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Staveley Town Deal Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2022 (10:00 – 12:00)

(Via MS Teams)

Attendance

Board Members	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Will Morlidge	D2N2 LEP
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Cllr Paul Mann	Staveley Town Council
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Mark Potter	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Cllr Tony King	Derbyshire County Council
Toby Perkins	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Observer	
Melanie Phythian (MPH)	Towns Fund Policy Advisor, Dept Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
Gerard Rogers	Chesterfield Borough Council
Officers in support	
Lindsay Wetton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Mark Evans	Staveley Town Council
Michael Rich	Chesterfield Borough Council
Alison Westray Chapman	Derbyshire County Council
Craig Busby	Office of Toby Perkins
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Invited Speakers	
Becky Lomas	Derbyshire County Council
Mark Collins & Ranbir Mander	Bentley Project Management
Stephen Wenlock	Chesterfield Borough Council

1 Apologies

Julie Richards	Chesterfield College
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Dr Peter Scriven	Divisional Director, Royal Primary Care (East)
Peter Dewhurst	University of Derby



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Lee Rowley MP	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Kara Simpson	Derbyshire Police
Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council

1. Welcome and apologies (IF)

IF welcomed Board members to the meeting. Apologies are noted above.

2. Declarations of Interest

AWC Declared an Interest as an employee of Derbyshire County Council on all matters regarding Derbyshire County Council.

CLlr TG explained she had no pecuniary interest when discussing the Construction Skills Hub in December and this might be the way to proceed for other elected members of Local Authorities.

CLlr TK Declared an Interest as elected member on all matters relating to Derbyshire County Council.

No further Declarations of Interest were reported.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th January 2022 (IF)

Minutes were approved as an accurate record. All actions had been completed and good progress has been made in developing connections on the Health Inequalities theme.

4. Town Deal Policy Update

MPh provided a policy update.

There has been a wide scope and scale of change requests by Programmes, including withdrawals of projects and adjustments to them.

Due to budget constraints, Government will scrutinise towns regarding the original vision as set out in the TIP and any proposed revisions.

The mechanism for project change requests and funding reallocations is under review with the outcome expected by the end of February.

Regarding the Programme assurance and performance process, Staveley Town Deal have not been asked to produce these templates as we have not received a project payment. However, these will be rolled out to all towns with a revised monitoring process around it. It will not just be to report against projects, but also Programme Management spend and 5% advance payments; capacity funds and Accelerator Funding. This will then reconcile the Towns Fund monies.

Once Towns move to an annual cycle, April payments will be capped until Assurance and Performance documents are submitted. DLUHC plan to produce a newsletter for towns to keep everyone up to date on issues.

WM offered to take an item on the TF to the LEPOG meeting. With new SPF guidance routing funding to districts, there will be a lot to discuss, particularly the relationship between TF Boards and Districts and what relationship this will become?



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Any extension requests to Summary Documents only needs to go through MPh. The paper on the agenda is adequate for this request.

As from next week, MPh will take on her new role to cover just Nottinghamshire. She will still have the links with various Town Deal meetings. Our new Deputy Area Lead will be Amzie Atwell, who has until recently been at the Cabinet Office and starts next week.

IF took the opportunity to thank MPh for all her support and assistance over the last two years.

5. Presentation – Thriving Communities – Becky Lomas (DCC)

A presentation about the approach and ways of working as part of Thriving Communities was delivered. It began in 2011 and has been operating around the County.

Cllr King, noted his declaration of interest as it is a DCC initiative. His area was one of the first to adopt Thriving communities. Cotmanhay, Ilkeston was involved in 2013/14. It is a valuable tool and complimentary to the work of this Board by developing soft skills and is valuable to informing project progress. TK recommended that the Board consider adopting this approach.

Whilst recognising that it is place specific, MPh asked if there are case studies. What are the outcomes from the work that has been done to date? BL noted that it is a hyper local level approach to connecting communities and agencies.

WM noted that schemes such as Neighbourhood Management and LSPs have existed, which are always a good idea, but what has been learnt in Derbyshire that will make it stick in Staveley? BL added it is not about community development, but more about freeing up resources and working better together to tackle the local issues.

HB added that we need a conversation about resourcing but he is fully supportive of the principle and aware of the process. We need to ensure we are properly resourced to do a good job and set the right expectations to guide this process. By constructing the Venn Diagram to capture Thriving Communities issues and Town Deal work, we will make sure we have everything lined up with resources to meet the levels of expectation within the community.

Cllr Mann, as a local resident, commented that the area is an engineering and industrial area as well as mining. He added that he thinks the unemployed poor and the employed poor (on low wages) are prevalent in Staveley. He feels that no one has ever asked what this community needs despite a lot of regeneration funding coming through. He was pleased that resources and funding could be targeted at all of Staveley and encourage higher skills for the younger generation.

IF sought agreement from Board. It was agreed to continue to have this conversation, there were no objections to carry on and he added that there are some fascinating aspects to this type of work.

Action: To set up a meeting to discuss Thriving Communities resourcing, LW/HB/BL/IF



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6. Presentation – Town Centre Masterplan – Stephen Wenlock (CBC)

SW presented the findings from the consultation; an update of work on the Business Cases and explained that the Masterplan is an ambitious vision over a number of years and then outlined the elements of the work that could be funded by the towns fund, within the timescale, i.e. March 2026.

