

**DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD  
TEAMS  
Wednesday 19 February 2025**

**Present :**

Angela Howey (AH) (CHAIR)	Seth Pearson (SP)
Naomi Jenkins (NJ)	Sarah Bentley (SB)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Ian Williams (IW)
Mark Ladyman (ML)	Lola McEvoy (LM)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Hilary Bevan (HB)
Brett Nielsen (BN)	Sarah Everett (SE)
Andrea Petty (AP)	Lucy Simms (LS)
David Gartland (DG)	Gordon Pybus (GP)
Chris Farlow (CF)	Cllr Garner (JG)
Adam Suleiman (AS)	Katy Tate (KT)
Shaun Campbell (SC)	Martin Short (MS)
Janine Brown (JB)	Stephen Fenwick (SF)
Yvonne Beattie (YB)	Gary Hutchinson (GH)
Ant Hewitt (AH)	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
	<b>Apologies:</b>	
1.0	<b>Minutes of previous meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>  Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the previous meeting	
2.0	<b>Update presentation</b>	
2.1	<b>Finance and Reporting:</b> - Latest position and the necessary returns have been shared with the responsible government departments. Overall, the spend is on track however there are concerns for Northgate House and if the money should be moved to other projects.  BN to look into whether another payment for Long term plan for town (LTPfT) has been received.	<b>BN</b>

2.2	<b>Project progress updates</b>	
	<p><b>Northgate: -</b></p> <p><b>156 Northgate</b> has Planning and Listed Building consent in place with Compass Construction being the tender. 3 March start, hope to complete works December 2025.</p> <p>Questions on more information about Compass Construction from LM. ML to follow up with LM once more information is known.</p> <p>Board members to have tour around later in the year.</p> <p><b>Edward Pease House</b> now has Planning and Listed Building consent in place and is now going through necessary procurement process to get a contractor. Target start is April 2025 completion to be late summer 2025, but delays could cause the start to be summer and completion to be in December 2025.</p> <p>Issues around contacting owners of neighbouring buildings, CF said he can help with contacting owners of these buildings.</p> <p><b>Linear Park</b></p> <p>Community engagement sessions will be held at the library.</p> <p>Artist will get a list of Stakeholders and people who will be interested.</p> <p><b>Historic England</b></p> <p>NJ will have a better update at the next board meeting</p>	<p><b>ML/LS</b></p> <p><b>LS</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>NJ</b></p>
	<p><b>Skinnergate &amp; Town Centre</b></p> <p>Work continues with Skinnergate &amp; the yards.</p> <p>Coniscliffe road works continue, with a completion target of March 2025.</p> <p><b>Victoria Rd</b></p> <p>Work is progressing, three properties currently being worked on.</p>	

	<p><b>Bank Top Station</b></p> <p>No update yet, SF to send update email to LS to circulate to the board.</p> <p><b>Adult Skills (NEB)</b></p> <p>Progressing well, but a few months behind due to asbestos being removed.</p>	<b>SF/LS</b>
3.0	<p><b>Northgate House</b></p> <p>Negative response from the owners. Masts are to be removed as providers have found alternative locations for these.</p> <p>4 options for the board to consider. Board decided to go ahead with the CPO.</p> <p>A separate meeting is to be organised before the next board meeting to discuss the business case of the CPO and Northgate House.</p>	<b>LS</b>
4.0	<p><b>Long Term Plan for Towns Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft Proposal from St Cuthbert's</li> </ul> <p>Still waiting for an update on funding and new prospectus. Draft proposal shared with the group to get a feel of the type of proposals the board is likely to receive. No decisions to be made yet.</p> <p>SP to do a briefing note for the board as soon as he knows more.</p>	<b>SP</b>
5.0	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Structure of board going forward, not much is expected to change but could expand due to needing to cover a new group when the LTPfT prospectus comes out.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>Future meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 1 April 2025</p>	