

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Tuesday 16th March 2021

Present:

Angela Howey (Chair)	Julie McCartney
Adam Suleiman	Kate Roe
Adrian Green	Mark Ladyman
Chris Mains	Paul Wildsmith
David Robinson	Peter Gibson, MP
Councillor Heather Scott	Richie Starrs
Ian Williams	Yvonne Richardson
Jacq Whitworth-Allan	

Apologies:

Alison Fellows, Gavin Peace, Julie Wallin, Mark Pickering

Officer Completing Log: Elaine Callender

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	AH opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.	Minutes agreed.
2.	<p>Appointment of Deputy Chair: AH confirmed that Kate Roe volunteered to be Deputy Chair.</p> <p>KR said she is conscious that the college will be ultimately improved by one of the projects and she acknowledged if a key decision had an impact on the college this needs to be taken into account by the Board if she was chairing a meeting on AH's behalf.</p> <p>Sub-Groups: AH thanked YR for her completed form and asked everyone to send their forms to her by the end of this week. AH explained there will be a good mix across each sub-group and asked if there were any questions.</p> <p>PG asked for clarification on whether the entire board would be split into three groups and if people would sit on more than one group? AH explained sub-groups as listed below are to be agreed, taking into account strengths and knowledge, this is explained in more detail in the document previously circulated.</p> <p>1.Education and Skills Adult Learning facility TLevels facility With input into Edward Pease House and the RHQ</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>2.Heritage and Culture Edward Pease House RHQ Skinnergate and The Yards Linear Park / Skerne With input into North Road</p> <p>3.Urban Regeneration Northgate and North Road Bank Top Victoria Road With input into Adult Skills; Edward Pease House; RHQ; Skinnergate and The Yards; and Linear Park.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Presentation – Towns Fund Update CM uploaded the presentation and explained each slide in more detail.</p> <p>Slide 7 – Forward Funding – Property (144 Northgate) PG asked if it is anticipated that the Adult Learning facility will take place before renovations and conversion works are carried out whilst in situ? CM said there are currently plans to renovate the ground floor and this will have implications in terms of where the entrance will be and noise implications when works begin on the upper floors. CM said the need to get the facility up and running may override these concerns and everything will be explored further.</p> <p>Slide 8 – Town Deal Project Development CM said a copy of the Skinnergate presentation will be circulated to the group along with this presentation.</p> <p>PG asked for clarification on what CM referred to with regards to the ‘residential scheme’. Was CM referring to the burnt-out building?</p> <p>PG raised concern about time scale as he has been following this over the last 14 months and it would be useful to have some certainty of when this will happen?</p> <p>CM said there are concerns of when works will be carried out and, in particular, in relation to Christmas trade. It is inevitable there will be some disruption and contractors may be able to carry out work to the rear first then works will be undertaken at the front at an appropriate time.</p> <p>PG asked when will the planning application be submitted?</p> <p>ML said there have been protracted discussions with Historic England and ML confirmed he has a meeting with the architects</p>	<p>CM/EC</p>

<p>on Monday 22nd March and an application could arrive in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>PG asked about Edward Pease House and said we need to secure the right balance with regards to securing one of the four properties and is there a Plan B? Also, if a successful purchase is not secured would the Council have to look at CPO?</p> <p>CM shares these concerns in relation to CPOs. A clear project needs to be put in place and planning applications will need to be submitted. Our approach about 3/4 properties is that we may need to develop the projects and if required we may have to look at CPO's for the buildings.</p> <p>IW explained there is wider regeneration and strategic direction of the town in relation to the Rail Heritage Quarter. IW said it is best to negotiate and we have demonstrated we need a clear project with funding in place and to have a good indication of what we will achieve on planning. IW said we would rather negotiate.</p> <p>Slide 15 – Town Deal Project Development KR said there is another FE transformation fund and an application is due next week for stage 1 match funding. KR will keep CM in the loop.</p> <p>Slide 16 – Town Fund Support CM asked YR what she thought about the Towns Hub Industrial Heritage Group meeting. YR said the aim is to engage with people to spread amongst the population and we have been tasked to further our Towns Story.</p> <p>CM attended the first meeting of the Support Session on Culture and he gave a bit of background. CM is happy to share his notes from the meeting.</p> <p>CM said there will be opportunities for food culture and to explore the community where it sits within.</p> <p>HS attended a similar meeting prior to joining this meeting and she asked CM who he linked in with? CM confirmed it was a lady from ARUP within the Towns Hub team.</p> <p>CM talked about the Towns Hub Business Case template and Proportionality Guide and said it would be a useful tool to give guidance.</p> <p>Slide 18 – Town Deal Next Steps DBC Marketing will give a presentation at the next meeting.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>KR/CM</p> <p>CM</p>
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	<p>Slide 19 – Towns Board Structure CM said it was agreed that it was a good idea to co-opt some people onto some sub-groups.</p>	<p>CM</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Presentation – Northgate Urban Masterplan (Heritage) Jacq Whitworth-Allan (LUC); Richie Starrs (DBC) RS (S&DR Action Zone Project Manager) explained that HAZ is an Historic England initiative. Jacq explained she is an Associate Landscape Architect for Land Use Consultants (LUC) and shared her Stockton & Darlington Railway HAZ presentation with the group.</p> <p>PG said the presentation was fascinating and asked whether there was any residential in the area to the east of Northgate and whether any historic pictures of the streets were uncovered?</p> <p>JWA said with regards to Garden Street there is remnant residential remaining.</p> <p>JWA said they are working with economic consultants to look at viable options and will be carrying out small scale viability assessments.</p> <p>JWA said in terms of photos they are limited as to what they can find and there is not a huge amount to be found online. They are looking at the elevations to the rear of Edward Pease House and as well as this there are other gems coming their way.</p> <p>AH thanked Jacq for her informative presentation.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Future meetings: Tuesday 4 May at 3.00pm Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 2.30pm Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 10.00am Wednesday 25 August 2021 at 10.00am Tuesday 5 October at 2.00pm Tuesday 16 November at 10.00am Wednesday 22 December at 10.30am</p>	<p>All</p>