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Staveley Town Deal Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2023 (11:30 – 12:30)

MS Teams

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
Matthew Adams	Derbyshire Constabulary
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society
Dr Peter Scriven	Divisional Director, Royal Primary Care (East)
Lee Rowley MP	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Observer	
Adam Holmes	Cities and Local Growth Unit
Officers in support	
Lindsay Wetton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Joe Batty	Derbyshire County Council
Craig Busby	Officer of Toby Perkins
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council

Apologies

Cllr Elaine Tidd	Staveley Town Council
Peter Dewhurst	University of Derby
Cllr Carolyn Renwick	Derbyshire County Council
Sabrina Doherty	Staveley Town Council
Laura Wilkins	D2N2 LEP
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community college



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1. Welcome and apologies (IF)

IF welcomed Board members to the meeting.

Apologies are noted above.

1a. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were made by CBC with reference to Staveley 21 and DRIIVe; DCC regarding the Rail Station and Wheels to Work and the Canal Trust as Project Sponsors, regarding potential for the additional funding.

No other declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 16th June 2023 (IF)

The minutes were approved as an accurate record. The PAR was submitted to DLUHC and IF will speak with LW regarding the Young Enterprise project.

3. Options Report for Barrow Hill Rail Station (HB)

IF introduced the item and HB outlined the key points for consideration. In preparation of this report, two parallel conversations have been had with DLUHC advising that all Town Deal areas with uncommitted projects needed to have a decision on their status by the end of July and an officer level meeting with DCC, CBC, Network Rail and the RyR lead for DfT about the deliverability of the station project within the Town Deal timescale. Whilst the Town Deal project is a local decision, Board members need to be mindful that the Town Deal funding must be spent by March 2026.

Discussions continued and considered a hybrid of options 1 and 3. The Board recognise the importance of the Rail Station for leisure and employment purposes, yet recognise that we don't want to lose the Town Deal funding.

LR agreed it was good to talk through the options and that the project will be transformational and agreed the option to progress some works on a "no regrets basis" was sensible and asked if there are other works on the list that could be considered. As far as RyR, the Barrow Hill Line is in a good place and it has been considered for many months. He met Network Rail this week and confirmed the OBC is moving forward positively, but of course there are no guarantees at this stage. The LU team note there will be a number of projects, this included, that won't be able to confirm by the arbitrary date of the end of July, and pointed out that there is still 2 ½ years left to spend. He agreed with the option to spend now and proposed a review of options on the Station in the next 3-6 months as by the end of the year things will be clearer.



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TP pointed out that we have been led to believe the project can go ahead with missed timescales. It would be useful to have clarification from Government that if we do wait, they honour the commitment for us to reallocate the funding.

HB restated that the £122,000 could be contracted now and in parallel the £800,000 can be considered for other projects and station works can be reviewed.

TP supported the £122K spend.

GW agreed with the £122,000 spend but asked what more we will get in 3-6 months? Other projects need to make difficult decisions in the same timescale.

AS added that we need assurance of the funding, should timescales change and she endorsed option 3 on spend and to await more information on the Station.

TG noted from experience of Rail projects including HS2, a pragmatic approach is required. The Rail project is the least certain for us. She proposed that we do delay the decision but for only 3 months, meantime developing the other project asks. Certainly not 6 months.

JB suggested that, as Project Sponsor, DCC could review the other project elements from the £800,000 and see what could be delivered and that we can afford to release if the rail station doesn't proceed. She added these would be broad estimates of costs and timescales, to be reported to Board after the three months. This was welcomed by Board members and agreed to proceed with this preparation.

Action: for DCC to prepare a report with broad cost and timescale estimates for elements (other than the agreed £122K) of works that could proceed, even if the Rail Station itself was not to proceed.

On concluding the discussion, it was agreed and voting upon that:

The Board Approved:

- a) To review the Rail Station proposition after a 3 month strict time period to make a final decision as to whether to proceed with the project; with a presentation to Board from the project sponsor with updated information from Network Rail and DfT (RyR).
- b) To progress the two areas of spend as per the report; £122,000 for transport info screens, local attraction digital information and wayfinding. These will benefit the area of Barrow Hill, even if the Rail Station did not proceed.
- c) For the project sponsor to review the project deliverables and prepare a report, containing broad estimates of cost and timescale for any outputs that could be delivered in addition to those noted in b) above.
- d) To bring an update report to Board in October and liaise with the other projects to work up their project plans should the remainder of £800,000 become available, reviewing the level of additional resource each may require to feed into a PAR document.
- e) To consider the request from the Staveley 21 project for £211,000, should additional funding become available, subject to a further review and value engineering to keep the request to the minimum required.



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Action: LW to set a Board meeting 3 months from now, in October 2023, to consider this information, where a formal decision will be taken by Board members on the Barrow Hill Rail Station.

Action: LW to circulate the email from P Sutton with the minutes.

4. Any Other Business (IF)

No Items were reported.

5. Dates and times of Next Meetings:

Friday 15 September 2023 (9.30 – 11.30) – Norbriggs Primary School
Friday 27 October 2023 (1 – 3pm) – Markham Vale Environment Centre
Friday 8 December 2023 (10 – 12) – Staveley Miners Welfare Football Club