

**DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Present :**

Angela Howey (Chair)	Chris Mains
Kate Roe	Councillor Heather Scott
Brett Nielson	Yvonne Richardson
Peter Gibson MP	Councillor Jonathan Dulston
Nathan Pearce	Ian Williams

**Officer Completing Log: Nathan Pearce**

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Adrian Green, Chris Farlow, Mark Ladyman, Adam Suleiman, Julie McCartney, Stephen Humprey	
2.	AH welcomed everyone to the meeting.  The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.	
3.	<p><b>Sub-groups</b></p> <p><u>Urban regeneration sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Views shared on updated residential concepts for town centre sites. Further options to be developed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Education &amp; skills sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused primarily on the Adult Skills Centre. A first proposal has been presented to the sub-group.</li> <li>• Comments and feedback to be received by the end of the month to inform update proposal.</li> <li>• A site visit has been undertaken with the members of the sub-group and other invested stakeholders.</li> <li>• A further operational workshop will be organised to discuss the functioning of the building operations.</li> </ul>	

	<p><u>Heritage and culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 new heritage and culture routes have been developed.</li> <li>• The routes are currently out for marketing and design development and can be shared at the next meeting for consideration.</li> </ul>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Engagement</b></p> <p>An event was held in North Lodge Park, attended by researcher from Southampton University in early June. Another similar event is to be held in July.</p> <p>Southampton University have undertaken 10 days of concentrated engagement, mainly focused on Northgate but also in the Town Centre. Over 100 people have been engaged.</p> <p>Darlington Council has acquired a small brownfield site on Garden Street which will enable engagement in this area.</p> <p>An update was given on the work undertaken with young people participating in work experience, to assist in understanding views and opinions of local young people.</p> <p>An update given on the Southampton University – Feeling Towns research and the interactive methods of engagement. Feeling Towns are to present at the next board.</p> <p>CM to continue to develop communications plan on engagement proposals.</p>	<p><b>CM</b></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Update Presentation</b></p> <p>CM delivered a brief update presentation.</p> <p>An update on Town Deal finances was provided.</p> <p>Town Fund Assurance and performance return made to government on the 10<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Skinnergate &amp; The Yards</b></p> <p>Greenwall has been installed and is receiving lots of positive comments.</p> <p>Improvements to Yards entrances has commenced and will continue for 3 weeks.</p> <p>A plant refresh has been delivered in the yards.</p>	

	<p>Public realm – a programme for the Coniscliffe Road public realm scheme was shared. Funding of £240,000 was proposed as a contribution from the Towns Fund (subject to DLUHC agreement – further supporting information is to be provided to evidence the benefits associated with the proposal). The Town Board agreed to this in principle.</p> <p>Residential development – project progressing</p> <p>Property enhancements – delivery ongoing.</p> <p><b>TLevels:</b></p> <p>TLevels work to begin in August upon arrival of materials.</p> <p><b>Adult skills:</b></p> <p>A first proposal has been provided for review and comments from key stakeholders and are expected to be returned by the end of June.</p> <p><b>Linear Park</b></p> <p>Recently acquired site on Garden Street to be used as a community engagement opportunity with the view to being developed as an urban green space for the local community.</p> <p><b>Edward Pease House</b></p> <p>Valuations of the remaining properties have been undertaken and formal offers have been made.</p> <p><b>Victoria Road</b></p> <p>A programme of improvement work has been planned.</p> <p>Further works to be resourced appropriately.</p> <p><b>Northgate</b></p> <p>Further update on the Northgate House project.</p>	<b>CM</b>
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>No other business was shared.</p>	
9.	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p>	

	CM to update on Coniscliffe Road funding proposal.	<b>CM</b>
10.	<b>Future meetings:</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 10:30am	<b>All</b>