

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
TEAMS
Tuesday 7th January 2025

Present :

Angela Howey (AH) (CHAIR)	Seth Pearson (SP)
Naomi Jenkins (NJ)	Sarah Bentley (SB)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Ian Williams (IW)
Mark Ladyman (ML)	Lola McEvoy (LM)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Hilary Bevan (HB)
Brett Nielsen (BN)	Sarah Everett (SE)
Graham Hall (GH)	Lucy Simms (LS)
David Gartland (DG)	Gordon Pybus (GP)
Chris Farlow (CF)	Cllr Garner (JG)
Adam Suleiman (AS)	Joseph Passman (JP)
Shaun Campbell (SC)	Martin Short (MS)
Janine Brown (JB)	Stephen Fenwick (SF)
Yvonne Beattie (YB)	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
	Apologies:	
1.0	Minutes of previous meeting – 26th November 2024 Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the previous meeting	
2.0	Update presentation	
2.1	Finance and Reporting: - Latest position and the necessary returns have been shared with the responsible government departments. Overall, the spend is on track however there are concerns for Northgate House. Long term plan for town (LTPfT) notification we are due to receive another payment.	

2.2	Project progress updates	
	<p>Northgate: -</p> <p>156 Northgate has Planning and Listed Building consent in place</p> <p>If board members agree we will move circa £70k funding from the Northgate House budget to the 156 Northgate project.</p> <p>Edward Pease House now has Planning and Listed Building consent in place and is now going through necessary procurement process. Hope to start on site April -May 2025, but this may move to summer 2025.</p> <p>ML has had no further discussions with the owners of Northgate House. The Masts are still the be relocated.</p> <p>An options paper will be created to potentially move the funding for Northgate House to another project.</p> <p>LM is to write an official letter to the Northgate House owners.</p> <p>LM also to contact government team for more information and to know when the new CPO legislation will be in play</p> <p>LM to write a letter and CC ML into Angela Rayner for government support to help with Northgate House.</p> <p>ML to speak to LM in a separate meeting to highlight other areas not to do with the town board.</p> <p>Linear Park NJ to give a further update in Feb regarding Arts Council Funding and the Urban Green Space</p> <p>Historic England Approached by Historic England (HE) for a potential partnership scheme focusing on North Road and Northgate area.</p> <p>NJ to talk to HE regarding accessibility.</p> <p>An application will be drafted for Board approval.</p>	<p>NJ</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>Skinnergate & Town Centre</p> <p>Work continues with Skinnergate & the yards.</p> <p>Coniscliffe road works continue, with a completion target of March 2025.</p> <p>Victoria Rd –</p> <p>Work is progressing however not moving as quickly as we’d hoped</p>	
	<p>Adult Skills (NEB)</p> <p>Progressing well, and asbestos have been removed.</p> <p>The Board to have a tour around the Northern Echo Building come Springtime</p>	LS
3.0	<p>Long Term Plan for Towns update</p> <p>Still waiting on the new prospectus.</p> <p>There will be a change of focus on the government’s 5 missions.</p> <p>Hope to have move information before the next Board meeting in February.</p>	
4.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>SC – National Athletics Museum</p> <p>LM – Would like a list of board members and job titles. LS to send this across to LM</p> <p>Kiln at The Bridge, followed up. NJ did chase up but are yet to hear anything.</p> <p>DG could possibly be able to have something if not already at the college. NJ, LM & DG to meet up to discuss this.</p> <p>LM would like the Blue Plaque Scheme adding to the next meetings agenda.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>DG, LM & NJ</p> <p>LS</p>
5.0	<p>Future meeting</p> <p>Next meeting Wednesday 19 February 2025.</p>	