

# Thornaby Town Deal Board

## Minutes of Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Present:**

Chair, Mark White CBE DL  
 Cllr Nigel Cooke  
 Cllr Ray Godwin (Teams)  
 Leon Jones  
 Cllr Mick Moore  
 Cllr Ian Dalgarno  
 Matt Vickers MP (Teams)  
 Jonathan Gilroy  
 Paul Gibson  
 Emma Speight  
 Amanda Ellwood

Iain Robinson  
 Rachel Haycock  
 Helen Dixon  
 Jonathan Kibble  
 Sam Dixon  
 Cllr Richard Eglington  
 Paul Gibson  
 Ian Davies  
 Sarah Brackenborough  
 Martin Wade

**Apologies:**

Cllr Sylvia Walmsley  
 Julie Gilhespie  
 Jane Edmends

Phil Hastie  
 Steve Walmsley  
 Chris Smith

Item	Comment/Action	Owner	Deadline
1	<b><u>Housekeeping and Chair’s remarks</u></b>  Welcome and introductions from all.		
2	<b><u>Review of Minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024</u></b>  Agreed as accurate record.		
3	<b><u>Progress Update</u></b>  Update provided on the 4 intervention areas:  <b>Thornaby Town Centre</b> (Iain Robinson) <u>Golden Eagle</u> – The Legal Framework Agreement is expected to be finalised in autumn 2024 and procurement of a demolition contractor is expected to take until Christmas. Demolition of the building is programmed to start in early 2025.  <u>Pavilion Pool</u> – New CGI drawings of the external view of the Pavilion, pool and gym were shown to the Board. Detailed design work and Planning will be complete by the end of the year with construction due to start on site in early 2025.		