IF asked if the Pavilion building was included and SW explain that it is. SW explained that the building was included in the original plans and following work on the Business Case, it can be delivered. CBC had to identify the elements for deliverable transformational from Masterplan to secure the Towns Fund budget. The Masterplan is then phased such that more can be delivered and it doesn't stop other elements being delivered in the future.

Cllr Mann asked about timescales as affected businesses have asked to meet the team to find out how works might impact them. SW confirmed that a business meeting will be set up, in fact there is no group of people who are more important to be kept informed.

SW explained the whole masterplan was costed at approximately £30m, and the Towns Fund is £4.86m to be spent by March 2026.

The market place is aimed to have events and social activity and the CBC group who look at events recognised the additional reasons to get footfall and link to the ability to improve investment of the market. Cllr Mann added that STC are proposing a range of events including the Armed Forces Event in July, much of which is getting back to pre-covid activity levels.

TP asked which items will be part of the Town Deal element. SW directed to the slide with elements and indicative costs. SW noted that the Market House is not part of this phase, nor are the commercial or private development projects that can be funded privately. TP added that businesses are very concerned as they need to plan a pathway for their current businesses. He asked what forms of consultation there were and how can we reassure the Board as to how people can still be kept informed. SW outlined what had taken place. Letters were hand delivered in person to all businesses in the Masterplan area. Display panels were located at the HLC and Staveley Hall with 121 meetings offered throughout the consultation. Information was at the Morrisons store, and CBC staff were available with the exhibition regularly and at the Christmas Market. The on line questionnaire was available as well as paper copies in the town and regular press coverage. It may not have reached the full depths of Staveley, despite visiting each business but we will keep up the engagement activity to keep conversations going.

TP noted that a public meeting has been missing. We need to be clear what is being delivered and for later phases; what the plans are to relocate businesses and at what stage. They want to ask questions, therefore, a Q&A session would be helpful.

IF suggested CEC Group can pick this up.

In support, HB added that he doesn't think officers can do more, particularly under Covid restriction and hand delivered letters and revisits. The challenge now is to promote the Masterplan, an exciting and ambitious £4.86m towns fund opportunity within the context of a wider scheme. We need to be aware of the maximum impact and deliverability within the Towns Fund timescales, by resetting expectations as to what is deliverable, which we will do. Delivery of the Masterplan is not without its



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challenges to work with multiple land owners and we had to put the Towns Fund scheme forward to deliver by March 2026 and we need to communicate the changes that will take place.

The Business Case for the Town Centre shall be presented to Board on 18 March for full consideration.

7. Project Approvals

Project Approvals – Exempt item under Local Government (Access to Information) Act

a. Staveley Waterside – Canal Basin

This project was formally approved by Board. Town Deal funding granted of £2,664,000 subject to the conditions contained within the reports.

8. Programme Activity Update

a. Barrow Hill Station Paper

The report recommending an extension to the submission date of the Project Summary Document to DLUHC due to awaiting a DfT decision for the Rail Station was presented. This was approved unanimously by Board. MPh also confirmed that this report was sufficient to grant approval for the extension by DLUHC.

b. Programme & Project Tracker

LW updated on project progress towards their Business Case development. As reflected in MPh update projects in the Programme are experiencing cost increases too.

We await two project Business Cases, Hartington Industrial Park and Wheels to Work. We have requested sight by Friday 18 February in order that we can take them through the process. Other projects are where we expect them to be. Much work has been done by project sponsors and Thomas Lister are working hard on the Due Diligence reports for Board consideration.

IF updated from the meeting that he and HB had with MP & GR from the CCT. Whilst the length of canal may be shorter, the range of outcomes and outputs do have a large benefit for Staveley.

Given the number of projects that would go to our 18 March Board, it is proposed to schedule another Board meeting on Friday 11 March. This was agreed and LW will send the Teams invitation out.

c. Project Assurance and Approval timetable

The paper sets out key dates and the critical path as we approach the 24 March. Board members noted this paper.



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9. Communications, Engagement & Consultation Group Update

IW provided an update from the CEC meeting of last week.

- Skills Conference – this was well received, IF spoke about the Town Deal and young people were actively part of the discussion groups
- Young Enterprise East Midlands – work is developing with discussions with schools, businesses and support agencies who are all very positive
- Timeline and school project will now run to the end of March. The project images and map will be used for promotion of the Town Deal and work with a local Graphic Designer will assist to capture the images digitally
- Spring/Summer Market Place as a “meet the buyer” is being developed and the project sponsors are engaged to promote their construction opportunities
- The group are exploring the potential for a “Participation Group” to assist in the positive promotion of the Town Deal. This arose from the GPs Patient participation group and Ambassadors Scheme
- The Town Deal will have an article in Your Chesterfield Magazine, circulated to all CBC residents

The Events Calendar is attached with the papers. IW requested that Board members let LW know of any events they are involved in where the Town Deal can be promoted and events we have planned, we will seek support and attendance during the year.

Finally, IW updated on the Accelerator Fund for the Springwell Performance canopy. Work will begin on 28 February and is expected to take 6 days, therefore being complete this financial year. IW will invite Board members to the Summer Performance, which will be the first in the new space.

Action: Board members to send any key events to LW.

10. Any Other Business

- a) LW advised Board members that our new Programme Co-ordinator will start on 2 March, Helen Brightmore who is currently working for CBC. This will be on a two day per week basis.

11. Date and Time of Next Meetings

Additional date: 11 March 2022 (10 – 11:30)

Friday 18 March 2022 (10 – 12)

Friday 22 April 2022 (10-12)