



MEETING:	Goldthorpe Town Deal Board
DATE:	Thursday 18 July 2024
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Microsoft Teams - Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Present Matthew Stephens (Chair), Councillor Abi Moore, Matt Bowker, Colin Buxton, Tim Coleman, Andy Lock, Antonio Jamasb, Stephanie Peacock (MP), Justin Homer, Rachael Allington, Claire Dawson, Rebecca Gamble, Daniel Harper, Steph Lee, Julie Tolhurst, James Eggington (Secretary), Jess Baxter, Mark Bell, Teresa Williams, Angie Davis, Karen Rowling, and Antony Stevenson (as representative)

467 GOVERNANCE

467a Apologies (14:00-14:02)

Cllr Morrell, Cllr Cain, Suzanne Brough, Cllr Pearson, Jenny Lockwood, Rebecca Slack, Alex Clegg

467b Declarations of Interest (14:03-14:05)

None

467c Accept Minutes from Previous Board Meeting (14:05-14:07)

The published minutes of the meeting were accepted as true record

467d Governance Updates (14:08-14:15)

Chair and Vice Chair Vote (Dan Harper)

2 applications for these positions were received, and these were circulated in the Board pack.

Matthew Stephens has submitted an expression of interest for the role of Chair. Tim Coleman has submitted an expression of interest for the role of vice chair. All voting members present approved these applications.

Decision: Matthew Stephens re-elected as Chair of the board. Tim Coleman re-elected as vice-chair of the board.

Colin Buxton joins the meeting.

Introductions of the Goldthorpe Towns Fund Board membership were held for the new members.

Action – Stephanie Peacock asked if there is any further information from other departments of the Council regarding the old school site, could this be shared with her outside of the meeting.

A Youth Engagement sub-group has been set up in September which will include a discussion on young people representation and a recommendation made to the September Board meeting.

Paperwork Update (Becca Gamble)

Escalation: Paperwork refresh to be issued soon, Governance protocols require Board Members to re-sign these documents.

Membership Update (Chair)

The chair extended thanks to Andy Lock for his contribution to the GTF board, accepts his resignation following the July 2024 meeting, and thanks him for recommending a replacement.

The chair extended thanks to Rachael Allington for her work on the Goldthorpe Towns Fund and for her long-standing service to Barnsley Council.

467e SYMCA Updates (14:16-14:20)

No update from SYMCA as **Rebecca Slack** has issued apologies

Action – Dan to get feedback from Tracey Brewer regarding Goldthorpe transport and issue from outside of this board meeting.

467f Government Updates (14:21-14:25)

Justin Homer Advised that new branding has now been issued to be changed and this will replace the previous guidance.

Due to the change in Governments, discussions are still being held how the transitions in Departments will occur. These changes are still currently happening at a high level, but will apply to individual programmes. Justin gave assurances that, as the Town Deal has been in progress for a number of years now, there is some stability surrounding it.

Rachael Allington advised that BMBC have received the full GTF grant. In addition, the GTF PAR has already been approved so we are now being monitored against a revised delivery profile, this should mitigate the risk of any of the GTF being clawed back.

467g Communications Updates (14:26-14:30)

Steph Lee shared a presentation for board members only.

Tim Coleman extended a request to for the Land Trust to engage with BMBC comms regarding a press release for a tenant for the Phoenix Park project.

Action - Steph Lee and Becca Gamble are already liaising on this and will continue to work with land trust to create and distribute this release.

Stephanie Peacock MP leaves the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding recent Press stories surrounding the Housing project and what progress is being made to correct inaccurate information. Alison advised that more positive stories have been published since.

Action – it was agreed that information from BMBC legal team in relation to the CPO would be circulate in relation to the CPO to GTF board prior to going out to the public.

Justin Homer joins the meeting.

468 TOWNS FUND PROGRESS UPDATES

468a Progress Against Previous Meetings Actions (14:31-14:35)

A summary of the progress against the actions from the previous meeting was included in the board pack to save time on the agenda. It was agreed that this was a useful approach.

Matthew Stephens enquired regarding the QR code stickers to inform locals of the ongoing work regarding shuttered properties in the area.

Steph Lee confirmed that these stickers will be in place Monday.

Action – pictures of stickers to be sent to Matthew Stephens once they are on buildings.

468b Progress Across the Goldthorpe Towns Fund (14:36-14:50)

Risks are being carefully monitored across the programme.

Elections are held and complete, therefore the letters of support for the CPO's will be progressed now the Purdah period is over.

