

MEETING:	Goldthorpe Town Deal Board
DATE:	Thursday 25 August 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

GOLDTHORPE TOWN DEAL BOARD

25 August 2022

Present

322 APOLOGIES - CHAIR

Apologies were received from Julie Tattershall, Sam Pollard, Rebecca Gamble, Michael Cotton, Councillor Dorothy Coates, Sarah Cartwright, Chris McGinley, John Healey MP, Councillor Sue Bellamy, Jeremy Budd.

323 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING - CHAIR

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Actions from previous meeting and matters arising:

Heart of Goldthorpe

Action: Heart of Goldthorpe Town Square to be resurfaced as a priority as currently uneven and inaccessible to many during market days. **Update:** Pennington have completed a survey and Highways have been asked to schedule the works in (avoiding Mondays), once onsite the work should take 2-3 days. Start date being chased on a daily basis.

Railway Embankment

Action: Rachael to investigate the concerns raised by Councillor Coates regarding the path at the Railway Embankment. **Update:** Rachael raised with Claire & Michael who have confirmed that the void underneath the handrail has been raised level with the path, mitigating the trip hazard.

Project L

Action: Proposal made to change the name of Project L to Goldthorpe Towns Commercial Investment Fund. **Update:** The project has been renamed.

Meetings Review

Action: Agreed to meet occasionally onsite but to continue online for the time being. **Update:** To review potential onsite meetings ahead of the schedule of meetings being arranged for 2023.

Action: Agreed to look to increase membership diversity including members from the voluntary / third sector and potentially further business representatives. **Update:** This action is ongoing.

Action: BMBC and Chamber of Commerce to look to host a meeting of businesses in the local area to showcase the opportunities available. **Update:** This is to be discussed within Item 11 of the agenda.

324 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - ALL

Michael Bunting – Embankment

325 TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN UPDATE - RACHAEL ALLINGTON

Rachael presented the highlight report that was circulated with the Board papers.

Copies of Plan on a page and the Forward Plan were circulated for information.

Highlight Report

Programme level amber risk due to two outstanding project approvals from DHLUC. Alison Dalton to provide updates on these 2 outstanding projects (D & M Housing Schemes)

Escalations to Board: notwithstanding the support being provided by the local CLG team, given the additional project appraisal work ongoing with DHLUC and BMBC's Economic consultants, the team sought permission for a letter to be drafted from the Chair and MP to formally contact DHLUC regarding the excessive delays to scheme appraisal decisions regarding the housing scheme which is delaying the delivery programme. This was agreed, Rachael and Derek to draft including historical supporting evidence. Justin agreed to support on this and will discuss timings and the relevant department to contact outside of the meeting. Gratitude expressed for local CLG colleagues ongoing support on this matter.

Key Decisions: The board were asked to provide a steer on the consultation method for the next phase a consultation regarding Project M. It was agreed that face to face sessions should be carried out either in the library or utilising the market.

Projects K & L to be discussed following the Employment Land presentation.

Questions

Andy Lock –How will the rising inflation issues be addressed and will DHLUC provide assurance that queries will be dealt with promptly? Rachael Allington advised that the project managers are currently building in a 10– 20% contingency into the costings of the projects as well as actively looking at other potential funding pots to plug any gaps which may arise throughout the

programme lifespan as a result of rising inflation causing an increase in costs. The finances are also being managed at a programme level to ensure that where possible any projects making savings could be utilised to address overspends (subject to DLUHC approval). Justin Homer confirmed that there is some flexibility to allow this.

326 PROJECT UPDATES

- **Feedback from Sculptor Dan Jones regarding Welfare Park.**

A presentation was shared with the Board at the meeting that summarised the consultation session held at the IKIC Centre with several groups, including Carrfield Primary and the Panda Group focusing on the younger generations within Goldthorpe as they are the potential users of the redeveloped park.

Conceptual design ideas include specially designed benches, positive comments written on the steps leading up to the playhouse, sensory play equipment, volcano island for skating / biking / scooting around. CISWO to be consulted prior to final designs being agreed. Also, expectations need to be managed with regards to the budget available to provide this.

Questions

Andy Lock – Could a letter be sent from the Board to thank participants for their help in providing designs?

Action: Board agreed that Dan Jones would send copies of designs to the IKIC and groups who participated in the process. Rachael Allington to draft a letter on behalf of the Chair to be issued with slides.

Michael Bunting – are there any plans for CCTV coverage be included within Welfare Park?

Action: Liane Holdsworth will liaise with the Dearne Area Team regarding the possibility of adding this.

- **Employment Land Deep Dive – presented by Suzanne Brough**

A copy of the presentation was circulated with the board papers.

Thanks were given to the project sponsors for their input into the ongoing development of the employment projects.

