

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams
Monday 13th November 2023

Present :

Angela Howey (Chair) (AH)	Mark Ladyman (ML)
Chris Mains (CM)	Chris Farlow (CF)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Brett Nielsen (BN)
Peter Gibson (PG)	David Gartland (DG)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Katy Tate (KT)
Gary Hutchinson (GH)	Adam Suleiman (AS)
Lucy Simms (LS)	Sue Donnelly (SD)

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Ian Williams Martin Short Jim O'Connor</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes from previous meeting – 4th October 2023</p> <p>No changes to minutes from previous meeting.</p>	

4.	<p>Update presentation</p> <p>CM - Presentation shown to group.</p> <p><u>Town Deal Finance</u> Figures provided by BN</p> <p>No change to revenue.</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation return due 4th Dec – this is for the period April 2023 to September 2023.</p> <p>CM to send draft return to Town Board members for consideration.</p> <p><u>Northgate Progress</u> Cycle route update – information on costs and deliverability required.</p> <p><u>156 Northgate</u> Good progress on design.</p> <p>The plans have been seen by DAD, conservation officer and have a pre-planning response.</p> <p>A planning application will be submitted this month.</p> <p><u>Edward Pease House</u> Remains a scheme at high risk of delivery.</p> <p>Progress the project in two phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ph1 develop ground floor and front of DBC owned property- Ph2 develop options for the whole building for future progression <p>Architect currently working on draft options report for whole building.</p> <p>Presentation to board at the 10th Jan 2024 meeting</p> <p><u>Northgate House</u> Met with CPO specialist</p>	<p>CM/LS</p>
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<p>ML has been in touch with the owner’s agent but had no response. Will keep on trying to contact the owners.</p> <p>Time pressure and spending is getting urgent on this project.</p> <p><u>Victoria Road</u> NJ Updated – Colour coded map of proposals was provided.</p> <p><u>Bank Top</u> Same update as last meeting, need to move project forward with TVCA to provide a scheme which provides a sense of arrival.</p> <p>PG, ML & Cllr Harker to arrange a meeting about this to see how they can progress with TVCA, Network Rail and LNER.</p> <p>Cllr Harker suggested Dave Winstanley also to be in the meeting.</p> <p><u>Adult Skills</u> Been out to tender and returned on 8th November.</p> <p>Evaluation process will now progress. The Board will be advised of progress.</p> <p>A revised Economic Assessment is being undertaken to inform the Project Adjustment Request.</p> <p><u>Skinnergate & The Yards</u> Colour coded map of shopfront/property proposals and progress was provided. Showing improvements completed and in progress.</p> <p>Skinnergate residential; The Council project team continues to negotiate with the owner of adjacent property to gain agreement on party wall issues.</p> <p>Skinnergate property – CF confirms that there has been interest in 83–89 and the properties are coming onto the market.</p> <p>Highway developments on Skinnergate:</p>	
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	<p>Updated design will provide a less intrusive and deliverable scheme. Draft proposals have been sent to highway colleagues for comment.</p> <p>YR – Questioned what is going on with the empty space near the Pasta shop, and asked if we have spoken to the landowner.</p> <p>NJ – Has had communication with the landowner, who currently utilise the area for car parking.</p> <p><u>Mechanics Yard</u> Works have commenced onsite to resurface.</p> <p><u>Coniscliffe Road</u> Proposals currently submitted to planning. Options being reviewed and developed by DBC highways to ensure deliverability & VFM.</p>	
6.	<p>AOB</p> <p><u>PAR Update</u> No update yet</p> <p>Requires tender information and review prior to proposed submission to government.</p> <p><u>Membership</u> Requirement for Deputy Chair</p> <p>DG is happy to take deputy chair role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyone in agreement <p>NJ – Mentioned about getting more community-based members.</p> <p>CM to resurrect looking for other community representatives and also the voluntary sector member.</p>	CM
7.	<p>Future meeting:</p> <p>10th January 2024</p>	