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<b>MEETING:</b>	Goldthorpe Town Deal Board
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 14 August 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

## **BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **GOLDTHORPE TOWN DEAL BOARD**

**14 August 2020**

**Present** Rachael Allington, Derek Bramham (Chair), Tracey Brewer, Brett Chambers, Paul Clifford, Councillor Neil Danforth, James Flint, Councillor Alan Gardiner, Lisa Hewitt, Angela Humphries, Allan Joyce, Andy Lock, Elizabeth Steel (Secretary), Matthew Stephens, Laurie Thomas and Jess Whiting (Secretary)

#### **18 APOLOGIES**

Claire Dawson, Sarah Cartwright, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Pauline Phillips John Healey MP, Jennefer Holmes, Justin Homer, Ellen O'Grady, Michael Bunting, Nigel Albon, Brandon Fey, Laura Fairbank.

#### **19 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed as true record by Allan Joyce.

#### **20 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

Transport moved under forward plan, and housing added to plan.

#### **21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

#### **22 TOWN PLAN UPDATE: ACCELERATED FUNDING SUBMISSION**

Proposals need to be submitted by 14/08/2020, with schemes to be deliverable and achievable by the end of March 2021.

Some of the key priorities identified are: Working with Land Trust to extend and expand the path at Phoenix Park for cycle and walking; Looking at providing additional contribution to the railway embankment community project; Enabling works around market by relocating the market onto the High Street to drive footfall into Goldthorpe; The provision of community orchard, including environmental tree planting with community groups and schools, and some Strategic Acquisitions.

#### **23 DECISION REQUIRED FROM THE BOARD**

The board agreed the discussed Town Plan Accelerated Funding Submission priorities.

## **24 PRESENTATION OF DRAFT PLAN BY ARCADIS**

The presentation discussed the Town Investment Masterplan. Some key interventions suggested are: part acquisition of the 'employment zone' identified in the presentation, and early infrastructure to deliver the site; Developing the car park at the train station to make a larger, safer, more secure, well-lit and accessible car park to encourage people from further afield to use train station; Develop housing around the High Street, identifying a number of sites such as the current market site and surrounding areas for urban regeneration; Create a major market square feature to improve the makeup of the High Street; Create a cultural community area, including a community orchard, play areas, and open arena for theatre; Developing a community hub near this space for a skills and health hub, which also addresses COVID-19 recovery.

The Town Investment Plan has to be submitted by the 30th October.

It was proposed that digital development and technology is referenced in the Town Investment Plan as being key to promoting business growth, skills, and employment opportunities.

It was proposed to form a subgroup of board members, which could seek to identify additionality for the proposals and priorities identified for inclusion in the Town Investment Plan bid.

It was proposed that Claire link in with Matthew Stephens with a view to reinvigorating the business forum.

## **25 DECISION REQUIRED FROM THE BOARD**

The board agreed with the above proposals for the Town Investment Plan.

## **26 UPDATE ON CONSULTATION PROPOSAL**

A proposal for consultation between August and September to get a view on high level priorities has been drafted. The questionnaire intends to gather thoughts and opinions from the local community and businesses on future works taking place in Goldthorpe. 'SmartSurvey' is to be used, with the consultation being promoted through social media and local networks from the Dearne Area Team. Some socially distanced drop in sessions may take place.

It was proposed that Claire send an update with the minutes on who we intend to consult with.

The board approved the consultation, with feedback expected early September.

## **27 #MYTOWN**

There has not been much engagement through this page, despite being promoted through various channels. The key themes mentioned in comments through the #MyTown platform are housing, the general condition of the town, improving the High Street, training courses and to improve skills and employment opportunities, crime and anti-social behaviour, eco opportunities and greenspace, and travel.

A detailed document is attached to the minutes pack.

## **28 GOVERNMENT UPDATES**

The accelerated funding bid deadline is 14/08/2020, with the decision and a view to release funding by mid-September.

## **29 SHEFFIELD CITY REGION UPDATES**

The Mayor Combined Authority approved a renewal action plan prepared in response to COVID-19 to seek investment to provide immediate help for people and places. The Strategic Economic Plan is out for public consultation. The Authority agreed to develop economic blueprints for growth areas to identify ambitions, with the blueprint for Goldthorpe to be one of the first ones to be developed.

## **30 PROJECT GOVERNANCE AND PLAN**

The conflicts of interest and benefits forms were shared in the agenda pack for this meeting and will be issued as a Word document for completion and signing via email. Completed forms are to be returned to Elizabeth at the earliest opportunity.

## **31 ISSUES, RISKS AND DECISIONS**

None

## **32 FORWARD PLAN**

The next step is to work towards the Town Investment Plan for the October submission deadline, and to carry out public engagement and consultation. The internal approval process is between 7th September and 21st October, before the plan is submitted on or before 30th October.

Transport and housing will be added to discussions as raised earlier.

## **33 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Retail, Leisure and Hospitality COVID Impact Assessment done in Goldthorpe was shared, which could be fed into the Town Investment Plan and ongoing recovery work.

Key messages identified: Goldthorpe has the smallest number of spend, but highest number of local shoppers; Spend on the High Street could be reduced by 14% post-Covid; There is a strong mix of businesses on the High Street, but risks contraction post-Covid.

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# Minute Item 27

Summary of #MyTown Comment for Town Board Update 14/08/2020

Between 10<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> August

Overall 9 original comments, plus 3 further comments on 1 specific post.

**NOT HAD AN UPDATE FROM MHCLG SO THIS IS DIRECT FROM WEBSITE:**

**Housing:**

- CPO derelict housing and bring up to standard and back into use
- Demolish the old derelict houses... replace with more modern fit for purpose housing.
- Improving enforcement regarding bad tenants.
- More regular property checks by private landlords
- Problem with volume of private landlords owning property
- Reintroduce street cleaners.
- Employ gardeners to help teach people look after their gardens

**General condition of area, Crime and ASB:**

- Weeds at side of road and litter
- Warden enforcement for littering and unkempt gardens
- Crime and ASB – CCTV and more investment in policing – they are under-resourced

**Improve the high street:**

- Too many empty or shabby looking shops/pubs. The shop-keepers and residents who are trying really hard are outnumbered by those who don't have any pride in their community.
- Incentivise businesses to come to the area and impose stricter penalties on those who don't look after their property.
- Ex-school site: make a new police station that serves the local area. Put police on regular patrol in local areas. OR make Goldthorpe a market town once again, encourage local farmers markets to come along.

**More training courses and facilities:**

- Fund employability schemes to give people confidence, skills and mindset to apply for jobs, attend interviews and prepare to get back or into work.
- Trades courses from a local dedicated employability centre (not the jobcentre) on ex school site or demolish empty pubs.
- Need better local education and training opportunities for young people, and safe recreational activities to keep youths entertained and off the streets.

**Re-think the Dearne Valley Eco Vision:**

- A lot of potential for the introduction of 'green' employment opportunities, such as energy production from wind and solar, types of planting in the rural areas surrounding the Dearne Valley villages to reduce the area's carbon emissions and introduce new jobs to the area.
- Goldthorpe could be put on the map as a sustainable village, have 'green' training for the young and those struggling to find work.

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