Action: The board were asked to consider and endorse the proposed criteria (viability gap) for the continuing development of the Commercial Investment Fund. **Decision:** The Board agreed in principle to approve the development of the Commercial Investment Fund to address the viability gap but requested further involvement and oversight of the drafted application form for the Fund at a future Board meeting for sign off.

Questions

Claire Dawson – How can we ensure that local people will benefit from the jobs created by this scheme? Will upskilling opportunities be provided to Dearne residents? Suzanne advised working with BMBC's Employment & Skills team to create a model to introduce apprenticeships and safeguard employment opportunities for people in the Dearne, details of the model to be included in the procurement process ahead of the works beginning.

Andy Lock – How do we build social value into the works that we do? Can this be done as part of the contractual funding agreements with developers when signing up to the Commercial Investment Fund but without jeopardising the viability of the scheme? Can we identify the types of businesses we aspire to be encouraging into the borough, can the fund be used to help to plug gaps for grow on space which is lacking in the borough as a whole?

Response provided by Matthew Stephens – the scheme has evolved from the potential purchase of land to the provision of grant funding and the access roundabout. How many developers / businesses in the Dearne area will be able to benefit from the fund as opposed to a single developer on ES10.

Response provided by Rachael Allington – The Commercial Investment Fund is not dissimilar to previous successful schemes in Hoyland. As the provider of the Commercial Investment Fund, we have the flexibility to be capture this within the application form and work with any businesses who are successful with the commercial grant application.

Response provided by Suzanne Brough – the scheme will be delivered, jointly working with Enterprising Barnsley to ensure it is able to also assist with repurposing of commercial floorspace.

- **Goldthorpe Housing Project – presented by Alison Dalton on behalf of Julie Tattershall**

Alison Dalton updated the board regarding the current additional economic appraisal that the DLUHC are undertaking on Project D, following concerns raised on the value for money assessment and additional supporting evidence that the team are providing.

Questions

Andy Lock -what are queries / how are we responding?

Response provided by Alison Dalton – proactively meeting with DHLUC since the questions have been raised to explain the strategic importance of the project, and how essential the project is to the overall programme. The team have been updating the strategic and economic case. To support this further, a 1 minute video which has been created with assistance from Michael Cotton, and a consultation survey developed for the Goldthorpe Towns board to complete. **Action** link to the survey to be added to the TEAMS meeting and emailed out to board member to be completed by Tuesday 30th August 2022.

Housing Retrofit procurement discussions ongoing with contractor and retrofit coordinator. Is there a preference for face to face consultations with residents in doorstep discussions or at the library or whether a letter drop will suffice?

Action: It was agreed by the Board to carry out face to face consultations including at the library / market site on market days.

Goldthorpe Market -currently out to tender and making its way through Cabinet approvals process given the uplift in the estimated cost of the scheme.

327 COMMUNICATION PLAN - MICHAEL COTTON

Item not discussed. To be updated at the next meeting as Michael Cotton unable to attend.

328 GOVERNMENT UPDATES - MATTHEW BLACKBURN

Chair thanked the local CLG team, in particular Sam and Mark for providing assistance to the Board and the officers throughout the project development and appraisal process.

Update provided by Justin Homer.

Justin advised that DHLUC have made the first Towns Fund payment to BMBC.

Justin thanked the team of officers for responding and provided timely information requests to DLUHC's appraisal team on the Project D Housing scheme currently under review.

329 SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE - BECKY GUTHRIE

Discussions ongoing for housing brownfield sites in conjunction with the BMBC Housing Team.

330 FORWARD PLAN - RACHAEL ALLINGTON

The future forward plan for agenda items was presented by Rachael.

Thursday 6 th October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Deep Dive & Housing Retrofit• Board Membership / Decision Making• Business Engagement
Thursday 17 th November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring & Evaluation Return Update• Cultural Hub Deep Dive
Thursday 12 th January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heart of Goldthorpe Deep Dive
Thursday 23 rd February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phoenix Park Deep Dive

BMBC and Chamber of Commerce to look to host a meeting of businesses in the local area to showcase the opportunities available. Board discussion required: What is needed from the session? **Action:** Board Members to consider what they would like to see included in a session for discussion at the next meeting.

331 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - ALL

Newlands (the proposed developer for the ES10 employment site) are currently developing scoping documents for consultation ahead of submitting a planning application. Rachael asked whether the Board like to invite the developer to the November meeting so that they can be consulted as part of the pre-planning application process? **Action:** The board agreed that this could be viewed as a potential conflict of interest whilst the Commercial Investment Fund is being drafted therefore, Newlands will not be invited at this time.

Claire Dawson – Wished to thank Paul Clifford for all his and the team's hard work. Chair confirmed that this had been done at the meeting in July.

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Chair