



**Workington Town Deal Board Meeting
Friday 12 March 2021
2.30pm via MS Teams
Draft Minutes**

Attendance

Board Members

Cllr Alan Barry	Cumbria County Council
John Coughlan (Chair)	TSP Engineering Ltd
Jack Gordon	Sovereign Centros
Catherine Gourlay	Workington Town Council
Valerie Hallard	Churches Together in Workington
Cllr Mike Heaslip	Allerdale Borough Council
Mark Jenkinson MP	MP for Workington
Bridget Johns	Cumbria Council for Voluntary Service
Cllr Mike Johnson	Allerdale Borough Council
Jonny Lowe	Iggesund
Chris Nattress	Lakes College
David Taylor	Allerdale Investment Partnership
Anthony Wareing	Workington Heritage Group
Corinne Watson	Cumbria LEP

Officers/Support

Valerie Ayre	Cumbria County Council
Michael Barry	Cumbria County Council
Alison Hatcher	Cumbria County Council
Rosie Jenkins	CLGU
Kevin Kerrigan	Allerdale Borough Council

1. Introductions

The Chair welcomed Board Members and supporting officers to the meeting and 'well done' to all involved in view of the £23.1 million funding offer for a Town Deal for Workington that had been announced on 3 March 2021.

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Apologies

Cllr Paul Scott
Lizzy Shaw

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Actions

The board agreed the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 January 2021.

3. Funding allocation, Heads of Terms and next steps

A copy of the funding offer and proposed Heads of Terms had been circulated to Board Members in advance of the meeting.

The need for project prioritisation was noted. A more detailed report on proposals for project prioritisation will be provided to a future meeting following discussions with key partners.

A more detailed update in relation to the proposed governance and assurance processes and the role of the Town Deal Board in relation to the development and assurance of business cases will also be provided to a future meeting.

The Board agreed that the Chair should 'sign off' the Heads of Terms on behalf of the Town Deal Board.

4. Update on Accelerated Funding Projects

Kevin Kerrigan updated the Board on progress with the accelerated funding projects and confirmed that all funding was now committed and that contactors were now on site in relation to the outdoors events space/outdoor/gym/underpass project and that work had commenced in relation to the demolition of the former Opera House on 8 March. Work on both the underpass and Opera House projects unlikely to be completed until mid May however Rosie Jenkins had confirmed on behalf of CLGU that whilst it was a funding requirement that funds be committed or spent within the current financial year it was acknowledged that it may not be possible for all projects to be fully complete in this time frame.

5. A.O.B

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VH asked whether consideration is being given to the use of the Debenham's building as a location for the proposed innovation centre. KK advised this was not being considered at the present time as the funding allocation related to the specific projects identified in the draft Heads of Terms (i.e. Central Way was the identified location for the Innovation Centre). Any changes would have to be agreed with Government and there was no guarantee an alternative project would be funded or an equivalent level of funding provided. Councillor Johnson confirmed that ABC were committed to working with the management/owners of the Washington Square to explore option for the future use of the Debenham's Building.

Future Meetings

Next Board meeting – Friday 9 April 2021 – 2:30 pm, to be held via MS Team. Meeting invites have been circulated.

The meeting ended at 3:00pm

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