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MEETING:	Goldthorpe Town Deal Board
DATE:	Thursday 23 May 2024
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

MINUTES

Present Matthew Stephens (Chair), Councillor Sue Bellamy, Councillor Wendy Cain, Councillor Deborah Pearson, Councillor Martin Morrell, Tim Coleman, Andy Lock, Antonio Jamasb, Alex Clegg, Rebecca Slack, Rachael Allington, Claire Dawson, Rebecca Gamble, Daniel Harper, Julie Tolhurst, James Eggington (Secretary), Jess Baxter, Alison Dalton and Steph Lee and Heather Crossland (as representative).

457 GOVERNANCE

457a Apologies

Apologies: John Healey MP, Stephanie Peacock MP, PS Aston, Josh Clough, Teresa Williams, Suzanne Brough, Julie Tattershall, Mark Bell, Councillor Bellamy, Jenny Lockwood

The chair extended a welcome to Councillor Pearson who is the new elected member for Dearne South

Alex Clegg, in light of the General Election announcement clarified his role as an observer to the Board and explained that he was there to carry out his normal function as a civil servant and that guidance was to follow.

457b Declarations of Interest

None

457c Accept Minutes from Previous Board Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

458 SYMCA UPDATES

Rebecca Slack provided an explanation of her role for any new board members, and also the following updates:

Provided an explanation of the recent SYMCA elections, confirming that Oliver Coppard has been elected as the new SYMCA mayor and the combination of this office with that of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

An explanation was provided of the new manifesto for this new Governance. This has been linked here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/618fbbf64443fc7d435a614d/t/660c666bbbd70823256488f0/1712088685958/Oliver+Coppard+-+My+Plan+for+South+Yorkshire+-+2024.pdf>

Advised that between MCA and Homes England, there is a memorandum of understanding regarding collaborative approach between housing partnerships to increase the supply and the quality of supply.

Commissioned homelessness task group research is due at end of month to provide base evidence and mapping.

SYMCA is currently preparing for devolution asks.

Matthew Stephens enquired regarding the plans for improving Goldthorpe transport links to maximise the Towns Fund's impact

Action: Dan Harper to confirm with Tracey Brewer regarding this.

459 GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Alex Clegg advised that as part of levelling up in communities DLUHC is performing an evaluation of the Towns Fund programme. Goldthorpe has been chosen for this, particularly in regard to Phoenix Park.

Tim Coleman enquired if this evaluation would have implications on delivery timescales.

Alex Clegg clarified that it will not.

Clarification was provided that this evaluation will be focused around Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe.

460 COMMUNICATION UPDATES

A presentation was shared for board members only.

A discussion was held regarding information/ QR codes to be attached to the boarded-up properties in the housing project. There is potential for this to be expanded to boarded up businesses, but this would need further investigation.

Andy Lock enquired into the recent Levelling Up powers announcement.

Dan Harper clarified that these powers aren't in action yet and the upcoming election will push these timescales back.

461 TOWNS FUND PROGRESS UPDATES

461a Progress Against Previous Meetings Actions

Antonio queried the progress of the proposed new build housing developments in the area, These queries were answered.

Action: BMBC towns fund team will carry out mapping exercise including linking to the results of a high street assessment that is currently taking place in order that

board can consider all information available and start to consider future initiatives to support the Highstreet.

Update: The exercise to check property ownership of vacant shops has been completed. Next steps options are being reviewed and an update will be given at the next Board under the Business engagement item.

Action: Dan Harper to liaise with Joseph Quinn and keep Board informed of any potential opportunities.

Update: Regular conversations between Joseph and Dan are being held and any opportunities will be on the agenda and reported back to Board if relevant.

Action: The Red Line Boundary will be checked against the planned work at Welfare Park area and shared with Antonio

Update: The red line boundary has been checked against the planned work at Welfare Park and shared with Antonio as requested.

Action: Josh to liaise with Antonio as a key stakeholder in the area regarding the paths and roads and general infrastructure of the site.

Update: Josh Clough has met with Section 106 officer to request funding for works. The application to be submitted for consideration at their May Board.

Action: EV charging opportunities to be followed up outside of this meeting with Stacey Chaplin's sustainability team.

Update: Josh has met with EV Charging PM at BMBC to discuss options and had 2 meetings with private EV charging infrastructure providers. Although the conversations have been positive, both suppliers have deemed the site not commercially viable to fully fund the installation of equipment.

Follow on Action: Requested if BMBC could investigate whether there is any funding that could be accessed to bridge the gap of installing EV chargers at welfare park as the private organisations have deemed it unviable.

Action: Josh Clough will look at getting information from PS Aston as to the impact of CCTV measures on reducing ASB.

Update: PS Aston has stated that this is not easily quantifiable due it often working alongside other crime prevention methods. It is however useful for understanding which groups are prevalent and so who to target.

Action: Becca to put Matthew Stephens and Tim Coleman in touch with Employment and Skills as they requested further information re event on 18th April

Update: Interested parties have been put in touch

Action: Steph Lee to find out more info on the progress of the story trail app.

