



Cleator Moor Town Deal Board

Minutes of Board Meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 10.00am

1. Welcome from the Chair / Meeting protocol

All participants were reminded of the virtual meeting protocol, to remain on mute unless speaking and to use the 'hand up' function to indicate a wish to speak.

2. Attendances and Apologies

Present:

Cleator Moor Town Deal Board members:

Bob Metcalfe – Chair

Andrew Clarke, Deputy for Trudy Harrison MP

Jo Lappin, Cumbria LEP (left at 11am)

Cllr Peter Burns, Cleator Moor Town Council (left at 11am)

John Bamforth, Brannans & Sons Ltd

David Farrell, Moor Sports

Joanne Crowe, Phoenix Enterprise Centre (PEC)

Paul Rowe, Phoenix Youth Project (PYP)

Bernard Mc Dowell, Sports representative

Jim Youdale, Deputy for Rev Nicki Pennington – Faith representative

Co-optees and Advisers:

Elaine Herbert, DWP (left at 11am)

Officers:

Robert Docherty, Head of Towns Fund, Cumberland Council

Sarah Mitchell, Economic Development, Cumberland Council

Caroline Barber, 32West

Apologies:

Rev Nicki Pennington – Jim Youdale attending as deputy

Callum Ward, Cities & Local Growth Unit

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2023

Board members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th March 2023 as a true record.

5. Cleator Moor Town Deal – Towns Fund M&E Performance Report

Robert took the Board members through the programme update, including project progress against milestones and outputs; project funding and finance and project delivery, including risks.

Concerns were noted regarding the impact of LGR on the programme in the short term. There was some discussion on the risk register to ensure that both programme and projects risks, and interconnectivity between projects are clearly addressed. The Board also looked for reassurance on the process to secure both programme delivery resources, as well as operators to support design and delivery.

It was confirmed that the issues raised will be addressed as delivery moves forward over the coming weeks.

The Board noted the programme update and delegated authority to Bob as Chair to sign the M&E Performance Return on behalf of the Cleator Moor Town Deal Board to enable Cumberland Council as Accountable Body to submit the report to DLUHC by 9th June 2023.

6. Board membership

It was confirmed Joe Martin has retired from BEC and a new member is being appointed. A Cumberland Council representative is still to be confirmed.

7. Any Other Business

A drop in event to support a community conversation on the Town Deal projects is being set up for 27th June and further details will be passed on to Board members in due course.

The meeting closed at 11.35am