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Staveley Town Deal Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2023 (10:00 – 12:00)

Hollingwood Hub, Hollingwood

Attendance

Board Members	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Geoff Walker	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Peter Dewhurst	University of Derby
Joe Battye	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Matthew Adams	Derbyshire Constabulary
Lee Rowley MP	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Officers in support	
Lindsay Wetton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust
Helen Brightmore	Chesterfield Borough Council
Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council
Liz Wigley	Cities and Local Growth Unit

Apologies

Cllr Tony King	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Paul Mann	Staveley Town Council
Dr Peter Scriven	Divisional Director, Royal Primary Care (East)
Sabrina Doherty	Staveley Town Council
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Will Morlidge	D2N2 LEP
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council

1. Welcome and apologies (IF)

IF welcomed Board members to the meeting and welcomed Liz Wigley to her first meeting. Apologies are noted above.



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2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were recorded from Board member project sponsors, in attendance, in relation to agenda item 6. Officers and councillors of CBC, officers of Derbyshire County Council, staff and trustees of The Chesterfield Canal Trust and University of Derby in regards the Construction Skills Hub project as project partner.

As all declarations are non pecuniary, voting was not affected.

3. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 20th January 2023 (IF)

The minutes were approved as an accurate record. The actions recorded in the previous meeting all involve longer term plans.

It was minuted that Board members received the final Strategic and Project risk assessment documents by email on the 13 December 2022.

4. Presentation from Chesterfield Canal Trust (GR)

GR from the Chesterfield Canal Trust gave a presentation to the meeting in which he updated the Board on the progress with the Canal Restoration project. He outlined the expected outputs and outcomes from the project and explained that there was currently a forecast deficit of approximately £1.8m. An analysis of possible mitigating actions and funding opportunities could result in the same visible outputs but with a reduction in future proofing measures. He made the meeting aware of possible risks which had been identified; including control of land, ground conditions, cost inflation, target savings not being realised and the uncertainty over HS2 and Network Rail decisions.

Questions were invited.

IF asked whether the proposed build period was realistic and was reassured that it is, as a lot of preparatory work has been done to ensure confidence in the planning.

IF asked what the total cost of the whole restoration project would be and whether the restriction on completing it is purely financial. GR replied that a best estimate at present is approximately £100m and that it is finance which will hold it back. The proposals for HS2 caused the momentum with the restoration to slow down as there was uncertainty about whether it was viable. This momentum is gathering again and partnerships are being renewed. GR noted that the Town Deal and the support and vision of the Board is helping to build the momentum again.

LR questioned what would be left to complete once the works already in the pipeline were finished. GR stated that there would be a one mile gap to Renishaw. Volunteers will be able to assist with some of the work but much of it ultimately is beyond the scope of volunteers alone.

TG stated that she recognises the work done by the Chesterfield Canal Trust over the last two decades, the value of the volunteers and the importance of supporting the work on the canal. To this end she informed the meeting that Chesterfield Borough Council is supporting the Trust with £10k funding to support the feasibility study being procured by The Trust.



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TP asked about the mitigation measures outlined in the presentation and questioned what the project is 'losing' in terms of future proofing by cutting costs. GR replied that the changes will be that the design work will not be done to the borough boundary, but only within the scope of the work being done. He also informed the meeting that land acquisition will not go ahead, but this does not present such an issue as the land to the east of the river is owned by Chatsworth estates and the intention is to change from a purchase option to an option agreement for later purchase of the land. The final small saving would come from not having to make working rights payments to a tenant farmer who is no longer going to be renting the land.

GR confirmed that in the long term it would cost the Trust more to pick these issues up at a later date. He also confirmed that the Trust is seeking to appoint a Funding Officer to address fundraising.

5. Towns Fund Policy Update (LWi)

Liz Wigley introduced herself to the meeting and explained her role.

She updated the meeting with information that the next payment cycle will run from 24th April and that the next Performance Monitoring return will be commissioned in April with a June return most probable.

She also informed the meeting that updated guidance on logos and branding is expected, and this should be used for any future media releases once received.

6. Towns Deal Options Paper (HB) - Exempt item under Local Government (Access to Information) Act

7. Programme Update Report – Exempt item under Local Government (Access to Information) Act

8. Staveley Improvement Team (SIT) Group (HB) - Exempt item under Local Government (Access to Information) Act

A report was presented and a decision taken.

Action: Chairman to write to the SIT Chairman with the outcome of the decision.

9. Assurance Framework (LW)

- a. Equalities Impact Assessment**
- b. Internal Audit Report**

LW explained to the meeting that the Assurance Framework has been updated and made more robust to reflect the current status of the programme.



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The Equalities Impact Assessment has been refreshed. It has been considered and recommended for approval by the CEC Group. The Internal Audit report is the second for the Programme and has just been completed. Board members are asked to note the report.

10. Communications, Engagement & Consultation Group Update (IW)

IW updated the group, noting the recent community survey and that banners have been produced which will be displayed around the area next week.

11. Any Other Business (IF)

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 12.05pm

12. Date and time of Next Meetings:

Friday 19 May 2023 (10-12) - Springwell Community College

Friday 16 June 2023 (10 – 12) - Roundhouse, Barrow Hill

Friday 14 July 2023 (2-4) – Chesterfield College

Friday 15 September 2023 (9.30 – 11.30) – Norbriggs Primary School

Friday 8 December 2023 (10 – 12) - tbc