

Thornaby Town Deal Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2024

Present:

Chair, Mark White CBE DL
Cllr Nigel Cooke
Cllr Ray Godwin
Cllr Sylvia Walmsley
Cllr Mick Moore
Cllr Ian Dalgarno
Matt Vickers MP (Teams)
Jonathan Gilroy
Lesley Graham
Emma Speight

Iain Robinson
Rachel Haycock
Helen Dixon
Jonathan Kibble
Sam Dixon
Laura Buckley
Daniel Getty (SWECO)
Ian Davies
Chris Smith (Teams)
Paul Gibson

Apologies:

Leon Jones
Jane Edmonds

Phil Hastie
Angela Lockwood

Item	Comment/Action	Owner	Deadline
1	<u>Housekeeping and Chair's remarks</u> Welcome and introductions from all.		
2	<u>Review of Minutes from 31st January 2024</u> Agreed as accurate record.		
3	<u>Progress Update</u> Update provided on the 4 intervention areas: Thornaby Town Centre (Iain Robinson) <u>Golden Eagle</u> – We have reached an agreement with all parties with regards to head lease and under lease. A report will be taken to Cabinet to agree to the terms. We should have control of the building fairly quickly thereafter and can move forward with the demolition. LCP will then secure planning to redevelop the site. Programme – Cabinet approval in July then a period of pre-demolition surveys and procurement exercise with a view to demolish Autumn(ish) 2024. <u>Pavilion Pool</u> – Proposed new pool to include swimming pool with associated changing village and reception at ground floor. First floor to include a new/improved gym provision with associated dry change facilities and a link bridge with some internal alterations to the existing leisure centre.		

