

## Stocksbridge Town Deal Board Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 13:30 – 15:00

**LOCATION:** via Microsoft Teams

**CO-CHAIRS:** Miriam Cates and Mark Dransfield

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **Board members attending:**

- Miriam Cates, MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge (MC)
- Mark Dransfield, Dransfield Properties (MD)
- Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal & Governance, SCC
- Cllr Julie Grocutt, Sheffield City Council and Stocksbridge Town Council
- Graham Silverwood, Stocksbridge Training and Enterprise Partnership & Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre (GS)
- Chris Bell, Don Valley Railway Trust (C Bell)
- Ian Sanderson, SLR Outlets (IS)
- John Crawshaw, J W Crawshaw Ltd
- Tom Newman, Steel Valley Project (TN)
- Dave Cates, Redemption Media (DC)
- Howard Varns, Programme Manager, SCC (HV)

#### **Also attending:**

- Justin Homer, Area Lead, Sheffield City Region (Cities and Local Growth Unit) (JH)
- Sam Townsend, Sheffield City Region (Cities and Local Growth Unit) (STo)
- Amanda Holmes, Communications Director, Dransfield Properties (AH)
- David Addenbrooke, SCC
- Joy Grant, Project Support Officer, SCC (JCG)

#### **Apologies:**

- Cassie Houlden, Amion
- Colin Blackburn, South Yorkshire LEP
- Mick Hood, Liberty Speciality Steels
- Tammy Whitaker, Head of Property, SCC



# Minutes

## **1. Item: Welcome and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting and discuss any issues arising**

MD welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by all as a true record. There were no issues arising.

## **2. Item: Governance Declaration of interest – to declare any interests in items on the agenda**

- GS declared an interest in the accelerated funds project.

## **3. Item: Confirmation of advanced funding from SCC – HV to provide an update to the board**

- HV reported that the Cabinet approval is for the Council to cash flow the grant monies that we expect in March on receipt of all worked up and deliverable business plans from MHCLG. Cabinet made clear that if we don't deliver full signed off deliverable business cases to MHCLG then the money spent on projects will come out of the Council's funds, so those risks need to be managed.
- HV explained that we have a £1.5m credit limit rather than a budget as when the funding comes through, we will repay the monies that have been front funded.
- £40k advanced grant funding from government is also available.

### **Actions: HV**

MD requested that HV get confirmation that the £40k left over from the initial bid is available coupled with the advance £40k from central government.

## **4. Item: Reporting from the Chairs of the Sub-groups**

### Town Centre Place Making - MD

- External Work - MD explained that several meetings have been held since the last meeting minutes. Firstly, a meeting had been held with the Chief Executive of SCC to walk around the scheme so that MD could explain the schemes and budget in detail. The Chief Executive was pleased with what she saw and offered support to enable the scheme to take place. MD is to report back on any issues that may cause problems to the programming and delivery of the project if so required.
- MD met with SCC to go through the place making, the area was walked, and the drawings have been put into a .dwg format, this work has been tidied up to properly represent the areas that need

improvements, the areas are now to scale and have been overlaid onto the main project plan drawing.

- The elevations and the floor plates have been reviewed carefully to properly represent the areas submitted in the bid and have been prepared with a view to a masterplan being submitted to SCC for a pre-application. The new construction will take the form of a detailed planning submission. This will be subject to a pre-application submission during week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- Car Parking - the two car parks were reviewed (one located next to the Dr's Surgery and the other to the rear of the developments), these need to be planed and re-white lined, lighting and CCTV to make them safe areas, this has now been picked up and included within the overall plans.
- Bus stops have also been identified as being unsuitable and will need to be replaced, these are to be designed into the masterplan and submitted with the plans.

#### Town Centre Funicular - MD

- Conversations took place regarding the funicular; the current position is that the scheme is being considered and drawn up to form part of the pre-application submission. The two landing points are being investigated regarding land ownership and further work is required to demonstrate that we can secure the land required to deliver this, this is an ongoing position.

#### Hydrotherapy Pool Project (GS)

- Initial Business Case submitted.
- Project Highlight report submitted.
- Awaiting decision from SCC Cabinet re draw down for feasibility / development work.
- Additional working group formed to consider fine detail with ad-hoc presence of individuals with related expertise. Discussions have taken place with Hydrotherapists, and specialist pool contractor/designer.
- Meetings arranged July 1<sup>st</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Stocksbridge Sports Hub - GS

- Initial Business Case submitted.
- Project Highlight report submitted.
- Awaiting decision from SCC Cabinet re draw down for development work including feasibility studies for 3G pitch and sports facility at Cricket Ground/ Bracken Moor area.
- Meeting being arranged for w/c/ July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Working group with stakeholders and others in process of being formed.

### Wellbeing Approach - GS

- Initial Business Case submitted.
- Project Highlight report submitted.
- GS to discuss progression and timescales with HV asap.

### Oxley Park Ph2 - GS

- Initial Business Case submitted.
- Project Highlight report submitted.
- Awaiting decision from SCC Cabinet re draw down for development work.
- Meeting held last week and planned for July 5th to advance scheme proposals ready for design work by SCC Architects.

### Cycle and walking trails – CBell

At the first meeting of the Highly Connected Town Centre Meeting on 15 June, Greg Challis updated on progress of the Design stage of the Trails Project. This included clarification of the project outputs.

Four Sections of trails to be built:

#### **Underbank Reservoir (South Side)**

- This section is being developed with YWA. Peter Coddington is their project manager and is working with Greg at SCC towards development of this section. £400k has been allocated by YWA and work includes some plantation clearance to create a leisure trail. There are two slightly challenging sections:
- The western end of the lake where the land area is narrow.
- Details of how the section through Underbank will be dealt with are being worked up.