Regular contract meetings are still being held with Phoenix Park and the deep dive brought forward to today as requested by board.

The updated Roles and Responsibilities document has been distributed to board, members to read and advise of any comments as this will be published to the website in a couple of weeks.

There is a request for support from the Towns Fund's Delivery Associate Network (DAN). This will be covered under legacy.

Rachael Allington

- i. Escalations/Decisions for Board

Escalations:

Project D: Letters of support for CPO to be progressed after election

Project F: Contract meetings being held due to red/amber risks to understand implications for the delivery of this project.

Item 4c was covered now due to the meeting running ahead of scheduled timeframes.

468c Goldthorpe Housing Strategy (15:41-15:45)

A presentation on the **Goldthorpe and Barnsley Dearne Vision** was shared for board members only.

Matthew Stephens enquired regarding Homes England being involved in the Goldthorpe Housing Vision strategy.

Alison Dalton clarified this.

A discussion was held regarding who the owner of this strategy is. It was requested to have project sponsors from the board to work with the Council on this. It will be the aim to keep key stakeholders closely linked.

Helen Kramer joins the meeting.

Dan Harper advised that clarification will be needed from the new Government regarding long-term planning goals.

Julie Tolhurst advised that health and wellbeing themes should be discussed fundamentally as a part of this.

Action – Becca and Alison to send out an Expression of Interest to GTF Board members to ask for volunteers to be key stakeholders for this project.

A discussion was held regarding the new focus from the Labour manifesto regarding cooperation with Mayors and updated strategic growth plans.

468d Phoenix Park Deep Dive (14:51-15:15)

Helen Kramer from the Land Trust Presented this item.

A presentation was shared for board members only.

Action – Distribute Deep Dive slides following the Board meeting. Tim requested Helen also include them on the press release.

A discussion was held regarding Secured by Design considerations on the site. A sense of community ownership was stressed as an important factor to prevent damage.

Action – Helen Kramer to send list of potential tenants for the site to board members.

Helen Kramer gave a short summary of potential tenants, and a discussion was held regarding potential risks for each eventuality.

Board members expressed concerns with planning permission, Helen Kramer provided a summary of what steps are being taken to ensure success in this process.

Further enquiries from board members were answered regarding access into the café, details of the lease, and fencing surrounding the café.

Antonio Jamsb joins the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the sustainability of the building, how this could help with the planning application, and security concerns regarding sustainable options.

A follow-up discussion was held regarding the tenant search and how this interacts on rent costs, the footfall of the area, and maintenance costs/responsibility.

469 ENGAGEMENT

469a Business Engagement (15:16-15:25)

Summary slides provided for board members only.

Action – The Board requested that Teresa to share the empty property ownership details with Business Rates to ensure that appropriate mitigations were being taken to recover any unpaid business rates.

Andy Lock enquired regarding demand for these empty properties and what sort of infrastructure repairs may need to be implemented to enable owners to operate.

Dan Harper advised that new street trader policies going to cabinet next week. These will be rolled out across the borough around from 2025.

Action – Claire Dawson and Dan Harper to have a meeting regarding these policies.

Antonio requested clarification as to who the business security grants are going to.

Teresa clarified that these grants will be available to any businesses in the Goldthorpe high street area who wish to apply.

469b Youth Engagement (15:26-15:30)

A presentation was shared for board members only.

An update was provided on the completion of the shaping futures project and how this interacts with Welfare Park.

470 LEGACY

470a Summary of Previous Legacy Discussion (15:31-15:35)

A presentation was shared for board members only.

A useful discussion was held regarding the Slido Poll which was performed at the GTF Board meeting on the 23rd of May.

A request was extended to board members to be key stakeholders in future long term legacy plans to ensure the continued realisation of the benefits of the Towns Fund.

470b Delivery Associate Support Programme (15:36-15:40)

A presentation was shared for board members only.

A request for support from the Delivery Associate Network was extended. An important discussion was held regarding what this support could entail and which board members would be appropriate to facilitate this.

Decision - board members were happy to request the free support from the DAN to help shape the legacy work

471 FORWARD PLAN (15:46-15:50)

Board Date	Suggested Format	Agenda Item alongside ongoing items
19 th Sept 2024	Face to Face (Goldthorpe Parish Hall)	Heart of Goldthorpe Deep Dive
14 th Nov 2024	Teams	Goldthorpe Housing Project Deep Dive and Housing Retrofit Deep Dive
		Monitoring & Evaluation return
30 th January 2024	Teams	Employment Land Deep Dive

472 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (15:50-16:00)

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Chair