# Minutes of Stocksbridge Town Fund Meeting Stakeholder Meeting

Date: 30th January 2020

#### Attendees:

- Mark Dransfield, Dransfield Properties
- Miriam Cates MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge
- Amanda Holmes, Dransfield Properties
- Yunus Ahmed, Principal Development Officer, Sheffield City Council
- Colin Blackburn, South Yorkshire LEP
- Graham Silverwood, The Venue Trust & Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre
- Chris Bell, Don Valley Railway Trust
- Andy Ireland, Stocksbridge High School
- Nilam Buchanan, Deputy Chair of Governors, Stocksbridge High School
- Lee Thompson, Sustrans
- Tom Newman, Steel Valley Project
- Isobel Nield, The University of Sheffield
- Mick Hood, Liberty Speciality Steel

## Apologies:

- Cllr Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Team Member for Business and Investment, Sheffield City Council
- Cllr Julie Grocutt, Sheffield City Council and Stocksbridge Town Council
- Gavin Ward, Dransfield Properties

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.	Welcome and introductions  1.1 Introductions were made to Colin Blackburn, Isobel Neild and Mick	
	Hood who were unable to attend the last meeting.	
2.	Scope of Geographic area of the bid and calls for sites  2.1 Mark Dransfield outlined that a call for sites document has been prepared as part of the work on the Towns Fund project, this will be submitted to Sheffield City Council and identifies potential development sites in the area. This will be circulated to all attendees for information.	
	2.2 It was noted that work is also underway on the Local Plan which will hopefully be made public later in the year by SCC.	ALL
3.	Legal Framework of the Towns Fund Board  3.1 Mark outlined and updated the group on recent meetings with Andrew Batterbee (Area Director for Yorkshire, Humber and the North East) as well as with Emran Mian from Govt Office in Westminster about the Towns Fund.	
	3.2 A legal framework for the governance of the fund in Stocksbridge is currently being drawn up for review by the Government. It was discussed that as it is remote from the local authority (SCC) the	

governance needs to be approached slightly differently. Mark will provide an update on this at the next meeting.

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### 4. Update on professional team progress

- 4.1 Mark outlined the plans for the Manchester Road area which have been worked up by the architects FPCR. A further amended version (Rev C) was presented after this meeting and is attached. This will form the basis of a public consultation document.
- 4.2 Rail link Miriam Cates outlined the progress that had made since the last meeting and will be meeting with the Govt Minister Chris Heaton-Harris next week. Linking with the SCR rail vision for the area is key to ensuring the Stocksbridge to Sheffield link can be established. Miriam added that she hoped the bid would be ambitious and look at further links beyond Victoria to the AMRC. Chris Bell discussed the positioning of rail halts along the line and the various options. Miriam will update the board following her meeting with the Minister. It was discussed that the Towns Fund Board should look wider than just rail to ensure a fully integrated system and better links for Stocksbridge. Feasibility reports should take into account the commercial development at Fox Valley as well as the new housing which has been delivered and it planned in the Stocksbridge area.
- 4.3 All updates from the professional team will be fed into the stakeholder group. It was also discussed that there may be funding available through CIL and 106 agreements.
- 4.4 It was discussed that the aspiration should be a vision for the next 20 years and not just a quick fix.

#### 5. Formation of sub-committees

- 5.1 It was discussed that sub committees will be set up to look at the different aspects of the bid and suggestions for the make-up of these should be emailed to Mark / Amanda / Miriam by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The main board will be made up of the statutory members outlined by the prospectus and Miriam will advise on this to ensure full compliance.
- 5.2 Infrastructure Committee It was discussed Chris Bell and possibly Mick Hood would be involved in this committee.
- 5.3 Health, Leisure and Education Nilam Buchanan, Graham Silverwood and Andy Ireland expressed they would like to be part of this committee and Graham suggested that it would be a good idea

to contact Liz Sedgwick from Valley Medical Centre about being on this committee.

- 5.4 Town Centre Committee this committee would focus on the development of the plans for the Manchester Road area. Mark suggested that John Crawshaw would be a good person to be involved in this committee and that he would like to be involved also.
- 5.5 Sustainability Committee It was discussed that Lee Thompson and Tom Newman would be ideal to be involved with this committee
- 5.6 Isobel Neild was tasked with suggesting a group of young people (under 25) who would be interested in being involved in the evolution of the plans with the idea that at least one would sit on each of the committees.
- 5.7 Mark requested that suggestions for committee member should be emailed to him by Monday (February 3<sup>rd</sup>) and that the DPL board room could be used for meetings (please book this through Amanda or Maggie to ensure availability)

#### 6. Timescales for Consultation

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- 6.1 It was discussed that we would like to go to public consultation within eight weeks with each sub-committee being involved to present their ideas, we would ideally hold this on a Saturday to maximise local engagement.
- 6.2 It was discussed that details of the plans would not be outlined until we are ready for open consultation and the feedback received will inform the final bid.

## 7. Date of next meeting

5.1 Within the next three weeks the main board and each sub committee board should meet following submission of sub committee attendance to MD/AH and MC.