

STAPLEFORD TOWN FUND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Friday 14th June 2024 at 15.00 pm
Council Chamber, Beeston Office

PRESENT:

Ian Jowett (Chair)	WMD Ltd
Paul Sweeney (Vice Chair)	Robert Ellis Estate Agents
Ruth Hyde	Broxtowe Borough Council
Zulf Darr (ZD)	Broxtowe Borough Council
Councillor Richard MacRae (RM)	Stapleford Town Council
Councillor John McGrath (JM)	Stapleford Town Council
Councillor Ross Bofinger (RB)	Stapleford Town Council
Councillor Sue Paterson (SP)	Stapleford Town Council
Stephen Jeremiah (SJ)	Stapleford Town Council
Elaine Bell (EB)	Sewing Bee
Keith Brown (KB)	Concept Painting Contractors
Tom Spink (TS)	MyPad
Sue Paterson	Voluntary sector
Babs Sandhu	Euronics

OBSERVERS

Jonathon Little (JL)	Broxtowe Borough Council
Vicky McCourt	Broxtowe Borough Council
Ruby Sharp (RS)	Broxtowe Borough Council
Faustina Graca (FG)	Broxtowe Borough Council
Ryan Vaughan (RV)	Broxtowe Borough Council
Stuart Baird (SB)	BakerBaird
Chris Stinson	GEDA
Colm McVeigh	GEDA
Teresa Needham	Candidate Broxtowe MP
Maqsood Syed	Candidate Broxtowe MP
Juliet Campbell	Candidate Broxtowe MP
Phillip Watt	Broxtowe Borough Council

APOLOGIES:

Melanie Phythian (MP)	Town Fund Policy Advisor
Melissa Morrell (MM)	Voluntary sector
Barbara Demetriou (BD)	Demetriou & Demetriou
James Collis	Candidate Broxtowe MP
Sam Comerie (SC)	Broxtowe Borough Council

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<p><u>Welcome and Introductions (Chair)</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Apologies of absence (Chair)</u></p> <p>Apologies of absence were received and noted.</p>	
<p><u>Agree Minutes of previous Meeting (Chair)</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting dated 8th March 2024 were agreed.</p>	
<p><u>Procedures (Chair) – a) declarations of interest, b) membership, c) code of conduct, d) website profiles</u></p> <p><u>Declarations of interest (Vice-Chair)</u> There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>TN Stepped down and proposed Stephen Jeremiah (SJ) to supersede her role as board member.</p> <p>SJ provided a brief statement highlighting his involvement with Stapleford Town council and his interest in the economic outlook, jobs and business of the town. Recognising himself as a natural fit for the role.</p> <p>SJ was asked to leave the meeting while a decision was taken on his membership of the Board.</p> <p>Decision: Members approve the appointed SJ as a new executive board member in place of TN</p> <p>SJ was welcomed back to the meeting as a Board Member.</p> <p>Action: VM / FG Find replacement for Jan Gold based on his role.</p> <p>RM pressed on the urgency to move forward with derby road carpark, delayed since June 2023. Following PAR approval time pressure to deliver critical.</p> <p>JL noted Carpark project moved from Pencil Works to the Street Improvement Scheme. Main Technical issues have been addressed, and related works VIA have completed need to be re-evaluated, adding a layer of high risk. Currently moving forward with PAR approval and progress has been made in getting a new contractor to take up the works. Recognised the carpark to be a key topic of</p>	VM/FG

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<p>discussion at delivery board and next steps and updates will be provided at the following exec board.</p> <p><u>Declarations of interest (Vice-Chair)</u> There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p><u>Communications and Publicity Update (BakerBaird)</u></p> <p>SB updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaflet and video has been shared and will be circulated to the board. To be issued after pre-election period. - Stephen Gerard academy was in Stapleford and semi launched its presence in Nottingham. <p>JM noted positive reviews from local residents Responses. And noted some of the students selected to be part of the course were from deprived areas of Stapleford.</p> <p>JL advised there must be sensitivity to the Pre-Election Period and more needs to be showcased on what has been achieved; we will continue to work with Baker Baird.</p>	
<p><u>Delivery Board Updates</u></p> <p><u>Community Pavilion and Young Peoples Centre (VM)</u></p> <p>Main Building:</p> <p>Contract has been signed with main contractor GEDA. Start on sight is 1st week of July 2024. Contract length will be 57 weeks.</p> <p>CCTV and lighting present few weeks' delay as we will need a different contractor to move the lights behind to pitch 3. It's light now but we will ensure there's a safe route while working in the winter.</p> <p>Memorial bench: we have approval from the family to move the bench and relocate.</p> <p>Temporary toilets: we have had issue with the current provider, will be getting a new provider who will be starting late June within the bowls area to safeguard from vandalism.</p> <p>Football Pitch</p>	

