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## Staveley Town Deal Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (9:30 – 11:30)

Norbriggs Primary School, Mastin Moor, Staveley

### Attendance

<b>Board Members</b>	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Cllr Elaine Tidd	Staveley Town Council
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Cllr Carolyn Renwick	Derbyshire County Council
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Matthew Adams	Derbyshire Constabulary
Peter Dewhurst	University of Derby
Geoff Walker	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Dr Peter Scriven	Divisional Director, Royal Primary Care (East)
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
Laura Wilkins	D2N2 LEP
<b>Observer</b>	
Adam Holmes	Cities and Local Growth Unit
<b>Officers in support</b>	
Lindsay Wetton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Helen Brightmore	Chesterfield Borough Council
Craig Busby	Officer of Toby Perkins
<b>Presentations to Board</b>	
Dan McCrory & Alan Marsden	Wheels to Work project
Simon White	Hartington Industrial Park project

### Apologies

Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Sabrina Doherty	Staveley Town Council
Lee Rowley MP	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council
Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Joe Battye	Derbyshire County Council



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### **1. Welcome and apologies (IF)**

IF thanked Norbriggs Primary School for hosting the meeting. Headteacher, Paul Scragg, explained to the Board how the Devonshire Group housing development at Mastin Moor and the Construction Skills Hub project are important to the community of Mastin Moor, and he is already promoting the opportunities to the children. He is using assemblies and other opportunities to reinforce with the children the positives about aiming high academically, as there will be opportunities for employment on their doorstep.

IF welcomed Laura Wilkins, D2N2 representative, to the Board.

Apologies are noted above.

### **2. Minutes & matters arising of the Board meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (IF)**

There was one action from the Board meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 relating to the Staveley-Barrow Hill Railway project. DCC have been asked to bring forward a report, covering cost estimates and time scales to a Board meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

No declarations of interest were received.

### **3. Presentation from Wheels to Work (DCC)**

DCC Officers presented to the meeting via MS Teams.

Questions from the Board were then taken.

TP asked if the recent DCC budget announcement made on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 would affect any of the DCC led Town Deal projects. It was confirmed that Town Deal projects are considered to be a committed spend and will still go ahead.

IF asked about the EV charge points and the potential reallocation of the £30k installation funds. DCC explained that the £30k can be reallocated within the Town Deal. This is because DCC is leading the County wide LEVI programme and has funding to provide on street EV charging points, through street lighting, by April 2024 and the Staveley locations can be funded through this source. Two locations are being identified for RTPi (Real Time Passenger Information) screens as the two original sites Staveley Bus Station and bus stop at the Healthy Living Centre have been installed.

Liaison between DCC and CBC will take place to consider the best action regarding reallocation of EV charging points and RTPi funding or additional locations within the Staveley area. CR stated that an officer level meeting would help move this forward, ensuring that Town Deal funding is well used in the Staveley area.

HB assured the meeting that as alternative funding for EV charging points has been secured by DCC a decision will be made about the best use of the funding, and whether it has to be used for EV points.

LW put it to the meeting that a decision about the reallocation of the £30k for EV charging points & £30K RTPi could be included in the discussion at the Board meeting to consider the Rail Station project on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Action:** Officer level meeting (DCC and CBC) take place to make recommendations on whether there are two alternate EV charge locations and two new locations for RTPi screens, or whether the £60K



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can be repurposed to other projects, ensuring that benefits of Town Deal funding is maximised in the Staveley area. This would also include consideration for the Town Deal funding (£102K) for locations of the 2 RTPI screens and information screens from the Rail Station project.

#### **4. Presentation from Hartington Industrial Park (SW)**

SW shared a video of the changes at the Hartington site over the recent period.

He informed the meeting that millions of cubic metres of materials have been moved and the site is now flat, with almost all the minerals and coal removed. A planning condition for the access road from Hall Lane is being pursued now, with liaison taking place with Derbyshire County Council Highways regarding the proposed footpath on Hall Lane and the positioning of bus stops (which may now be on Hartington site rather than Hall Lane). SW will shortly be meeting with LW to look at the details of the project, the contract and the next steps.

Connecting the power supply is moving forward and is in the works programme schedule with National Grid. Detailed plans have been drawn up and National Grid will work with other land owners to agree wayleaves and agree the way forward for getting the power to site.

There is also progress with Network Rail regarding the purchase of the land. After almost four years of discussions, the approval process is almost complete. The aim is that week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November, the land purchase should be able to go to lawyers. Network Rail have suggested a completion in March 2024 but SW will push for it to be confirmed by January 2024.

The buildings which are planned for the site are similar in size to those at Markham Vale, but they may be on a design and build principle for specific end users, so may not be exactly like the original designs. Tawnywood Ltd have promoted the opportunities and are almost at a point where they can firm up talks with attract clients and tenants.

IF asked how the end user businesses could be chosen or prioritised for high growth, innovative and higher skilled jobs, including green technologies. SW added there is the ambition for this within his company.

IF enquired whether there was any mileage in the footpath idea which was discussed at Project Sponsors meeting. SW replied that the power cable has to be dug and refilled, but it is not all Suon's land and although they may get permission for cable laying; constructing and maintaining a footpath is a different commitment that the landowner may not wish to take on. CR enquired whether a path could be part of the Key Cycle Network, a County wide initiative. LW confirmed that she has made contact with DCC colleagues to progress this opportunity, as there are no footpath routes from Barrow Hill to Staveley. People have to walk or cycle along the very busy, unsafe road if they do need to travel without a car at present.

**Action:** DCC to explore with the Tawnywood and the other landowners, the potential for the footpath to be established and included in the Key Cycle Network.

