

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWNS FUND

### Minutes of Towns Fund Main Board Meeting

Held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 (via Zoom videolink)

#### Attendees:

- Mark Dransfield, Dransfield Properties Limited (MD)
- Miriam Cates, MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge (MC)
- Dave Cates, Redemption Media Ltd (also representing MC) (DC)
- Amanda Holmes, Dransfield Properties Limited (AH)
- Gillian Duckworth, Sheffield City Council (GD)
- Colin Blackburn, South Yorkshire LEP (CB)
- Graham Silverwood, The Venue Trust & Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre (GS)
- Chris Bell, Don Valley Railway Trust (CB)
- John Crawshaw, John Crawshaw Butchers (JC)
- Ian Sanderson, SLR Outlets (IS)
- Mick Hood, Liberty Speciality Steel (MH)
- Cllr Julie Grocutt, Sheffield City Council and Stocksbridge Town Council (JG)

#### Apologies:

- Tom Newman, Steel Valley Project

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p><b>1. Update from Miriam Cates</b></p> <p>1.1 MC outlined that clearly the coronavirus crisis is the Government's priority at this time. No details are available but it is expected that the schedule and timescale for the submission of bids for the Towns Fund will be relaxed. MC will update as more information becomes available.</p> <p>2.1 MC added that whilst open public consultation cannot happen at the moment we should continue preparing other aspects of the project.</p> <p><b>2. Update on Seed Funding</b></p> <p>2.1 GD confirmed that the £140,000 initial funding to develop a bid had been given to SCC now and that guidelines for accessing the funding to progress the bid have also been set out. AH has liaised with Ben Morley at SCC on this and the first invoices (covering circa £22k) have been approved and paid.</p> <p>2.2 It was discussed that moving forward we need to create, agree and outline a budget to ensure all aspects of the bid preparation can be supported through this initial funding and this should be shared with SCC. AH will set this up.</p>	<p>AH</p>

### 3. High Street Development Plans

- 3.1 MD outlined the update on the Manchester Road plans and the discussions held at the last High Street sub-committee meeting. Some survey work (levels and stats ) still needs to be undertaken once current restrictions are lifted, these will be factored into the budget.
- 3.2 FCPR the master planners have worked up further designs for Manchester Road which will be circulated.

### 4. Update on Infrastructure Sub Committee

- 4.1 CB provided an update re the sub committee's recent meeting and a written update has also been circulated. It was discussed that while the potential rail link would be funded from the Department of Transport, via SCR, there may be other works as part of the project which the Towns Fund Board will need to get involved with.
- 4.2 CB outlined that he had tried to make contact with Bloors regarding the rail halt / station on their land as the plans have been altered. MD suggested we organise a face to face meeting with Jason Wooliscroft from Bloors as soon as practically possible to discuss this and the Towns Fund aspirations in general. AH to make contact.

AH

### 5. Website update

- 5.1 DC updated the group on the plans for a "Towns Fund" website and that this would be a good way of putting out some early local engagement.
- 5.2 Three quotes have been requested and once a web company has been selected the team can start to work on the content, DC has circulated the brief which has been sent to the web companies.
- 5.3 It was discussed that social media plug ins could be added and that this would be a good run in to providing information and starting a local discussion ahead of the public consultation.
- 5.4 Names for the new site were discussed and AH / DC will look into some potential domain names and liaise with the designers on this. JS suggested this should be aspirational and refer to the regeneration of the area. Suggestions include Welcomet'Stocksbridge, YourStocksbridge. It was discussed that a "brand" could be created around this for the town.
- 5.5 DC added that he had engaged with other organisations including Google Garage and Amazon Firetech regarding their potential involvement in the education aspects of the Towns fund project.

DC / AH

### 6. Health and Leisure

- 6.1 GS updated the group on the meetings and discussions he has had with local groups re the Towns Fund – ideas were being inputted from Stocksbridge Park Steels as well as the Tennis and Cricket Clubs. All are interested in collaborative work.
- 6.2 GS outlined the potential for major improvements to Oxley Park along a similar line to Greenhead Park in Huddersfield.

<p>6.3 The People Keeping Well Project is also being updated on progress and GS added that some good work was being undertaken in the community through the social prescribing officer. GS also discussed a local health survey to feed into the project and he will update the group on what is involved.</p> <p><b>7. Timescales for consultation</b></p> <p>7.1 It was discussed that we had previously hoped to hold public consultation events in May but with the current restrictions on group meetings and timescales likely to change for the bid this will be pushed back to later in the year, possible mid-late September. The launch of the website in the meantime would be a good light touch introduction ahead of a consultation event.</p> <p><b>8. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>7.1 AH to circulate dates for the next zoom meeting. Sub committees to report back and updates.</p>	<p>All</p>
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23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020