	<p>Design work is underway and we have been out to Expressions of Interest to appoint a main contractor. A planning application will be submitted in July and a contractor will be appointed in the summer to work through the final stages of the design ready to start on site early 2025.</p> <p>Proposed funding reallocation for swimming pool and extended gym provision due to budget shortfall. SBC will be seeking approval to draw down £4.5m however this still leaves a shortfall of £1.5m. Recommendation to the Board to approve reallocation of £1.5m from Cycleways budget to Town Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Ray Godwin – Decision should not be taken lightly but could look at future funding streams to connect cycleways into the town. Looks like we’re getting things right with the Pool and Golden Eagle. Will be a real asset to promote and benefit the people of the town.</p> <p>Cllr Nigel Cooke – We’ve been solution focussed and need to take a pragmatic view. I would like to think that there will be an opportunity in the future to build on the Cycleways.</p> <p>Chris Smith – this will have a massive physical impact and be a revenue generator. It is the right thing to do. Pragmatic and practical solution. Fully support.</p> <p>All board members in support.</p> <p>Cycleways (Jonathan Kibble) Preliminary designs completed on all proposed routes. Engagement underway with Bader Primary School to discuss improvements to school access and controlled crossing. SWECO met with St Patricks Catholic College to discuss the scheme following road safety concerns on Redcar Road. Minor improvements to the outline design identified and actioned.</p> <p>Cllr Ray Godwin – Bader has always been the missing link and we will miss a trick if we don’t improve access to the School.</p> <p>A66 Westbound/A1130 (Acklam Road). Rationalisation of crossing to reduce impact on traffic flows from A66.</p> <p>Upper Green Lane/A1045 Junction. Concerns raised as part of Road Safety Audit and Active Travel England about footways. Used latest guidance and introduced cycle priority crossing diagonally at the junction.</p> <p>A1045 South of Spitfire Roundabout. Working to look at alternative options to reduce the loss of mature trees.</p> <p>Reduction of funding can be managed by reducing the network to be delivered however we are currently in discussions with TVCA to see about bringing forward additional funding.</p> <p>Programme - Detailed design due to complete end July with tender for contractor over the summer. Construction to commence early 2025.</p>		
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<p>Cllr Sylvia Walmsley – all presentations excellent, really shows the amount of work going on behind the scenes.</p> <p>Cllr Mick Moore – concerned about crossing near the school being taken out if additional funding cannot be secured. Jonathan Kibble – Costs will be reviewed and we will aim to maintain a link to Bader Primary School.</p> <p>Cllr Ray Godwin – I am optimistic that it will be delivered. It was a big ask to deliver what was originally planned and we're aiming to deliver even more. Less, better quality infrastructure is better than lots that doesn't link to anything. Outstanding scheme.</p> <p>Chair – Can we ask TVCA to attend future meetings?</p> <p>Skills (Ian Davies, Education Training Collective) Funding all in place to drawdown as required over the next 12 months. <u>Phase 1, Displacement Car Park</u> – Planning application awaiting determination 18th June. Tender process ongoing with an intention to start on site in July and complete as quickly as possible to minimise disruption to college.</p> <p>Matt Vickers MP – Has engagement taken place with neighbouring businesses? Ian Davies – No direct discussions have taken place as yet. All neighbours will be consulted through the planning process. Contractor is familiar with the site and will be considerate to neighbours throughout the construction phase. Matt Vickers MP – There could be some benefit to meeting with neighbours to share the vision.</p> <p><u>Phase 2, NETA Building</u> – Will only commence once Phase 1 complete and handed over. Will submit for planning approval by 17th May and start the Stage 1 tender process with Procure Partnerships. Intention to mobilise and start on site October 2024. Consultation with Highways has been positive and looking at our own Green Travel Plan.</p> <p>Chair – Where will NETA Scaffolding be located? Ian Davies – They will become part of All Access Academy and relocate to Redcar and Cleveland College Campus.</p> <p>Chair – When will the facility open? Ian Davies – January 2026. Will need to phase a softer opening.</p> <p>Cllr Nigel Cooke – Great facility with improved connectivity, really is a good news story. Proactive engagement can always be a useful thing although the planning process involves consultation with all neighbours and stakeholders.</p> <p>North Thornaby (Sam Dixon) <u>Safer Streets</u> – Request to board for approval to expand measures to include video doorbell, concentrating on the original area before expanding. Cllr Nigel Cooke – support the proposal. Whilst they are widely used, there will be those that are digitally excluded but a really good proposal. Cllr Ray Godwin – Police regularly ask for footage and doorbell footage is usually the best we get. Impossible to put CCTV on</p>	<p>IR</p> <p>ID</p>	
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	<p>every street corner but not impossible to have video doorbells. Fantastic idea. Helen Dixon – Could we signpost those that are digitally excluded to the social tariffs. I’m sure they’d love to be involved in a scheme like this. Cllr Sylvia Walmsley – Excellent idea. Emma Speight – North Start will support. Cllr Sylvia Walmsley – will be good to protect properties. If installation stops properties from being vandalised then it’s a saving in the long run. Chris Smith – I will go back and check with my team as it’s not budgeted for but is a great intervention.</p> <p>All board members in support.</p> <p><u>Empty Properties</u> - 3 empty properties with solicitors. Chair – what does ‘with solicitors’ mean. Sam Dixon – offers have been accepted, with solicitors for completion. The team are still trying to contact the owner of 3-5 Stranton Street. 18-20 Gilmour Street has been sold at auction. New owners have indicated that they would demolish and re-build.</p> <p>Request from the Board to move £200,000 from empty properties and allocate to Landlord Grants. This would allow us to work with private landlords to get properties back in to use.</p> <p>All board members in support.</p> <p><u>Energy Efficiency</u> – Energy Efficiency Awards 9th May 2024. Commended for Large Scale Project of the Year.</p> <p>Satisfaction surveys will be sent to all residents so will feedback at the next board. Looking at Family Fun Day at Victoria Park. More information to follow.</p>	CS	
4	<p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>No further questions from the Board.</p>		
5	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 5th September, 14:00 – 16:00 to include walkaround of Stockton Riverside College NETA development site.</p>		
6	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Chair asked Cllr Sylvia Walmsley how the board is doing. Cllr Sylvia Walmsley – Great, so exciting that by the back end of the year we will have 3-4 projects on the go at once. Unbelievable for Thornaby and great to see everybody working together, wanting the best for Thornaby. Brilliant!</p> <p>Chair thanked all for attendance and brought the meeting to a close.</p>		