

**DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Microsoft Teams**  
**Monday 13 May 2024**

**Present:**

Angela Howey (AH) (CHAIR)	Chris Mains (CM)
Naomi Jenkins (NJ)	Mark Ladyman (ML)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Brett Nielsen (BN)
Peter Gibson (PG)	David Gartland (DG)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Gary Hutchinson (GH)
Stephen Fenwick (SW)	Adam Suleiman (AS)
Chris Farlow (CF)	Lucy Simms (LS)

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Ian Williams	
2.	<b>Minutes from previous meeting</b>  Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting held 16 April 2024.  Previous minutes from 27 February noted to be missing in AOB that Dobbin’s view is to be explored and an enquiry made.  YR would like to know what is going on with Dobbin’s view, CM to follow this up and update.	<b>CM</b>
3.	<b>Long Term Plan for Towns update (ML)</b>  ML shares update presentation to the group  £50k capacity funding has been received.  1 <sup>st</sup> June - submit new Town Board  1 <sup>st</sup> November – 10-year vision plan  Proposed new members for town board for:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community representation</li> <li>- Business representation</li> <li>- PCC representation</li> <li>- DBC additional member</li> </ul> <p>Board happy with proposed members.</p> <p>Separate meeting to be set up to review proposed list with ML and Chair.</p> <p>Next Board meeting to invite new board members to be face to face.</p>	<p><b>LS</b></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Update presentation</b>  <b>Including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Adult Skills (Northern Echo building);</b></li> <li>- <b>Finance</b></li> <li>- <b>Coniscliffe Road</b></li> <li>- <b>Project progress updates</b>  <b>Northgate; Victoria Rd, Town Centre</b></li> </ul> <p>CM shares presentation with the Board</p> <p>Finance update, including spend to date, and money received so far.</p> <p>Northgate House is the most at risk of not being delivered.</p> <p>CM to draft bi-annual return with BN, deadline 28 May 2024</p> <p>Final draft version to be provided to Town Board members.</p> <p>Elizabeth Davison &amp; AH to sign this off.</p> <p><b>Adult Skills</b>  Funding/Budget the same as the last update</p> <p>The developer for the building is Adavo.</p> <p>Suggestions to see what Adavo have done elsewhere.  <a href="http://www.adavoproperty.co.uk">http://www.adavoproperty.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>CM/BN</b></p> <p><b>AH</b></p>

	<p>SH was impressed by Adavo office building in Sunderland.</p> <p>DG is also going to see the Sunderland building and will provide feedback.</p> <p>Concerns that the public do not know what is going on with the Northern Echo Building. There are a number of press and social media releases planned.</p> <p>Questions on if there are any plans to put boards up on the Northern Echo Building to tell people what is happening?</p> <p>Boards will be put up, CM has already spoke to KT about these.</p> <p><b>156 Northgate</b></p> <p>Late summer 2024 to start on site.</p> <p>CM has asked architects for an Internal visualization of how it will look to go on the boards outside the property.</p> <p><b>Edward Pease House</b></p> <p>Planning application target moved from May to June</p> <p>CM to arrange a face-to-face meeting with the Friends of Darlington and Stockton Railway about Edward Pease House</p> <p><b>Northgate House</b></p> <p>Pre-application to planning has been submitted for the wider area including Northgate House</p> <p>Pre-app feedback to be available on the 24 May 2024</p> <p>Board would like an update on risks in the event we do not secure the acquisition of Northgate House, and implications regarding the allocated funding.</p> <p>A Board budget re-allocation preference is required if Northgate House remains unattainable.</p>	<p><b>DG</b></p> <p><b>CM</b></p>
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	<p><b>Northgate Progress</b></p> <p>It is noted that the Urban Green Space and the Cycle Route projects require progression.</p> <p><b>Victoria Road</b></p> <p>Progress continues to be made.</p> <p>Been some delays with delivery, and difficulties contacting building owners.</p> <p><b>Bank Top</b></p> <p>Reference was made to issues with taxis in this location, as the Taxi rank has been removed.</p> <p>This to be added onto discussions to have with TVCA. CM to pass this on to Dave Winstanley</p> <p><b>Skinnergate &amp; The Yards</b></p> <p>Continuing with several projects</p> <p><b>Coniscliffe Road</b></p> <p>Progressing to Planning submission for the scheme which is planned to start in October 2024.</p> <p><b>RHQ</b></p> <p>Completion this summer</p> <p><b>TLevels</b></p> <p>Complete</p>	
5.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Website update</b></p> <p>Work is going on to improve the website.</p>	CM

	<p>It is mentioned that potential funding could be claimed from the Rail Heritage trust for improved fencing around RHQ/Hopetown.</p> <p>CM to contact Mike Crawshaw about this and cc PG into email.</p> <p>YR mentioned she has emailed CM about potential funding from LNR but needs more information to fill in form.</p> <p>YR to resend email to CM.</p>	<p><b>CM</b></p> <p><b>YR/CM</b></p>
8.	<b>Future meeting:</b> Monday 24 June 2024	