Update: The story trail map is available online at : <https://dearnecommunityartsfestival.co.uk/picture-perfect-the-dearne-community-story-trail-2023/> , there are physical leaflets and a physical map in the Horse and Groom square. Currently there is no further funding or resource within the Goldthorpe Towns Fund to pursue development of an app, however, if towards the end of the programme resource and funding becomes available then this could be revisited as an option at that point.

Action: Logos on shuttered properties is being investigated

Update: The QR codes have now been designed and so we are sourcing the printing of these.

Additional update regarding the memorial stone for Councillor Gardiner This has now been installed in the Horse and Groom square. An official gathering for his family and elected members is being arranged for the 26th of June, details of which will be provided directly.

Antonio advised that recently the Dearne and District FC has been victim of theft. A discussion was held regarding security investments in the area.

Rebecca Slack left the meeting.

462 ESCALATIONS/DECISIONS FOR BOARD AND UPDATED HIGHLIGHT REPORT

A high-level summary of each project has been provided in the highlight report.

Escalations:

Project D: (Alison Dalton)

Alison Dalton provided an Update on communications that are going out on GHP and potential inaccuracies in media reports.

This is subject to approval of CPO Cabinet report, letters of support (MP, Board, DLUHC) required to expediate Secretary of State consent. Conscious that empty properties are being targeted, they are shuttered and patrols have been increased in the area. Security threats are being monitored and everything possible is being done to maintain security. A discussion was held regarding the timescales of this project.

Action: Alison to send the letter going out to residents with board which includes an up-to-date timescale of the project.

Housing representatives emphasised the work going on to maintain a coherent housing strategy in the area.

Antonio raised the issue of the vacant BT building in Goldthorpe.

Board members confirmed that this is on their radar, but the terms of the lease need to be understood first.

Action: Board to further investigate this building.

Project F: (Dan Harper)

Frequent contract meetings with BMBC continue whilst Planning permission being sought. Land Trust are working with BMBC Planning and Major Projects Team regarding Pre-app feedback.

A discussion was held in regard to delivery timescales, and cost concerns following the Pre-app feedback.

Action: Phoenix Park deep dive to be brought forward to the July Board meeting.

Action: A 3D model of the café design to be provided when available.

Decisions (Dan Harper):

Project H: Design for the sign for the Horse and Groom square to be agreed.

Becca Gamble shared the proposed designs for the signage.
A discussion was held regarding which design should be included.
Design 1 with a single picture of the oldest version of the Horse and Groom was chosen.
Confirmation was given that this sign will be made locally.

463 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

A presentation was share for board members only.
Clarification was provided regarding actual spend on Project F and Project M.

Decision: Chair signature to be added to show the information has been shared with Board.

464 IMPACT AND BOARD LEGACY PLANNING

464a Impact and Legacy

Section included in highlight report for information.

Regarding high street footfall counters: The footfall counters have now been changed to the new system from April 24 and so we are investigating how to best relate the new data with the old data and so there will be some lag in producing figures from April onwards initially.

Regarding Market Trader data: NB April onwards not yet available due to change in personnel. This update to be provided at the next board meeting.

Escalation: Save the High Street have been commissioned to conduct research regarding the Market (and all businesses on the High Street) and will meet to go through progress to Board Members who would like to be involved – Board session took place on 8th May 24

Rachael Allington joined the meeting.

A SLIDO poll was shared with the board to begin consultation with board members regarding to what would be needed to continue legacy work, asking the following questions:

1. Post completion of the projects that are within the current scope, what does the Board need to do to realise the Town Investment Plan vision to '*create the conditions for Goldthorpe to become a sustainable catalyst for economic growth in the Dearne Valley...*'?
2. How will Board members *Work together to create a thriving community where people choose to live, invest and excel?*(*think about widening the benefits into Bolton on Dearne and Thurnscoe?*)
3. Outside the current scope of the Goldthorpe Towns Fund programme, what is needed to make this happen? What are the next steps?

In addition, discussion took place regarding the Goldthorpe Towns Fund Board Constitution, conversations were held as to potentially including a Young person's

representative on the GTF board. Discussion regarding the annual appointments to the Chair/ Vice Chair role took place, paperwork to be issued requesting expressions of interest before the next board meeting.

Action: BMBC to find out how much it cost to bring MAY-hem to Goldthorpe and assess the impact on footfall counter.

464b Future Meetings Schedule

Becca Gamble provided a presentation regarding hybrid survey results in relation to board meeting frequency and format.

Decision: Bi-monthly meetings to be implemented, with the same current frequency between face to face and teams meetings (noting that hybrid option to be available for board members only unable to attend face to face).

Board Date	Suggested Format	Agenda Item alongside ongoing items
18th July 2024	Face to Face preferred (Hybrid available for those who cannot attend in person)	Phoenix Park Deep Dive
19th September 2024	Teams	Heart of Goldthorpe Deep Dive
		Monitoring & Evaluation return
14 th November 2024	Face to Face preferred (Hybrid available for those who cannot attend in person)	Goldthorpe Housing Project Deep Dive and Housing Retrofit Deep Dive

465 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting – 18th July 2024.

466 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Chair