

Norwich Town Deal Board Minutes

2 July 2024

BOARD ATTENDEES	
Andrew Dernie - AD; Amber Clarke – AC; Sarah Collins – SC; Nova Fairbank – NF; Graham Nelson – GN; Michael Pedder – MP; Chris Sargisson – CS; Ellen Tilney – ET; Stephen Crocker – SCr. Chloe Smith, Jerry White (Chair), Mike Stonard, Stefan Gurney, Chris Starkie	Apologies: George Denton, Julie

ITEM NO.	MINUTES	OWNER
	<p>Welcome, actions, apologies, minutes.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting agreed.</p> <p>Outstanding actions to be covered at this meeting.</p>	
2	<p>LUF Funding Update</p> <p>Andrew to take an ACTION with Alice Macdonald to catch up.</p>	
3.	<p>Project Updates</p> <p><u>Public Realm – Hay Hill</u></p> <p>Work is continuing on Hay Hill. Cladding is nearly finished. Testing of the water feature so should be a matter of weeks to completion but there might be a possibility in phases should we have an agreement.</p> <p>Sculptures are in Eaton park</p> <p><u>The Halls</u></p> <p>Sarah – the Halls is going to plan but there might be a 1 week EoT due to the discovery of asbestos in an isolated part of the buildings. The hoarding has had really positive feedback. CH spend a good amount of time to ensure the message was good. Project is going as hoped.</p> <p>Stephen – hoarding looks great. Can we get a progress tour.</p>	

Sarah – probably best to do it in the next few months. Will probably do that in the next few months when the internal scaffolding comes down.

Jerry White – could look at potential October and plan that.

Digital Hub

Got the contractor on board and ready to go. There was a staff change. Have come back on the profit lease share. May have 1 or 2 week delay. They had to be opened by the 31st of March. Not missing any deadlines.

REVOLVING FUND

We have been looking at sending out a letter offering for another site. It's sat for quite some time and trying to negotiate on that.

Need to find another way to bring a potential site to market which will be funded to build it either private or public.

Chris – Have we been capturing where schemes have moved forward

Sarah – we submit our review, we are reporting back to government and highlighting it with asking for more funding. We have been capturing. With regards to government we just need more information and details about the King's speech.

Jerry – budget spend and the timeline – is there any external lifetime that we have to spend?

Sarah – yes, but when is slightly unclear throughout the changes of government. Could take it to March 2026 but it was officially going to be 2025. Working on that and trying to get communication with the team.

ENMP and Carrow House

The master plan went through council being endorsed.

Carrow House – a paper was taken to Cabinet to buy carrow house to use of that building. Still have an ongoing issue about the Unilever – have until September with regards to refusal.

Chris – evenings news had news about it today. Do they have the opportunity to sublet – There's a training company about subletting.

Graham – we can put them in touch with the Unity Hub.

Stephen – would it be appropriate to ask Unity Hub to come to this board and reveals their plans for us to understand that. ACTION

	<p>Cllr Stonard – would be helpful.</p> <p>Stefan – the works continue. Ongong funding and support from different sectors to maintaining it.</p> <p>Jerry – any actions to take matter forward?</p> <p>Stefan – looking at it as we speak. Having to develop plans for the three variations of it, minimal vial product. Asked support from the local authority sector as well. Had same conversation with regards to Visit Norwich.</p> <p>Future project pipeline Sarah – this is something that Andrew wants to keep on the agenda just in case anyone had any ideas. As AOB.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Future Projects.</u></p> <p>LUFF funding of 7.5 million with regards to Sloughbottom park and other areas. The team are progressing with the due diligence and released some of the funding. Now the election has gone on – Helen is speaking to the civil servants about getting signed off with a minimal delay or if there is a further process to go on. Last week briefed Alice McDonald on progress. Still not clear. Are aware that there are other authorities that are in the similar situation.</p> <p>Chris Starkie – North Norfolk have the same problem. From our perspective and ministers have a lot of paperwork to go through. With Alice’s good work and help.</p> <p>Alice McDonald – Will do best to seek clarity and the new government as it is formed.</p> <p>Jerry White – how much have we invested to date – have we paused the whole project pending a decision?</p> <p>#Graham – not quite pending on everything. There is a need for a BAT survey – agreed it and came from NCC funding. Spent in terms of bid preparation, and brought some consultants to advice us, got all the costs that we incurred. The match funding is still proceeding.</p> <p>Jerry White – what are the option appraisals – the external funding and comms message. Difficult manage that on a local message as well as National piece.</p> <p>.</p> <p><u>AOB - other</u></p>	

	Next Meeting	