

# Minutes

## Towns Fund Stakeholder Meeting

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 2pm  
Dransfield House, Fox Valley, Sheffield S36 2AB  
And via zoom

### Board members attending:

- Mark Dransfield, Dransfield Properties (DPL) (MD)
- Cllr Julie Grocutt, Sheffield City Council and Stocksbridge Town Council (DPL) (JG)
- Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal & Governance SCC (ZOOM) (GD)
- Colin Blackburn, South Yorkshire LEP (ZOOM) (CB)
- Miriam Cates MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge (ZOOM) (MC)
- Dave Cates (Zoom) (DC)
- Graham Silverwood, The Venue Trust & Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre (ZOOM) (GS)
- Chris Bell, Don Valley Railway Trust (ZOOM) (CB)
- John Crawshaw, Crawshaws Butchers (DPL) (JC)
- Ian Sanderson, SLR Outlets (ZOOM) (IS)
- Tom Newman, Steel Valley Project (DPL) (TN)
- Justin Homer, Area Lead, Sheffield City Region (Cities and Local Growth Unit) (ZOOM) (JH)

### Also attending:

Amanda Holmes, Dransfield Properties (DPL) (AH)

Daniel Houghton from FPCR (master planning and urban design) (DH)

### Apologies:

Mick Hood, Liberty Speciality Steels (ZOOM)

Item	Action
1. MD opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and asked members to confirm they had received the minutes from the last meeting and agree they were a true record. All agreed.	ALL
2. Update on costs and commissioned work. MD confirmed that the topographical survey had now been completed and that work has been fed into the master planners from FPCR. The stats survey has also been completed. MD also confirmed that a productive meeting had been held with The Big Picture and scoping work had been commissioned to look into the feasibility of a community cinema as part of the wider project.	
3. Towns Fund Website DC confirmed that three quotes had been obtained and a web designer had been selected. AH will collate the content, and this will include a photos and brief biography of each Towns Fund Board Member. This will also be a good portal for initial public consultation.	AH

<p>Members discussed possible domain names and it was unanimously agreed that WelcometoStocksbridge would be a good name and would have longevity in terms of being a future platform for business and leisure activities in the town.</p> <p>IS asked if not having Stocksbridge at the front of the domain would affect the search facility but DC confirmed that he didn't think that was the case.</p>	
<p>4. Town Centre Master Planning update.</p> <p>MD introduced DH from FPCR who presented to the Towns Fund Board and outlined the latest proposals for the Manchester Road area. DH talked through the inspiration for the proposals and how they had evolved over the last few months.</p> <p>He outlined that the scheme would transform the Manchester Road area from the old Palace Cinema to the Library building and would include new office space, refurbished retail units, scope for residential accommodation as well as a landmark mixed use building. This building would be an oak and glass design and house an indoor market area with food to go as well as a scope for other community and commercial uses.</p> <p>MD outlined opportunity to introduce a Borough Market style indoor market.</p> <p>Members discussed the merits of the scheme – CB suggested the original building line could be brought back by stepping back the “off licence” building. JC asked about environmental consideration being factored into the building and MD agreed that this should be a “green” building. It was also discussed that the viewing platform across the valley from Manchester Road was an attractive feature.</p> <p>TN discussed landscaping and the “grey to green” initiative and that the landscaping should provide the transition from the nearby moorland to the town centre.</p> <p>All agreed that the development was moving in the right direction and MD asked DH to update and refine the plans and revert back to the Towns Fund Board.</p>	MD
<p>5. JH provided an update on the timescale for board members. He said that further guidance would be coming out this week (<i>this has now been distributed and will be appended to the minutes</i>)</p> <p>The second phase of the process is when the strategy and vision is submitted, once this is signed off the timescale will be up to one year for a detailed business case. There are three possible dates – end of July / end of October and end of January.</p> <p>GD said it was important to look at the detail of the guidance and that getting the scheme right is important and that might take a little longer.</p> <p>GD also mentioned she had drafted some Terms of Reference for the Board and AH would circulate for comment after the meeting (<i>this has been actioned</i>)</p>	
<p>6. Sustainability</p> <p>TN discussed and outlined the benefits of the project proposal for the Little Don River Improvement Project which he has put forward for funding from the TF.</p> <p>Interpretations panels in this area were also discussed.</p>	

<p>TN mentioned the Northern Forest proposals and that a meeting was due held and he will report back on the outcome of the meeting re the expected mapping exercise for tree planting in the area.</p> <p>JG mentioned that she had been contacted by Fay Thomson about a potential biomass heated greenhouse project and AH will circulate the email (<i>this has been actioned</i>)</p>	TN
<p>7. Health and Leisure</p> <p>8. GS is working with other local partners on a health strategy. He also outlined the potential for further improvements linking the Leisure Centre and Oxley Park. He asked if the architect working on the current LS improvements could tender for this work. GD said guidance on procurement had been passed on to AH and this would be shared with GS.</p>	GS
<p>9. Infrastructure</p> <p>CB updated the Board on the progress of the Infrastructure Committee and talked the group through the trails network and the potential to link with the town centre for cycling and walking. A proposal for a full study has been put forward and CB has liaised with GD and Ben Morley from SCC re this.</p> <p>It was also discussed that a meeting should take place with Bloor Homes and Lady Rowena re land they own in the area which could be relevant to an integrated transport strategy and connectivity of footpaths. GD said she would advise who should attend from the council.</p>	CB  GD
<p>10. Industry and Skills</p> <p>DC updated the board on the Industry and Skills Sub Committee, the website was discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>DC also mentioned that discussions had been held with Google and Amazon about potential for educational resource and there were opportunities to connect the schools and universities with tech hub space. He added that he would make contact with Mick Hood from Liberty Steel separately and arrange a meeting. He is also pursuing a meeting with Sheffield Digital.</p>	DC / MH
<p>11. Consultation</p> <p>All agreed that the board needs to be realistic about timescales and public consultation around September should be achievable.</p>	
<p>12. Date of next meeting – AH will circulate some suggested dates for the next meeting.</p>	