

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Darlington Town Hall – Room 406
Monday 24 June 2024

Present:

Angela Howey (AH) (CHAIR)	Seth Pearson (SP)
Naomi Jenkins (NJ)	Sarah Bentley (SB)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Kay Sandham (KS)
Mark Ladyman (ML)	Jasmin Robson (JR)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Hilary Bevan (HB)
Brett Nielsen (BN)	Yvonne Beattie (YB)
Chris Farlow (CF)	Joy Allen (JA)
David Gartland (DG)	Gordon Pybus (GP)
Lucy Simms (LS)	Shaun Campbell (SC)
Ian Williams (IW)	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
	<p>Apologies: Chris Mains Adam Suleiman Stephen Fenwick Janine Browne Cllr Riley</p>	
1.	<p>Introductions and Welcome</p> <p>The chair welcomed the new Board members to their first meeting. Each Board member introduced themselves and gave a short summary of their role and organisation.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting – 13 May 2024</p> <p>Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting held 13 May 2024.</p>	LS

<p>3.</p>	<p>Town Board – background and achievements to date</p> <p>ML shared presentation on the Town Fund its background & achievements and challenges to date. Presentation includes a list of Towns Fund projects.</p> <p>LS to circulate the presentation to board after the meeting</p> <p>Updates included:</p> <p>The board to visit RHQ/Hopetown for a tour. Hopetown has exhibition space where the first exhibition will be Lego opening day is 16 July 2024. In 2025 Hopetown will be the centre piece for the Bi-centenary celebrations.</p> <p>Edward Pease House is a long-term project and will go past 2025.</p> <p>Coniscliffe Road to be finished for March 2025.</p> <p>156 Northgate to be high quality offices.</p> <p>Still working on attaining Northgate House. The difficulties in attaining this property through a CPO is explained to the board. Towns fund runs until 2026, and 2.3 million has been allocated for Northgate Tower.</p> <p>If no progress in 3 – 6 months’ time the board will need to have a discussion as to what to do with Northgate Tower and the money attached to it.</p> <p>Towns fund website page still to be updated. Website to be added to next meeting’s agenda</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>LS</p> <p>LS</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Long Term Plan for Towns (LTPfT) - overview - update - development of working sub-groups - next steps (Visioning event)</p> <p>SP shares presentation to the board</p> <p>LS to circulate presentation with the group after the meeting</p> <p>LTPfT will provide £20 million over 10 years</p> <p>3 Thematic areas for intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety & Security - High Streets, Heritage & Regeneration - Transport & Connectivity <p>It was highlighted that there could be cross overs into each area such as safer road could be in Safety & Security as well as Transport & Connectivity</p> <p>JA mentions that there is an opportunity to have a youth crime survey in schools to get feedback from young people.SP to point JA in the direction of someone in the education sector who can do this</p> <p>1 November 2024 is the next key date for the board, to have the boards 10-year vision & initial 3-year intervention program, if everything stays on track post-election</p> <p>The board to work together to come up with question, aim is to have a form of consultation by October 2024.</p> <p>Board to develop 3 working groups (subgroups) and the Town Board meeting will be used to talk about what is discussed in the subgroups.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>SP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Visioning Day</p> <p>A visioning day is to be organized for initial input of what needs to be done.</p>	<p>LS/SP</p>

6.	AOB Board is happy for attendees to have deputies, so all sectors/organisations are covered. Heritage & cultural crime to be added to the PCC plan. Once more information for the long term for plans funding is received post-election it will be circulated to the board	ML/LS
7.	Future meeting: New meeting series to be sent to the board	LS
8.	Group Photo	