

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Meeting at Central Library
Monday 04th October 2023

Present :

Cllr Harker (Chair)	Noel Walecki
Chris Mains	Andrew Casey
Mark Ladyman	David Gartland
Adam Suleiman	Naomi Jenkins
Brett Neilson	Lucy Simms
Jeremy Good	
Chris Farlow	
Sarah Everett	
Martin Short	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies: Gary Hutchinson Sue Donnelly Sarah Walker Peter Gibson Richie Allen Ian Williams Angela Howey Yvonne Richardson Jim O'Connor	
2.	Tour of the library Attendees had a tour around the library.	
3.	Minutes from previous meeting – 10th July 2023 The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.	

4.	<p>Update presentation</p> <p>CM gave an update presentation, including;</p> <p>Towns Deal Finance.</p> <p>Review of Capital funding and how much funding has been received to date.</p> <p>CM provided proposals for the Project Adjustment Request (PAR) to government. Projects highlighted are identified as being at risk of delivery. There are 3 projects at risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edward Pease House <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Linear Park - North Road & Northgate House <p>CM explained we need to prepare a PAR to transfer money within the 9 Town Fund projects. The intention being to increase funding for the Adult Skills facility project at the former Northern Echo Building as the proposed scope has increased to include commercial on the upper floors, thereby increasing the benefits from this key project.</p> <p>The Council needs to complete an assurance return which provides written assurance to DLUHC confirming that DBC has in place processes that ensure proper administration of financial affairs relating to the funded projects. Deadline for this is Friday 20th October 2023.</p> <p>No questions on finance</p> <p>Update on the ongoing Towns Fund projects;</p> <p>Skinnergate and the Yards</p> <p>Photos provided of some before and after examples.</p> <p>Update of Skinnergate & Yards progress at next meeting</p> <p>Highway Developments of Skinnergate –</p> <p>Looking at key areas along Skinnergate, with draft plans available soon.</p> <p><u>Coniscliffe Road</u></p> <p>Scheme in for planning.</p>	CM/NJ
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<p>Adult Skills</p> <p>Former Northern Echo building works proposed to start by Summer 2024 and target finish Spring 2025.</p> <p>Northgate</p> <p>3 Cycling routes have been looked at, that are to link the town centre with RHQ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Linear Park- Valley Street- North Lodge Park <p>NH – Presents the group with the plans of the routes and briefly explains them, mentioning the pro and cons for each one.</p> <p>NH to send CM the cycle plans.</p> <p>All 3 options are considered affordable and deliverable within the time scale.</p> <p>Mentioned that the local cycle clubs should be involved for their ideas and consultations.</p> <p>CM - Need the cost and how deliverable these routes are by the next board meeting so a decision can be made.</p> <p><u>156 Northgate</u></p> <p>The project involving this Listed Building is progressing well.</p> <p>Town Board agree to continue.</p> <p>Determine procurement route (Asset Board)</p> <p>Submit planning application (November).</p> <p><u>Edward Pease House</u></p> <p>Progressing with drafting of proposals, which will be presented to the Town Board for discussion.</p> <p><u>Northgate House</u></p> <p>JG – Presentation of plans shown to the group</p> <p>Considered ongoing proposals for CPO.</p> <p>Debate around historic buildings.</p>	<p>NW/AC</p>
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	<p>Victoria Road</p> <p>Progressing proposals, with significant work ongoing, including design and engagement with stakeholders.</p> <p>Bank Top</p> <p>No movement on this. Engagement with TVCA is required to progress.</p>	
5.	<p>Communications & Marketing</p> <p>SE – Proposed media release will be available for Northgate house and a one page spread in One Darlington (<i>subsequently postponed following the Board meeting</i>)</p>	
6.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Discussion on who will be deputy chair.</p> <p>Discussion held regarding voluntary sector rep.</p>	
7.	<p>Future meeting:</p> <p>13th November 2023</p>	