



## Millom Town Deal Board

Minutes of Board Meeting held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 9:30am

### 1. 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

- Robert Morris-Eyton (Chair) – Becksid Construction Ltd
- Leanne Bolger – Deputising for Trudy Harrison MP
- Jennifer Jakubowski – Around the Combe
- Cllr Doug Wilson – Cumbria County Council
- Cllr Bob Kelly – Millom Town Council
- David Savage – South Copeland Partnership
- Marion Giles – Millom Recreation Centre
- Matt Savidge – Millom School Head Teacher
- Joe Martin – BEC
- Jade Hughes – Millom Discovery Centre
- Nick Lancaster – Lancaster and Lancaster Ltd
- Gavin Towers (As If By Magic)

### Also Present

- Eloise Abbott – BEIS
- Callum Ward – BEIS
- Sam Fennell – BEIS
- Chris Gill – JCG Ltd
- Elaine Herbert – DWP
- Lauren Newby – Hatch Associates
- Caroline Barber – 32 West
- Charlotte Carlin – Cumbria County Council
- Lucy Whiteley – Cumbria County Council

- Eleanor Farrell – Cumbria County Council
- Luke Peaker – WSP
- Kevin Riley – WSP
- Pete Johnson – Identity Consult
- Lizzy Shaw – Cumbria County Council
- Sarah Mitchell – Copeland Borough Council
- Diane Ward - Copeland Borough Council
- Clive Willoughby – Copeland Borough Council

### **Apologies:**

Apologies for Absence were received from:

- Cllr Felicity Wilson (Deputy Chair) – Copeland Borough Council
- Trudy Harrison MP
- Jo Lappin (Cumbria LEP)
- Mike Starkie (Directly Elected Mayor of Copeland)

In noting the apologies, the Board wished Cllr Felicity Wilson a speedy recovery.

The Board then agreed to David Savage being appointed as temporary Deputy Chair for the duration of Cllr F Wilson's absence.

### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Board members reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**RESOLVED:** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **4. Register of Interests Review**

The current Declarations of Interests held were shared with the board and members were asked to update if necessary.

No updates were made.

If there were any changes moving forward, the Board Members were requested to inform CBC through the [towns.fund@copeland.gov.uk](mailto:towns.fund@copeland.gov.uk) email and they would be updated accordingly.

## **5. Millom Town Deal – Programme Report April 2022**

The Board received update reports on progress against projects on the following themes:

### **Iron Line – Pete Johnson (Identity Consult)**

It was reported that the design team had issued RIBA stage 1 report and was now progressing with RIBA stage 2 (Concept Design), which would be an agenda item for a future Board meeting.

Preferred locations for car parks and a welcome centre had been identified. Materials and structures used at other sites were being looked at along with public artwork and signage.

Overall good progress was being made, at a fast pace.

During discussion of this item, Cllr Kelly provided the Board with feedback from Millom Town Council. The board were in agreement that more communication was required and suggested a separate meeting be arranged to consider this further.

### **Reactivating Heritage Buildings – Luke Peaker (WSP Project Manager)**

The Board was updated on the building condition survey reports that had now been received.

The initial round of stakeholder meetings had concluded.

Layout designs for Public Realm and Arts & Enterprise Centre was also complete and these were shared with the Board.

The valuation of Hub building was complete and negotiations were ongoing.

Discussions with Cumbria County Council were ongoing regarding the interface with Connected Town project.

A Building Grants programme has been developed and is currently being costed.

As with the last update, communications with this part of the project needed to be carefully managed.

### **Activating Community Health – Diane Ward (Copeland Borough Council)**

The Board was updated with details of plans for the facilities around the school. Including the variable depth pool, changing facilities and re-location of the playground.

Initial work on the safeguarding and movement strategy was ongoing.

Options for the loss of the playground compensation were being considered to enable a DfE application for development.

**Connected Millom** – Luke Peaker (WSP, Project Manager) / Lucy Whiteley (Cumbria County Council).

The Board was advised that following comments received, the project now includes a southbound one way system on St George's Terrace, parking retained near Millom Park and a pedestrian crossing between Tesco and Lapstone Road.

Proposed interventions for walking, cycling and gateway enhancements were being finalised.

Discussions continue with Network Rail and Northern regarding improvement proposals for Millom Station.

There was continued engagement with the trustees of Millom Heritage and Arts Centre, also with the Equalities & Accessibility Champion for the Town Deal.

**RESOLVED:** – That with a unanimous vote, the Board agreed to note progress against projects and programme development.

## **6. Millom Town Deal – Phase 2 Business Case Update**

Lauren Newby (Hatch Associates) presented to the Board an update on the Millom Town Deal Phase 2 business case.

Hatch were the lead author for Strategic and Economic Cases for Connected Millom and Haverigg and Reactivating Heritage Buildings.

Also lead author of all five cases for Activating Health and the Iron Line.

Each case was then covered in summary:

Reactivating Heritage – On track for being submitted to appraisal week commencing on 4 April 2022, as scheduled.

Activating Health – On track for being submitted to appraisal week commencing on 4 April 2022, as scheduled.

Connected Millom and Haverigg – On track for being submitted to appraisal week commencing on 4 April 2022, as scheduled.

Iron Line – Aim to submit to appraisal week commencing 11 April 2022.

**RESOLVED:** – That with a unanimous vote, the Board agreed to note progress against business case development.

**AOB**

Caroline Barber (32 West) provided a brief update of how 32West are assisting the board with communications.

**The Meeting closed at 11:08am**