

# Thornaby Town Deal Board

## Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Present:

Mark White – Chair  
 Cllr Nigel Cooke  
 Cllr Mick Moore  
 Iain Robinson  
 Lesley Graham  
 Jane Edmends  
 Jonathan Gilroy  
 Jonathan Kibble

Cllr Steve Walmsley  
 Cllr Sylvia Walmsley  
 Cllr Luke Frost  
 Rachel Haycock  
 Leon Jones  
 Helen Dixon  
 Rev'd Robert Desics  
 Josh Hurn

### Apologies:

Matt Vickers MP  
 Mike Baum  
 Angela Lockwood  
 Katy Severs  
 Julie Gilhespie

Martin Wade  
 Paul Gibson  
 Chris Smith  
 Alex Griffiths  
 Aaron Myers

| Item | Comment/Action   | Owner | Deadline |
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| 1    | <p><b><u>Housekeeping and Chair's remarks</u></b></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone</p>  |       |          |
| 2    | <p><b><u>Review of Minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022</u></b></p> <p>Agreed as a true and accurate record</p>  |       |          |
| 3    | <p><b><u>Presentation</u></b></p> <p><b>Town Centre</b><br/>                     Iain Robinson provided an update on the following:</p> <p><b>Phoenix House</b><br/>                     We have experienced some issues with ASB/ Crime and vandalism. Security has been put in place.<br/>                     Pre-start meeting to take place with A. Bucklers (Demolition Contractor) on Monday with an anticipated start on site in 2 weeks.</p> <p><b>Pavillion Pool</b><br/>                     Expressions of interest will go back out to gauge interest with a view to go out to tender for the main contractor and design team thereafter.</p> |       |          |

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|  | <p>Steve Walmsley raised issues with ASB generally in Thornaby.</p> <p><u>Golden Eagle</u><br/>Negotiations are ongoing regarding the lease.</p> <p><b>Skills</b><br/>Rachel Haycock provided an update on the proposed NETA relocation.</p> <p>Meetings have been held with the college regarding relocation of NETA.</p> <p>DfE have announced a change to the capital funding route . The DfE will now allocate funding sum to education providers rather than through a competitive application process. The intention was to apply for c.£11m funding from Capital Transformation Fund towards the project but the DfE allocation is likely to be significantly less than this. The college are expecting to hear what their funding allocation will be by the end of March and this will inform the funding gap that we need to address.</p> <p>An update on the project and funding position was presented to the Governor’s Capital Group in early March and Governors gave an ongoing commitment to deliver the preferred scheme. Alternative funding sources and options to reduce development costs will be explored once we know what the funding gap is. SBC is committed to working with SRC to explore these options and we will update the Board in due course with any recommendations.</p> <p>RIBA Stage 3 design work is ongoing, site investigations are underway and pre-planning discussions will be held in the coming weeks. The acquisition of land to facilitate the new NETA site has been contractually agreed and signed though acquisition is yet to legally complete.</p> <p>Iain Robinson added that it remains a priority to investigate what is happening with Durham University site.</p> <p><b>North Thornaby interventions</b><br/>Jane Edmends provide an update on the following:</p> <p>Energy efficiency measures – Contract awarded to Marshall &amp; McCourt who should be starting mid-April. Some extra funding available to ensure tenure blind offer.</p> <p>Empty Homes – the tender process for this work is completed and a local RP organisation is agreed but not yet announced</p> <p>The Board raised some issues with Thirteen properties. Agreed to try and encourage a Thirteen presence at the next meeting.</p> <p>Alleygates – programme done to look at all the alleygates and either repair or renew if issues</p> <p>CCTV cameras – x 4 extra cameras already installed</p> <p>A Handyperson has been appointed and will be starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, initial base will be at the Havelock Community House. They will be doing property assessments and providing extra support.</p> |  |  |
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|   | <p>Community Park – bids complete for play equipment and order placed, will be delivered and installed approx. June time.<br/>Community Hall – Challenge Anneka TV programme will air this weekend. Part of the work was completed then the contractor went into administration. A new contractor has now been appointed</p> <p><b>Cycleways</b><br/>Jonathan Kibble provided and update:<br/>Design work is ongoing for cycling network in Thornaby – plans shared with the group include slit footpath for cyclists and pedestrians. The outline costs have come in at £8.5m whilst the budget is only £6.5m. Revised plans would bring to circa 7m so looking to TVCA for possible funding streams.</p> |  |  |
| 4 | <p><b><u>Q&amp;A</u></b></p> <p>No further questions raised</p>  |  |  |
| 5 | <p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>TBA for June 2023</p>   |  |  |
| 6 | <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Save the date reminder for Thornaby Festival – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023</p> <p>The Chair thanked Rachel for her valued contribution to the group before her maternity leave.</p>   |  |  |