

Darlington Neighbourhood Board

16th September 2025,

Present

Angela Howey, David Gartland, Martin Short, Yvonne Beattie, Sarah Bentley, Gordon Pybus, Lola McEvoy, Martin Landers, Joanne Stainsby, Cllr Steve Harker, Cllr Jim Garner, Brett Nielsen, Seth Pearson, Anthony Hewitt, Mike Poulter, Trevor Watson, Naomi Jenkins, Sarah Small

Apologies

Janine Brown, Hilary Bevan, Rose Rouse, Stephen Fenwick, Kay Sandham, Hayley Jones

Action log

Change of Chair

It was agreed that:

- David Gartland, Deputy Chair would become the Chair
- Board members interested in serving as Deputy Chair to forward name to Seth to conduct a ballot.

Project Development & Evaluation process

It was agreed that:

- A project evaluation subgroup be established

Skerne Park Community Centre – project

It was agreed that:

- Capacity Building funding would be released for the Leadership and Design proposal subject to a favourable assessment by the Evaluation subgroup

Accessibility – project

It was agreed that

- a proposal would be developed for the project for the Evaluation subgroup

Youth programme

It was agreed that

- The Youth Partnership would be responsible for proposing a programme of neighbourhood based youth provision

Community Engagement

It was agreed that:

- A full report of findings will be presented to the October Board

Capacity Building fund delegation

It was agreed that:

- Approval of officer delegation for £50,000 spend per annum (with Chair's approval)

Towns fund subgroup –

It was agreed that:

- The report was approved