

# Thornaby Town Deal Board

## Minutes of Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Present:**

Mark White – Chair  
 Cllr Nigel Cooke  
 Richard McGuckin  
 Iain Robinson  
 Matthew Vickers MP  
 Cllr Sylvia Walmsley  
 Cllr Ray Godwin  
 Cllr Mick Moore  
 Cllr Steve Walmsley  
 Cllr Luke Frost

Lesley Graham  
 Chris Smith  
 Angela Lockwood  
 Fr Charles Razzall  
 Dermit Smith  
 Adam Suleiman  
 Mehboob Ahmed  
 Paul Gibson  
 Alison Fellows (sub)

Item	Comment/Action	Owner	Deadline
1	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>  Leon Jones, Julie Gilhespie, Lisa Pickard		
2	<b><u>Introduction and Housekeeping</u></b>  Chair welcomed all to the 5 <sup>th</sup> Thornaby Town Deal Board.  Chair commented that he attended a meeting with the Town Deal chairs of Redcar, Darlington, Blyth, Bishop Auckland and Hartlepool recently. It was positive to talk to other Town Deal chairs and emerged from the meeting please at our progress.  Chair also commented that he was thrilled with the responses received regarding the Vision Statement circulated prior to the meeting. He went on to ask if we are happy to adopt the vision statement as a final version. The board agreed.		
3	<b><u>Review of Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> October</u></b>  Agreed as accurate record		
4	<b><u>MHCLG Compliance</u></b>  I Robinson informed that board that we have received positive feedback regarding compliance from a governance regulatory view. They commented on how the board was set up and ran as well as the recoding of meetings and actions. We continue to meet levels required by Government.		
5	<b><u>Update on Progress</u></b>  I Robinson provided what is a relatively brief update, we are 780% there with 3 strands previously discussed: vacant property in the town centre, skills provision and cycle/footpath with full level of details still to be worked up.		

	<p>The 4<sup>th</sup> strand is North Thornaby housing where we are looking at options for how to include an element of intervention within the plan. Matt Vickers MP has arranged conversation with treasury advisors and while we don't have answers at the moment, there is a commitment for further conversations through next week and beyond.</p> <p>We have been given the option to extend the submission deadline from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> December which we have decided to accept meaning we have moved to cohort 2a.</p> <p>Three quarters of the bid worked up in relatively full detail with a bit more worked required on 4<sup>th</sup> strand. We don't want to prioritise once area to the detriment of any other. The aim is to produce a balanced submission.</p> <p>Chair confirmed that the position the board has taken is that we would like to include housing but not if it means losing funds for the rest of the town. Appreciate the assistance from Matt.</p> <p>M Vickers – we have seen people receiving cash already but we are in a good position to consider the plan. Would rather it took a little longer but we get more of what we want. We haven't had a response from HMCLG as yet but are engaging with the right people.</p> <p>S Walmsley would like to get across to people and emphasise the pride felt in Thornaby. Thornaby is a town established by Royal Charter and we need to hang on to that. Steve continued that the only way to solve social problems is to provide decent joined up housing. Fear that if this isn't put through what we'll end up with is £25m spent with a void between Teesdale and South Thornaby.</p> <p>Chair thanks Steve and reiterated that when reading first sentence of the agreed vision statement it is clear Thornaby is a town proud of its past.</p> <p>S Walmsley commented that he can pass on a letter sent to Buckingham Palace some time ago.</p> <p>Chair agreed.</p> <p>N Cooke added that the unity shows through. It is welcome news about the extension to the submission date. Gives a little breathing space for efforts on housing. Nigel also echoed comments made by Steve regarding North Thornaby housing.</p> <p>Chair asked N Cooke to brief the board on Cabinet meeting held earlier this month.</p> <p>N Cooke informed the board that the report covered an update on all town centres and that the report was well received though people from different areas were clearly passionate about their own areas. Hoping to report back to Cabinet in the new year following our 11<sup>th</sup> December submission.</p> <p>Chair commented that he was pleased with press coverage following Cabinet meeting.</p>		
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6	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b> To be agreed at a later date.		
7	<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> None		