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<p>Planning approval has been received. Waiting for funding confirmation from football foundation by mid July. Football Foundation are happy with multiuse pitch but we are in discussion to work more closely with them.</p> <p>Cricket Relocation (RV)</p> <p>Location is off Pit Lane on Field Farm site, with only a section of the land in question. One key note is that ECB and Cricket Club worked with us and approve of the site.</p> <p>GMA have been the main designers for cricket pitches and Flood alleviation is being addressed. Special notice is being taken and we are working with stakeholders such as SATBBAG to make sure we do not make the flooding on site worse but better. The drainage improvement measures will see an 80% reduction in the flow rate from the site into the Brook addressing concerns.</p> <p>RV noted the land purchase was commercially sensitive. With a lead time of 4 months to complete. Concerns on public disclosure of land location caused issues. However, when the land purchase was confirmed we let Executive Board, Delivery Board and the Cricket Club know first. In hindsight it would have been a good idea to let all councillors know about it. This is a mistake we apologise for and is a lesson learned for the future.</p> <p>RM noted concerns from people with PTSD from the recent flooding and recognised it's good we have some clarity about it. RM also requested clarification on land purchase costs and noted Trowel had an offer for £1.50 for the land in question that the council may have been ripped off.</p> <p>JL clarified the land was valued at roughly £30K. However, there is no written record of a deal at Trowel for £1.50 there is no evidence to support this.</p> <p>RM highlighted on the need promote this in a positive way as support could have been provided with regards to flood alleviation.</p> <p>JL pressed the current Pre-Election sensitivity and noted that continued engagement will be held with groups such as SATBBAG to keep them informed of plans and raise awareness about flooding.</p> <p>JM noted there were issues when news of another site being purchased was released, and it increased in price. Someone released this info and Pound stretcher (the site being investigated for purchase) went from £700k to £2million because of it. So we should</p>	

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<p>accept that the purchase of the land was commercially sensitive for a good reason.</p> <p>Phil Watt noted some of the technical aspects of the pitch development when we met with designs that would slow the flow rate into the brook and increase the time for residents to take action in the case of a 1 in 100-year event. The Original flow rate into the brook was 50 litres a second and in these designs it would be reduced to 4 litres second.</p> <p>JM asked if Environmental agency will be involved.</p> <p>RV confirmed that as part of consultations they would be involved.</p> <p><u>Library Learning facility</u> (JL)</p> <p>JL confirmed the Library is now completed.</p> <p>SP noted positive feedback has been received.</p> <p>RB mentioned the previously proposed involvement of local group the planting.</p> <p>JL confirmed ARC is planting and it's the maintenance that could be addressed.</p> <p>Action: VM to Check if a local group can be involved</p> <p><u>Enterprise hub</u> (FG)</p> <p>Enterprise hub main building currently in Riba stage 2. It is in redesign due to the time taken to resolve the land adoption issue at the front of the building. This should be completed by the end of June. Moving into Riba stage 3 in July, and hoping to take the project to planning committee in November.</p> <p>Following Exec Board we will follow a 2 stage tender process with the support from Welland procurement. Discussions are underway to start the process. Hoping to appoint a contractor by December. If all goes smoothly we will be on site by February 2025.</p> <p>Public toilets will continue to be integrated in the project despite redesign.</p> <p><u>Street improvement</u> (JL)</p>	<p>VM</p>

