative comments. The college has formed a project group and they are having meetings to plan the works looking at the estate and the procurement of the associated equipment that will be needed. They are very encouraged by the progress.</p>		
6	Dates of Future Meetings	<p>It was agreed that the future meeting dates would take place as follows:</p> <p>Thursday 28th October 2021; Thursday 25th November 2021; Thursday 23rd December 2021; Thursday 27th January 2022; Thursday 24th February 2022; Thursday 24th March 2022; Thursday 21st April 2022;</p>	All	
7	Any Other Business	MC Pleased with the Roundhouse event at the Bargates last month, proved that people wanted that sort of thing in the town.		