

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Darlington Town Hall – Room 406
Tuesday 13 May 2025

Present :

Angela Howey (AH) (CHAIR)	Seth Pearson (SP)
Martin Short (MS)	Sarah Bentley (SB)
Cllr Garner (JM)	Brett Nielsen (BN)
Rose Rouse (RR)	Joe Passman (JM)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Hilary Bevan (HB)
Brett Nielsen (BN)	Sarah Everett (SE)
Sarah Small (SS)	Lucy Simms (LS)
David Gartland (DG)	Gordon Pybus (GP)
Kay Sandham (KS)	Stephen Fenwick (SF)
Mike Poulter (MP)	Graham Hall
Shaun Campbell (SC)	Ant Hewitt (AH)
Trevor Watson (TW)	Yvonne Beattie (YB)
Sarah Small (SS)	Adam Suleiman (AS)
Lola McEvoy (LM)	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
	Apologies: Chris Farlow, Yvonne Richardson, Janine Brown, Naomi Jenkins	
1.0	Minutes of previous meeting – 1 April 2025 Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the previous meeting	
2.0	Neighbourhood Board – Visioning Day	
	<p>Subgroup meetings to be organised</p> <p>The board needs to agree on a neighbourhood approach.</p> <p>The board agreed to delegate responsibility to the Chair (AH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreements shared with the group via presentation <p>Strategic vision for Plan for Neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Driving Growth - Thriving places - Stronger Communities - Take back control 	SP/LS

	<p>It is mentioned that Darlington is known for its proud heritage, booming private and public sector opportunities, but some communities are not thriving/unable to take advantage.</p> <p>Question of whether health is mentioned in the guidance and if mental health is considered an area the board could look at.</p> <p>2 Thematic Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Driving Growth - Thriving Neighbourhoods <p>Board agreed on the 2 thematic areas</p> <p>SP presents a strategic vision for Darlington in the presentation.</p> <p>The board gives some feedback, which SP has taken on board, but it is noted that the board agrees the strategic vision should be kept short.</p> <p>Comments from meeting will be included in strategic vision and a revised version will be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>It is agreed that the neighbourhood approach would follow the areas indicated through the presentation</p> <p>Data pack is still to be received but once received SP will circulate it to the board.</p>	SP
3.0	Towns Fund Update	
	<p>Presentation presented to the board that focused on what has changed since the last board meeting</p> <p>Financial review is coming up so changes will be presented at the next board</p> <p>Coniscliffe Road</p> <p>Completed in March 2025 but Northumbrian Water need to come back and finish works before, minor planter amendments can be done.</p> <p>Northern Echo Building</p>	MP/TW

	<p>Solar panels have been added to the roof</p> <p>Northgate House</p> <p>CPO still the option but need to get timescales finalised</p> <p>Skinnergate & the yards</p> <p>50 Shop fronts have been improved</p>	
5.0	AOB	
	<p>Safer Streets Initiative – Darlington is included</p> <p>Town centers safer this summer – Work together as a community 30 June – 30 September</p> <p>Link in with Cares Board</p>	SP
6.0	Future Meeting	
	<p>24 June 2025</p> <p>Subgroup meetings to be set up</p>	LS