

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 27 February 2024

Present :

Chris Mains (CM)	Mark Ladyman (ML)
Naomi Jenkins (NJ)	Chris Farlow (CF)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Brett Nielsen (BN)
Peter Gibson (PG)	David Gartland (DG)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Sarah Everett (SE)
Stephen Fenwick (SW)	Adam Suleiman (AS)
Lucy Simms (LS)	Jim O'Connor (JO)

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Angela Howey Martin Short Gary Hutchinson Ian Williams</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from previous meeting – 10th November 2023</p> <p>Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Update presentation</p> <p>CM shares presentation with the group</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Finance on the presentation has been written as if the PAR has gone through.</p> <p>Still waiting on confirmation that the PAR has been officially agreed by the relevant minister.</p> <p>CM to inform the board the outcome of the PAR.</p>	CM

	<p>Adult Skills</p> <p>Further engagement with Darlington College and Darlington Borough Council Learning & Skills is planned. It is important that the College and L&S engage with the preferred development partner if the PAR is agreed.</p> <p>Northgate Progress</p> <p>156 Northgate</p> <p>Good progress</p> <p>Waiting for outcome of planning application for the redevelopment of the building into quality office space. Publicity information is planned to be installed on the outside of the building highlighting the anticipated work.</p> <p>Commencement of works hopefully to start this summer.</p> <p>Edward Pease House</p> <p>Options report finalized so it can be used for funding applications, engagements and will be made public.</p> <p>CM will liaise with board members before it gets released to make sure board is content.</p> <p>The design of the front of the building is to be determined. Two options are whether it will represent a shop front or residential.</p> <p>Shop front is favorable as it will make the building more lettable for the council if needs be.</p> <p>CM to see if there are any decisions needed to be made for April board meeting.</p> <p>English Heritage and Railway Heritage funds to be look at to get more potential funding.</p> <p>Northgate House</p> <p>ML gave update.</p>	<p>CM/DG</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>
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	<p>Pre-planning application in progress.</p> <p>ML to share pre-app with the board.</p> <p>Looking at getting application in shortly.</p> <p>Linear Park</p> <p>Budget has been reduced.</p> <p>Victoria Road</p> <p>Program to commence on site 11 March 2024</p> <p>An extension to the Pocket Park near roundabout proposed.</p> <p>Bank Top</p> <p>Nothing to update on this.</p> <p>SF to get an update from TVCA on Bank Top.</p> <p>TVCA have requested for more funding.</p> <p>Questions about the total cost for the western gateway being the same as originally planned, and where TVCA will be getting more funding from.</p> <p>ML shares document for Bank top (business case), although document is now out of date.</p> <p>Document to be shared to the board.</p> <p>Skinnergate and The Yards</p> <p>Improvements still going ahead.</p> <p>Revised plan for Coniscliffe road shown to the board.</p> <p>Board in agreement for the revised plan to move to the next stage.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>SF</p> <p>LS</p>
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	<p>RHQ/Hopetown</p> <p>Once completed, Town deal board meeting to be held at Hopetown with a Tour for the board around Late summer/early Autumn.</p>	<p>CM/LS</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Dobbins View</p> <p>Questions of what is being done about Dobbins View</p> <p>CM – Nothing has been done as there has been difficulties acquiring the land. If this is something the board would like to take forward and for CM to look at again CM is happy to consider.</p> <p>Suggestions of if we cannot acquire the land to still put something up around the area, such as a plaque or an information board.</p> <p>YR Would like to be kept informed about Dobbins View</p>	<p>CM</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Future meeting: 16 April 2024</p>	