#### **Underbank Lane Connection between Steel Valley Way, Transpennine Trail from Equitrek – Langsett and YWA trail**

- Progress is being made by SCC on this section.

#### **Station Road**

- Work is ongoing on improving Station Road and formalising the route from Station Road across the tip.

#### **More Hall Tip**

- Greg is liaising with the Upper Don Trust and MD has set up a meeting with Wharncliffe Estates to look at how landscaping and cycling / footways can be undertaken to the lower Tip area most effectively.
- Getting this work done effectively will make the whole section easier to deliver.

## **Timescale Challenges**

- The Corporate Investment Fund has only recently been approved through SCC so there were timescale challenges. However now funding has been approved work should be able to progress, but deadlines are tight.

### Post 16 Hub update - DC

- Minerva Trust (which Stocksbridge High are part of) are working on the business model plans ahead of presenting to the RSC (Regional Schools Commissioner) and Sheffield City Council Schools Forum.
- Kevin and DC, via Miriam's office, are going to help collate statistical data regarding the local population and education levels and also demand and opportunities - to assist with the business plan - this is where local business and industry such as Liberty can input into the required skills etc.
- Stocksbridge High will go to consultation with the parent community next term, and this should align and connect with the wider Towns fund consultations.
- Stocksbridge High are approaching architects/consultants to begin draft designs of the space - MD to be involved or at least recommend some local contractors to assist? - ensuring value for money, timely responses and quality etc.
- Kevin and DC to ensure the education space in the cross-over hub links with the post-16 hub to avoid any duplication and to provide a full and comprehensive education offer in the town - Kevin is also beginning work on the partnership with Northern College who will potentially be a delivery partner in the cross-over hub.

### Little Don River Improvements - TN

- Initial business case submitted.
- Site visit conducted with SCC Project Officer delivering Forge Dam improvement scheme to discuss project approach.
- Met with Environment Agency and SCC officers to discuss funding opportunities in more detail, with a view to securing match funding.
- Currently looking into consultants who can carry out initial feasibility study, including site surveys and options appraisal.
- Further work awaiting decision from SCC on release of funding.

### **Action:**

TN to prepare a programme for the Little Don River project and share this with everyone.

### Buses for Stocksbridge – SCC update via HV

- HV provided an update following discussions with PTE to get this to delivery mode to see how we can deploy the capital funding we have with some revenue, potentially looking for a match with SCR's money to ensure we have a 3-year service to run. MC reported that the PTE have just funded this exact model as a capital model so there is a model already in use and the PTE have already approved it.

### Media Coverage and Comms

- HV confirmed AH's appointment as Comms Officer at SCC, subject to checks. This will allow engagement with the wider community and her time can now be prioritised with coming up with a strategy that the Board can sign up to.
- AH is to create a comms action list which is to be distributed to the board members so we can communicate to the general public all of the actions that are taking place and the programmes that are currently ongoing.
- AH is to also liaise with the Town Council regarding preparing a presentation, this is to be coordinated with Julie Grocutt.

### **Actions:**

MD is to send the masterplan to all board members as a record of exactly what has been discussed for their comment prior to public consultation.

The public consultation is targeted to start during the first week in August, with a view to the detailed planning submission being made first week in October.

HV to find out from GC what has been done on the cycling and walking trails and if it hasn't when it is going to be done and the timeline and programme to be prepared to the same level of detail as applied to the town deal.

JCG to arrange a meeting for HV to liaise with CBell and GC with timelines agreed in the next 10 days

HV/GS/JB to have separate meetings on Hydrotherapy Pool.

## 5. Item: Accelerated funding project (Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre) – Presentation by DA as per .pdf below



STB Board Update  
28.6.21v1.0.pdf

- Car Park complete and well used. Entrance signage yet to be installed and additional signage being considered to ensure safety and appropriate use.
- Play area almost complete, numerous delays but looking very good. Play area won't be open for a little while until footpath work to rear of building linking to playground complete. Footpath work commences this coming week.
- Final completion currently anticipated mid to late July. AH has been kept up to date with progress photos and anticipated completion dates to organise publicity.

### **Actions:**

- AH to work up a comms strategy as soon as Oxley Park is completed.

## 6. Item: Library update

- Draft drawings are being prepared by SCC in respect of the library, and the architects are to liaise with SCC to fine tune the design to make sure it is in a presentable position and has buy-in from the library in Stocksbridge in preparation for the wider community consultation.
- This work has now been completed.

## 7. Item: Match funding opportunities

- Yorkshire Water are developing their ideas for match funding for the Underbank area, TN is to coordinate this with CB and these plans are to be distributed to the main board.

### SCR LEP Funding

- SCC have confirmed that we can apply for the £1.8m and we will be going back to Cabinet in 2 months for the front funding so we could get the package of land before. It will be at least 8 weeks before we can instruct lawyers to start assembling land, subject to approvals and all information requested being provided.

### Lottery Funding

- The agent for lottery funding contacted the members of the main board prior to the submission of the bid to advise that funding could potentially be made available for revenue streams that would be

needed to create jobs in the new buildings. This is to be investigated and a programme worked up.

**Action: AH**

- AH to coordinate the initial meetings with the relevant board members.

**8. Item: Any Other Business**

Next Steps

- HV is to coordinate with colleagues at SCC to make sure that the relevant professional team are appointed so that programmes can be met in terms of the delivery of all projects.

CIS

- Discussions took place regarding a CIS being created to take on board the freehold of the properties once developed. This has been reviewed on two occasions and was emailed to all board members to review and discuss at the next meeting.

**9. Item: Date and time of next meeting - Tue 3 August 2021, 14:00 – 15:00.**