PD commented that if Hartington was likely to be a power hungry site, would alternative energy such as solar panels be considered. SW replied that there was a good chance of solar energy provision and EV charging points, and that this forms part of the discussion with National Grid. There is a solar farm on land adjacent to Suon's land, which could be linked via an existing bridge.



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HB informed the meeting that plans for an East Midland Combined Authority, Investment Zone are being developed and that the Hartington site is potentially within the zone. The caveat is that there should be green industries on the site. Different incentives will be offered to different sites, and if included it could bring new businesses and job opportunities to Staveley.

IF commented that it would be good to try to attract higher job density and higher level skills to the site.

MA enquired whether there was still provision for future rail access, as the signalling is still in place on the existing line. SW confirmed that if an end user wanted to gain access from the main line it would need a bridge but otherwise the infrastructure is still in place.

#### **5. Towns Fund Policy Update (AH)**

AH informed the meeting that there were still some questions and discussion taking place about the Rail Station project but the team at the Cities and Local Growth Unit is happy with the Board's approach to the project.

#### **6. Programme and Project Update Report (LW)**

LW updated the meeting on the progress made to date. The PAR was approved on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and all the Variations to Contract or MoU are now prepared or in place, with the full funding allocation.

DLUHC has issued new guidance on branding, with details on how and when it must be used, including where match-funding has been secured. Legacy communications materials can still be used, to avoid waste, and all other areas such as the website are being reviewed.

A Dashboard has been produced, to give the Board an illustration of target outputs.

LW has concerns about the apparent slow progress of some projects. Several projects have secured planning approval, most are working on value engineering and redesign, but construction has yet to commence for many.

LW suggested producing a monthly update report from each project, to be distributed to the Board for information. Spend is quite low still at the moment, but should start to increase once projects get off the ground. LW feels that there is a need to keep the pressure on some projects to maintain momentum, with face to face meetings with project sponsors and IF, as Chair of the Board, and HB, as Chief Executive of CBC.

IF commented that the Staveley Town Deal is fairly unique as it has several partners from different sectors, and is not just council initiatives, which is very positive.

**Actions: a)** Production and circulation of one page updates on a monthly basis from each project from October. **b)** Project meetings with IF and HB to be arranged during October - December.

TP questioned which projects were causing concern. LW replied as examples of the various project challenges; SMWFC is progressing with tendering and costs to ascertain project market prices, Staveley 21 is undertaking a significant new design and value engineering exercise, BMMH are interviewing for a Project Manager and there are capacity issues for the Trust and the Rail station continues to have delays as we await DfT decisions.



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TP commented that the original £25m is, in real terms, worth less now than it was at the start of the Programme, so it is important to achieve the end results. CR confirmed that even when design & build contracts are in place, costs are still uncertain as works commence.

#### **7. Communications, Engagement & Consultation Group Update (IW)**

IW updated the meeting on the progress made by the CEC Group. The group met on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, and although there had been fewer engagement opportunities over the summer, the group was looking forward to a busier period ahead.

The Walking Trail is proving to be popular, and a recent accessibility survey carried out by CBC through the Equalities and Diversity Group for the Canal Trust had a good response and will help shape the design for the tow path in being more accessible to user groups.

Key messages for each project will be drawn up at the next Project Sponsors meeting and there are several initiatives to look ahead to. The group will revisit the characters from the TIP to update their journey so far. A budget of £18k has been allocated through the PAR for a hoardings and banners project. The group will ensure that the new branding guidance is complied with and there will be a big push this year on Youth Engagement. Suggested activities include Young Enterprise, the Staveley To Eat Well (STEW) Programme, young people being represented at skills conferences, careers pathways work, linking local schools to projects to encourage visitors to school and site visits by pupils, and Made in Chesterfield involving Springwell and Netherthorpe schools next year.

#### **8. Any Other Business (IF)**

- a) PS updated the group about the current Community Health provision and proposals to bring community services such as midwifery and care and support services, such as contraception and social prescribing into local community settings, such as the Healthy Living Centre or the proposed Pavilion building. PS is not aware of any other areas looking to make such a community based provision, except in midwifery, and asked the Board if it would provide a letter of support from the Town Deal. TP also confirmed he would be happy to send a similar letter of support from his office.

HB confirmed that the HLC does have the capacity to take on new tenants. He stated that bringing public services into the town centre would also increase footfall into the area.

**Action:** A letter of support for community health provision from the Town Deal Chairman, on behalf of the Board to be sent to PS.

- b) CR informed the meeting that the DCC consultation into Library provision runs until 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There has not been a huge response and the main concern seems to be about the current Library building itself.
- c) IF updated the meeting on the regular communications with the SIT group. There have been 2 meetings to date, and their main concern seems to be Staveley 21. Engaging with the group does seem to have encouraged them to take on small improvement projects in the community and has helped to address the rumours about the Town Deal. Another meeting is scheduled for December 2023. HB reiterated that their main focus is Staveley 21. The revised plans for the project will be presented to a meeting of the Staveley Town Council at the end of



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September and stakeholder engagement will take place after this. It is anticipated that the project will submit a planning application early in 2024. The Construction partner has already been appointed, and currently the project can meet its cost projections. ET commented that residents are concerned about the location of the Pavilion building, and whether it will reduce the space available for the market.

MA informed the meeting that he will be leaving the Board, following a change of role within the police. IF stated that his involvement with eh Programme had been valued.

PD also announced that he is leaving the University of Derby, and stepping down from the Board. IF thanked him for his contribution.

#### **9. Dates and times of Next Meetings:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (1-3pm) – Markham Vale Environment Centre to consider Barrow Hill Rail Station

Friday 8 December 2023 (10 – 12) – Staveley Miners Welfare Football Club

**The meeting closed at 11:00am.**