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<p>Land adoption issues are being discussed. We will need to appoint consultants on pedestrian realm and furniture. This is a difficult journey with highways and VIA. We will do the best we can with the funds.</p> <p>RM noted NCC are disappointing. There's several people trying. People are not being listened to. County council have not listened and they're not engaging. And all projects they are involved are delayed. And it needs to be noted.</p> <p>JL mentioned the Derby Road is a busy road, cars and trucks use the route and in that regard we have to work with them and that's why it takes a while to get these projects going.</p> <p><u>Active Travel and Associated Infrastructure</u> (PW)</p> <p><u>Cycle hub</u> (RV) Ridewise are 30 services away from 1000 and are being supporting with the business plan to make them more financially stable into the future.</p> <p><u>Active travel</u> (PW) Original scheme proving hard to facilitate with increasing costs and issues within County. Discussions with Active Travel England and NCC have let us to amend the scheme to focus on pedestrians as well as cycling.</p> <p>Some key elements of the scheme will be to focus on the safety on Pastures road where there are schools and it's got more traffic making it difficult for children to cross. Looking at possible widening the pavements or dropping kerbs to create a leisure ring with improved drainage. Once we have a concrete plan we can move forward with VIA to start.</p> <p>We have approached Sustrans for some details on routes. We are currently working with Ian Hutchinson who is very familiar with the routes and will help promote cycling routes and cycling in general in the area.</p> <p>JM requested confirmation deadline for spend and clarification of the feasibility of completion of the project.</p> <p>JL confirmed funds need to be spent by March 2026 and emphasised the team will work diligently to ensure its completed.</p> <p>RB mentioned the little Holland scheme and proposed its routes to be explored as part of the new scheme.</p>	

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<p>JL agreed noting the main purpose was linked to the triangular route which is not going ahead. Thus its results may not translate into what we are doing with Active travel scheme.</p> <p>RM pressed on the need of crossings on Pastures and Hickings Lane and/or speed limits.</p> <p>JL noted Darren Henry has been pushing this and we are looking into it.</p> <p>RM mentioned the local school previously intended on adding a crossing and it could be explored.</p> <p>PS requested clarification on the process to reduce the speed limit?</p> <p>PW advised it requires a TRO and which takes roughly 18 months</p> <p>PS suggested starting a petition for speed reduction</p> <p>Action: investigate signage of drop 20miles per hour.</p> <p>SP noted Junction at the Roach needs to be addressed, as a minimum removing unnecessary street furniture.</p> <p>JL VIA did conduct a study and we were and DLUHC not happy regarding the value for money much of the route could provide. This is why a large portion of the Cycle network scheme has had its funds reallocated elsewhere within the PAR.</p> <p>EB on Derby Road, Lorry's will use this road into the night and will be speeding, EB is in favour of reducing the speed limit to 20 miles to prevent this.</p> <p><u>Town centre recovery scheme</u> (JL)</p> <p>We have allocated some of the remaining budget for ramps and accessibility works with £20k for a post office.</p> <p>RM asked if Wake up café, which has not opened since receiving funds, is being investigated and If they don't open a business can the funds be reclaimed.</p> <p>JL If the person cannot start a valid business then we can get the funds back as its previously been done in the past.</p> <p>FG noted Wake up café representative is responsive and showed intentions to attend the latest public engagement. As soon as we have and update we inform the board.</p>	

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<p><u>Program issues</u></p> <p>JL noted the planning department is working with us. Next step is receive the funds from Football Foundation to start.</p> <p>Washington Drive are less warm to come in to the building. Still in conversation with community groups and active partnership representative. In the next few months we will work with those who have committed to use the pavilion and pitch.</p> <p>RM confirmed as a member of the committee of Washington Drive that a letter will be sent by the organisation to clarify their intentions.</p> <p>RM also asked about the Town Centre Recovery grants, how long does the remaining funds stay for the post office?</p> <p>JL confirmed this will be reviewed again. With 3 or 4 candidates that were on the list of possible grant receivers. However, that may have changed.</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>JM requested consideration to be given to the cricket club to have them join the board.</p> <p>JL agreed, however at later date when they have been set up.</p> <p>All Board members leave a remark to Sam Comerie a Thank You for everything she has done.</p>	ACTION
<p><u>Date of next meetings</u> (Chair)</p> <p>The following meeting has been scheduled in the Council Chamber, Beeston Offices unless otherwise advised.</p> <p>1. Friday 6 September 2024 at 10.00 am</p>	

MEETING CLOSED AT 16:00