<p>Cllr Ray Godwin – Questions for Iain; how realistic is the start date for the pool? We are optimistic starting on site in early 2025 is achievable. Can both the demolition of the Golden Eagle and construction of the pool be on site at the same time? Yes.</p> <p>Chair – agreed that the next meeting will be held at the Pavilion</p> <p>Leon Jones – TAL customers are really looking forward to it</p> <p>Cllr Mick Moore – will construction of the new pool and demolition of the Golden Eagle be delivered by two separate contractors? Yes. Residents are over the moon that the Golden Eagle is coming down.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Eglington – agreed it is really positive for the local area</p> <p><b>Cycleways</b> (Jonathan Kibble) Detailed design is almost complete and a tender exercise to appoint a contractor will take place in autumn 2024. Consultation will take place with affected residents/schools and businesses in September 2024 with construction programmed to take place between January 2025 and January 2026. Discussion was held around the scope of the cycle routes that will be taken forward for delivery. An additional £1.5m match funding contribution has been secured from TVCA to deliver a greater proportion of the original approved scheme.</p> <p>Chair – asked about connectivity to the railway station. The approved scheme is focused on improving links to the town centre however a second phase of the project to connect the station and SRC college will be taken forward by TVCA. Chair thanked Sarah Brackenborough for attending and asked her to pass on the Board's best wishes to the Tees Valley Mayor.</p> <p>Cllr Mick Moore – asked about tree removal. The area of the network which would have removed 5 trees has been removed from the proposed design and any other tree work has been minimised. A tree survey has been carried out.</p> <p>Cllr Ray Godwin – if the Pavilion and the Town Centre are delivered under budget could the surplus budget be allocated to the cycleways? Iain – we won't know if there will be any funding surplus until RIBA Stage 4 designs for the pool are fixed and costed. Very positive news that TVCA have reduced the funding gap for delivering the cycleways intervention</p> <p><b>Skills</b> (Ian Davies, Education Training Collective) Funding all in place.</p> <p><u>Phase 1, Displacement Car Park</u> – Planning application determination is imminent. The new car park is proposed to be ready to use January 2025 followed by the closure of the Princeton Drive car park.</p> <p><u>Phase 2, NETA Building</u> – Planning application for the main build is pending a decision. Completion of the new build is due March 2026</p>		
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<p>followed by a phased transition into the building starting in April 2026. Ian shared some new visuals with the Board including the remodelled atrium, new NETA reception and catering provision.</p> <p>Ian confirmed to Matt Vickers MP that local neighbours have been consulted.</p> <p>Ian informed the Board that the new build project will be incorporated into the curriculum for students. Chair very happy with this idea and asked SBC to liaise (Jen and Erica) with ETC to mention this in a future press release.</p> <p>Ian informed the Board that a new updated green travel plan has been devised in conjunction with Jonathan Kibble to look at how people travel to the site. A green environmentally friendly building has been incorporated into the site and a seeded meadow area will increase biodiversity.</p> <p>SRC2 will be vacated at the end of September 2024.</p> <p>Emma Speight – the scheme looks fantastic and the learners deserve it. Emma asked about what has gone well during the scheme so far and what challenges have Etc faced? Ian – car park contaminants were higher than expected but manageable and the planning permission process has taken longer than expected. Stakeholders have worked really well together and Ian thanked the Town Centre’s Team for their help and support.</p> <p>Iain Robinson – thanked Ian Davies for his comments and agreed that partners had worked well to move the project forward.</p> <p><b>North Thornaby (Sam Dixon)</b>  <u>Safer Streets</u> – 175 video doorbells installed so far under the project and residents are feeling a lot more secure in their homes. A lot of residents have expressed their gratitude that this intervention has made a positive difference.</p> <p><u>Empty Properties</u> – North Star is in negotiation with a further five property vendors but no sales agreed as yet.          3-5 Stranton Street - purchased by a local private landlord. The property is currently undergoing repairs and the landlord intends to bring it back into use.          18-20 Gilmour Street - new owners approached SBC looking to purchase adjoining land and demolish the existing property to build three properties.          Agreed previously by the Board to move £200,000 from empty properties and reallocate to Landlord grants. Officers are continuing to investigate this proposal.</p> <p><u>Energy Efficiency</u> –finance claims due from Marshall and McCourt which will complete the spend of £1,141m.</p> <p><u>Other</u> – Family Fun Day took place in Victoria Community Park on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 which was a great success and had over 400 people attending on the day. This cost £2,000 but a £1,000 contribution was received from Marshall and McCourt as part of their social value contribution.</p> <p>Emma Speight – purchasing properties was more challenging than expected due to delays through the legal process and appointing contractors. Sam confirmed March 2026 is the funding spend deadline and properties would need to be purchased by this date.</p>		
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	<p>Emma said that North Star have a great working relationship with the Council and would consider taking on more properties.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Eglington – Has spoken to local residents and reported that whilst energy efficiency measures have made smaller scale changes to properties, people are very happy that officers and partners are interested in the area and that they are being heard. Also noted that the Family Fun Day was amazing. High number of residents attended, and the Police had great engagement with young people who may be involved in ASB. He noted that Andy McDonald MP had attended and was ‘blown away’ with the turn out and was looking forward to getting involved with local community activities.</p> <p>Sarah Brackenborough – asked Sam how they were measuring the impact of the Safer Streets intervention. Sam – customer satisfaction surveys have been sent and feedback will be provided at a future meeting on this.</p>		
4	<p><b><u>Q&amp;A</u></b></p> <p>Chair – asked Iain about how long the Board will remain operational. Iain confirmed that the funding programme ends 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and that further discussion will take place at a later meeting to determine the role of the Board going forward.</p>		
5	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 1pm – 3pm at Thornaby Pavilion</p>		
6	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>The Chair noted that both Lesley Graham and Angela Lockwood have now left the Board and thanked them both for their contribution. Welcome to Emma Speight and Phil Hastie who will be replacing them. The Chair also noted that the Board will extend an invite to Andy McDonald MP for Middlesbrough and Thornaby East.</p> <p>Chair asked Cllr Nigel Cooke to reflect on the meeting; Nigel loves coming to these meetings and pointed out that not many meetings have four really ‘good news’ items. Board has been on quite a journey and now we are finally in the delivery phase, which is great. Residents will be able to see where and how investment is being made. Nigel mentioned the Board’s collaborative approach and how all political parties and stakeholders work together to deliver the interventions. Not always easy but a ‘can do’ spirit! Really pleased.</p> <p>Chair thanked all for attendance and brought the meeting to a close.</p>		