

## Burton upon Trent Town Deal Board Minutes

25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Board Members Present

Ben Robinson Chairman  
 Cllr Bev Ashcroft East Staffordshire BC  
 Cllr Philip White Staffordshire CC  
 Dennis Fletcher Parish Council Representative  
 Valerie Burton (via Zoom) Burton Civic Society  
 John McKiernan Parish Council Representative  
 Mick Clifford Burton Civic Society  
 Ross Playle (via Zoom) Representing the Member of Parliament  
 Cllr Duncan Goodfellow East Staffordshire BC  
 (via zoom)  
 Cllr George Allen East Staffordshire BC  
 Nik Hardy (via Zoom) Business Representative  
 Cllr Victoria Wilson (via zoom) Staffordshire CC  
 Lynette Howgate(via zoom) Coopers Square Shopping Centre

### In Attendance

Andy O'Brien East Staffordshire BC  
 Mark Rizk East Staffordshire BC  
 James Abbott (via zoom) East Staffordshire BC  
 Thomas Deery East Staffordshire BC  
 Cara Wild (via Zoom) East Staffordshire BC  
 Wayne Mortiboys Staffordshire CC  
 Andrea Davies East Staffordshire BC

### Apologies

Chris Plant Chamber of Commerce  
 Business and  
 Shaid Hussain Community  
 Representative

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1	Welcome and Apologies	The Chairman welcomed the Board to the meeting and noted that apologies for absence had been received from Chris Plant and Shaid Hussain.		
2	Confirmation of Board Membership	The Chairman welcomed Lynette Howgate to her first meeting of the Board. The Board noted that following the retirement of David Chadfield, Lynette would be representing Coopers Square Shopping Centre on the Board.		
3	Minutes of Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 Town Deal Board meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.		

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	and Matters Arising			
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.</p> <p><u>Regional Learning Centre</u></p> <p>It was agreed correspondence between Wolverhampton University and the Chairman be circulated to members of the Board, for their information.</p> <p>MR informed the board that he had met with the Vice Chancellor and Associate Dean for Employer Partnerships and Enterprise from Staffordshire University on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, to discuss the possibility of Staffordshire University entering into the project, instead of Wolverhampton University. Following discussions and a tour of the building they had agreed to advise MR within 2 weeks whether they wished to proceed with the project (giving an indicative view within 1 week). A response had not yet been received, however the meeting had been positive in nature. AO'B indicated that if Staffordshire University were unable to participate in the project, then it would mean that this would go out to tender.</p> <p><u>High Street Linkages</u></p> <p>TD advised that since the last meeting the second consultation on project D had now closed and the results of the consultation had been published on the website. There were no significant proposed deviations from the initial proposal and the responses were generally supportive of the principles suggested for the area. Areas which had come out top of the list were leisure, the heritage centre and the proposed visitor centre. Outside of the consultation the Projects Leads had received a presentation from Burton Market Action Group on a proposal for a Food Hall in the Market Hall. It was considered that a waterfront location next to the Water Tower would be a more suitable location for a food hall, which would be in the middle of the activity centre. The architects had been asked to look into from a design point of view and consultants from a viability point of view. The project team were currently finalising plans, which would go into the final model and the draft business case would be updated to reflect these plans. A final pre-submission consultation would be taking place in early December 2021, which would present these plans, sketches and video to the public. This consultation would be less of a call for ideas and would be asking the public</p>	AD	ASAP

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		<p>if they could support the ideas detailed within the consultation.</p> <p><u>Library and Enterprise Hub</u></p> <p>WM informed the meeting that the results of the public consultation had been analysed, (consisting of 1200 responses - of which there were 800 free text submissions) and this would be reported to the County Council's Cabinet meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. This information would be in the public domain from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. No update had been received from the listing application from Historic England, although WM was aware that they had visited the site and carried out an assessment of the inside of the building. A response was expected after Christmas. As a result of a number of comments in the consultation and on social media referring to the proposed changes as having a detrimental effect on the Market Hall building and delays from Historic England, the County Council had been looking at an alternative plan which incorporated the adjacent Crossley House, owned by the Borough Council. The building could make an ideal site for a registry office and this would also mean less of impact on the structural integrity of the mezzanine floor in the market hall. This would be part of the favoured solution (solution 8) and would be included in the business case, with a fully costed plan against the other 7 options.</p> <p><u>New Pedestrian &amp; Cycling Crossing over the River Trent</u></p> <p>WM advised that a bridge assessment had been carried out on the Oxhay bridge and the capacity bearing of the bridge was confirmed. 3 bore holes had been drilled on the east side of the river and the bore holes on the west would be confirmed after Christmas. 220 responses had been received from the consultation. Most responses were positive. Within the free text section of the consultation, several requests had been received for an additional crossing on A444 Stapenhill Road by the Cemetery, enabling Brizlincote and Winshill residents to use as a more pleasant way to walk into the town and this had been incorporated into the business case.</p> <p><u>Trent and Mersey Canal Towpath Improvements</u></p> <p>JMcK advised there was nothing further to report and was waiting for Amey to provide costings.</p> <p><u>Cycle Network Enhancements</u></p>		

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		<p>WM advised that the northern section of the canal was more important in the County Council's opinion. The County Council was preparing a separate levelling up fund bid for a transportation scheme round the Branston interchange junction, which has the opportunity to add up to 3 components to the levelling up fund bid. As part of the bid the County Council would be including a bid for a cycle network from Branston Junction into the town. It would be viable to add the southern section of the towpath to the Branston waterpark onto that bid and the County Council had given an undertaking to the Canals and River Trust that this could be added to the bid.</p> <p><u>College Specialist Education Offer</u></p> <p>NH advised he had attended a positive meeting with John Beaty and Chris Beck and further details on the project were contained within the highlight report previously circulated.</p>		
5	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting would take place on Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021;	All	
6	Any Other Business	There was no further business for consideration at the meeting.	.	