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## Staveley Town Deal Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2023 (10:00 – 12:00)

Staveley Miners Welfare Football Club, Inkersall Road, Staveley S43 3JL

### Attendance

<b>Board Members</b>	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Lee Rowley (MP)	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Cllr Carolyn Renwick	Derbyshire County Council
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Peter Jones	Derbyshire Constabulary
Adam Doyle	University of Derby
<i>Attended via MS Teams link</i>	
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society Ltd
Laura Wilkins	D2N2 LEP
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
<b>Observer (Apologies)</b>	
Adam Holmes	Department of Business and Trade
Brad Ebanks	Department of Business and Trade
<b>Officers in support</b>	
Lindsay Wetton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Craig Busby	Office of Toby Perkins
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Joe Battye	Derbyshire County Council
Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council

### Apologies

Sabrina Doherty	Staveley Town Council
Cllr Elaine Tidd	Staveley Town Council
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Geoff Walker	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Dr Peter Scriven	Divisional Director, Royal Primary Care (East)
Helen Brightmore	Chesterfield Borough Council



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

IF welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies are noted above.

### **2. Declarations of Interest (All)**

Declarations of Interest were noted from Derbyshire County Council, elected Member and Officers regarding the Barrow Hill Rail Station and Officers for the Chesterfield Canal Trust.

### **3. Minutes & matters arising of the Board meeting held on 27 October 2023 (IF)**

Matters arising from the previous meeting were discussed, with regards the Rail Station. HB updated that colleagues had met DLUHC, Network Rail and DfT and a way forward has been agreed. On an exceptional case basis, the Rail Station “on station” works can be delivered post Town Deal Programme, if the FBC is approved, Summary Document submitted and the full contract is in place before the end of the Town Deal Programme (31 March 2026).

TG has been involved in regional Rail Infrastructure for a number of years and sits on the East Midlands Stations Improvement Board, which grew out of the HS2 Strategic Board. Colleagues from DCC are also on this Board and can feed in the view of the Town Deal Borad. There is a complexity of issues to be worked through, but the strategic case for the project doesn’t change. Staveley and Chesterfield need the Midland Mainline Electrification and Restoring Your Railway schemes to improve the connectivity around the area. A recent Conference run by Midlands Connect looked at the interconnectivity of towns. CR added that this work is critical in the Devolution Deal and upcoming Mayoral Elections in May 2024. It is frustrating with delays on the DfT business case, but the rail station and connectivity is important for Staveley.

AC also added that often the social impact isn’t a strong factor in the economically focussed business cases, and for this type of project, it is key.

LR commented that we are in a more positive position now than in July, with the inclusion of the project in the Transport for the North Plan. The 2026 delivery process for the station works would allow the running and monitoring of the Town Deal aspects, now that we have this agreed with DLUHC and DfT colleagues.

### **4. Project Presentation – SMW Football Club (TD)**

In line with the presentation by the Club, the recent procurement for the original project was way over the available budget. Therefore, a new set of buildings is proposed to deliver the Skills Academy project. The Club are confident that the training provider will be retained for the September 2024 intake.

TG added that she is a big supporter of the project but had a concern about the student recruitment, and was therefore pleased that the Advisory Group is being set to assist.

TP recognised the potential need for 3 main classrooms at this stage, but would need to see a revised plan as part of the Business Case review and PAR to address the need.



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IW offered insight into the training and potential take up, there is a course in Matlock, with 4 Springwell students going there for training, feeling that the recruitment in Staveley could be positive. AS also added that through the Chesterfield Youth Hub, she can assist with promoting to educational partners and through the satellite work with 16-24 year olds and would be happy to join the Advisory Group.

The key element is for the Club to recruit 15-20 students by February 2024 for the September 2024 intake. If this is successful, the Club can move towards delivering the new portacabin style rooms.

For the longer term, AC suggested a future undergraduate level for extending the learning offer and added that UCFB “University Campus of Football Business” operated in his last University, which may be worth exploring in future.

HB confirmed that it is a 2 stage process, the Business Case needs to be reviewed as Phase One and a fresh BCR produced. Board can decide on the approval for £60K and the Advisory Group will steer the student recruitment as we go into delivery mode on the skills delivery part of the project.

As VC of the Chesterfield Employment and Skills Board, TG said there are alarming numbers of “NEET” young people who left school in June, this project could assist as a potential solution for some, perhaps offering a taster course.

The SMW Football Club was approved to progress in a phased way. It was approved (subject to a PAR, revised Business Case and reviewed BCR) that up to £60,000 be allocated to progress the conversion of the existing building to a classroom, and cover design, planning and legal costs for the new project. This involves four new portacabins (stacked 2 high).

**Action:** the project sponsor supported by the Town Deal team, prepare an updated Business Case by the end of January including the plan for the £60,000 spend. This is also to conclude the necessary legal matters to enable the Accountable Body to prepare the funding agreement.

## **5. Project Presentation – Chesterfield Canal Trust (GR)**

The Canal Trust presented the current position with regards the project and potentially, extremely high costs proposed by Utility companies; Severn Trent Water and Cadent Gas. He explained they are in limbo with the real and final quotes for utilities works. TP suggested a meeting with the companies and would add the question of the maintenance budget savings to the companies that these works would have in the long term. It was agreed that MPs and local politicians arrange to meet Severn Trent Water to impress upon them the importance of ensuring a reasonable cost for these works. TP thanked the Trust for their tenacity so far, as it is a very complex project.

**Action:** LW to liaise with the Canal Trust and plan to set up the meeting with Severn Trent Water and politicians at the end January/early February.

Following discussion, it was agreed to progress with Option 3, in delivering the bridge and re-route the utilities (which could mean 400m less canal channel) and the justification for this was to do the costly element with Town Deal Funding, that Canal Trust volunteers couldn’t achieve. These plans may not result in any changes, but the worst case scenario is 400m less channel, but will still deliver the towpaths and a canal that is longer and will have water in it.



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#### **6. Report to consider the Barrow Hill Rail Station Funding (DCC)**

The report updates the position since the last board meeting and the earlier discussions addressed the issues contained in the paper.

**Action:** DCC to prepare the Business Case for the Towns Fund element of the Rail Station in Q4 of 23/24 with the aim of approval by March 2024.

The recommendations contained in the report were approved and actions noted, in particular the virement of £102,000 to the Wheels to Work project, in order to deliver the Information Screens. This will be subject to a satisfactory PAR process. The milestones contained in the report were noted.

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

LW updated the meeting on the project progress made to date. She noted that the sum of £143,000 will come back to the Programme and a process to reallocate funds will mirror the one undertaken in the Summer. LW will work with the projects that have previously requested funding, to prepare and report the PAR to Board and DLUHC.

TG added that she had attended the CSH event where 8 students had their first opportunity to see the site. This is good news and a media release has been prepared and drone footage has been taken of the site and the event.

#### **8. Communications, Engagement and Consultation Update**

IW presented the paper highlighting the current survey shows an increased awareness amongst participants. 821 responses were received. The "STEW" project delivered its second session with 8 Year 11 students. Also, the college students are gaining positive benefits from teaching the school students.

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

There was no other business.

#### **10. Date and time of Next Meetings:**

Friday 15 March 2024 (10-12) at Markham Vale, Environment Centre

**The meeting closed at 12:10**