



Cleator Moor Town Deal Board

24 February 2025, 14:00 – 16:00

MS Teams

Minutes

Actions	Owner/Date
Presentation of options/ideas for PEC and Community Hub to be brought back to the next informal board meeting	BM/RD
Site Management of LUF to be raised with PEC	AS
Information on size and number of units (Hub/LUF) to be shared with Board	AS
A date to be agreed for the next informal board meeting	BM/WD

Decisions	Owner/Date

No.	Item
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p><u>In attendance</u> Bob Metcalf (BM) Chair, Dave Banks (DB), Bernard McDowell (BMc), Jim Youdale (JY), John Bamforth (JB), Debbie Kavanagh (DK), Ruth Ollis (RO), Erini Etoimou (EE), Elizabeth Fitzsimmons (EF), Jim Youdale (JY), Joanne Crowe (JC), Robert Docherty (RD), Paul Rowe (PR), Andrew Sproat (AS), Andrew Harper (AH), Steven Robinson (SR), Jamie Reed (JR), Tracey West (TW).</p> <p><u>Guests</u> Gary McKeating (GM)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Wendy Devlin, David Farrell, Josh McAllister,</p> <p>BM welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Compliance with MHCLG Board member information requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BM noted that all Rol forms are now viewable on the Town Deal webpage.• x1 form is still outstanding for Rev Nicki Pennington.• Josh McAlister potential conflicts as an MP were noted.
2	<p>Review of minutes</p> <p>The Board ratified the previous meeting minutes dated 18 November 2024.</p>

	Board meeting minutes will be uploaded to the Town Deal webpage.
3	<p>Actions from previous meeting.</p> <p>No. 12 – Completed.</p> <p>No. 13 – In Progress. Review pending on ToR and Assurance Framework. To be brought back to the next Board meeting (SR / RD)</p> <p>No. 14 – Completed.</p> <p>No. 15 – In progress. Discussion at next informal Board meeting. Gary McKeating to attend.</p> <p>No. 16 – In progress. Discussion at next informal Board meeting. Gary McKeating to attend.</p>
4	<p>Q3 performance monitoring report</p> <p>DK – Apologies given. The reports have not yet been shared with the Board due to sign-off delays from finance.</p> <p>Reports will be shared as soon as 151 sign off is received.</p>
5	<p>Project Updates</p> <p>RD shared update slides:</p> <p>Healthy Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application granted Nov 2024. • Construction contract awarded Sept 2024. • Stage 2 construction contract awarded to Thomas Armstrong. • 3G pitch access will continue through the works. • Construction period Jan 2025 – Jan 2026. • Open to the public Feb 2026. • Procurement of leisure operator to be confirmed, but this will initially be GLL. <p>Revitalised Town</p> <p>This is made up of the refurbishment of the PEC and the creation of a Community Hub.</p> <p>PEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction contract awarded to Thomas Armstrong. • Construction commenced this week and will run until October 2025. <p>Community Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision taken on operation model: to be operated by Cumberland Council and Community hub team in conjunction with PEC. • Negotiations to take place with PEC and Cumberland Council regarding lease arrangements. <p>JC noted the contractors (Thomas Armstrong) have been great to date in providing comms to the community regarding PEC work.</p> <p>A discussion took place around concerns of the operating models and lease for both PEC and Community Hub, and how to ensure the Hub is fit for Community use and also economically viable. There is still a query as whether iSH will retain a presence, in part, the Community Hub.</p> <p>Action: RM/RD – presentation of options/ideas for PEC and Community Hub will be brought back to the next informal board meeting to discuss.</p> <p>Connected Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Application submitted. • Stage 4 design by Jacobs commenced, to be completed by end of April 2025. • Permission to procure April 2025. • Tender period May 2025 – June 2025. • Construction period July 2025- August 2026.

	<p>JY requested that in relation to the recent query on diocised land the Board be kept in the loop on any other future land sales.</p> <p>AS shared update slides: Enterprising Town (Leconfield) Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender figure for construction submitted. • Executive approval being sought 18th Feb 2025. • Some critical advance orders now being placed with ENW electrical capacity, test piling and utility diversions. <p>BOC relocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenders for construction work to provide new BOC facility have been received. • Planning consent condition, prohibiting out of hours deliveries, requires a variation. Section 73 application to be considered 9th April. <p>Unit 1 demolition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application submitted. • Tender figure expected Mid-March 2025. <p>LUF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIBA 3 design report commissioned for Cumberland review. • BNG proposals being developed. Onsite mitigation expected. <p>Site Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due diligence review by BEC ongoing. • Meeting BEC and iSH 20.2.25 to finalise the detail. <p>Comms plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD gave an overview of the recent comms. <p>Actions</p> <p>BM queried if the Site Management had been raised with PEC. Action: AS agreed, this would take place (AS).</p> <p>JC requested information on size and number of units (Hub/LUF). Action: RD suggested this should be shared with the Board (AS)</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the use of the LUF buildings and community interaction suggesting we shouldn't be duplicating offerings already in the town centre. There is a current focus on providing a Robotics, Adv. Technologies and Product Manufacturing cluster - with a related skills and education offering. It was also discussed that 'whole community inclusivity' should be part of the agreement. Plenty interest has been received but discussions won't become more formalised until costs and other details have been finalised.</p> <p>RD noted Cumberland Council is the accountable body, and any tenants would have to be sustainable and support the community and not be purely commercial lets.</p>
6	<p>Post Compliance Reporting</p> <p>DK updated that an email has been received which stipulates Towns Fund reporting will need to continue for a minimum of 2 years post-project end, which will focus on outputs and outcomes.</p>
7	<p>MHCLG Reprofiting</p> <p>DK shared that we were asked by MHCLG to reprofile spend into 2026/2027, which gives an additional year for project spend. This was submitted in January, with acceptance of the re-profiling received from MHCLG on Feb 13th, 2025.</p>
8	<p>Any other business / next steps</p>

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action: A date to be agreed in mid-April for the next informal board meeting (BM/WD)• The next meeting is on 22 May 2025, 14:00 – 16:00. |
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Meeting ended at 15:32