

STAPLEFORD TOWN FUND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Friday 24 Mach 2023 at 10.00 am
Council Chamber, Beeston Office

PRESENT:

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| Ian Jowett (Chair) | WMD Ltd |
| Darren Henry | Broxtowe MP |
| Zulf Darr | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Councillor Richard MacRae | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Ryan Dawson | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| John McGrath | Stapleford Community |
| Councillor Teresa Needham | Stapleford Town Council |
| Councillor Sue Paterson | Stapleford Town Council |
| Melanie Phythian | Towns Fund Policy Advisor |
| Tom Spink | MyPad |
| Jonathan Smith | Nottinghamshire County Council |
| Sue Cumberland | Little Drivers Day Nursery |
| Babs Sandhu | H Telecentre/Euronics |

OBSERVERS

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| Jonathon Little | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Vicky McCourt | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Clair Low | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Phillipa Ward (notes) | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Stuart Baird | BakerBaird |
| Peter Gaw | Inspire |

APOLOGIES:

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| Paul Sweeney | Robert Ellis Estate Agents |
| Councillor David Grindell | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Ruth Hyde | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Councillor Tim Hallam | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Nick Hawkes | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Jeff Edwards | Edwards Clegg |
| Will Morlidge | D2N2 |

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| <u>Welcome and Introductions (Chair)</u> | |
| The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |

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| <p><u>Apologies of absence</u></p> <p>Apologies of absence were received and noted.</p> | |
| <p><u>Agree Minutes of previous Meeting (Chair)</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting dated 9 December 2022 were agreed.</p> | |
| <p><u>Procedures (Chair)</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>TN raised concern that she chaired the Stapleford Planning Meeting. JL advised that it was pecuniary interest only if there is no financial connection to the grant awards.</p> <p>RMac explained that Broxtowe's Monitoring Officer advised him that he should register his interest and to leave meetings where the Stapleford Town Deal was discussed.</p> <p>JMc declared that he was a member of the Council's Planning Committee but if Stapleford projects were discussed he leaves the room.</p> <p>Stapleford Town Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications in the area which is not prejudicial.</p> <p>ZD advised that if the Board has made a decision then they should collectively stick to that decision.</p> | |
| <p><u>Delivery Board Updates</u></p> <p>VMc advised that the STC Recovery Fund was slightly over budget. It has supported over 70 applications and over-achieved for green and co-funding outputs. We only require one more DDA output which is in progress.</p> <p><u>The Additional Learning Facility (ALF)</u> construction and fit out is being managed by NCC and Inspire which should be completed around mid-May at a cost of £542k. Phase 2 available budget is £198k. NCC will design the external works but if this cannot be achieved within budget then the money will be repurposed back into the pot, as NCC do not plan to provide any match funding.</p> <p>Peter Gaw introduced himself as the Chief Executive of Inspire which is NCC's Learning and Cultural Services. He gave background information for the work of Inspire. This includes archives and library services, college programmes for young people and will involve students 16+ years for the Pavilion and Stapleford Library. PG agreed to forward his slide presentation which unfortunately had technical issues during the meeting.</p> | |

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| <p>He continued to explain that they would create three classrooms and invest with Wi-Fi and laptops and reconfigure the library to include refreshments and W/Cs.</p> <p>They are contracted by NCC to adhere to matrix standards offering guidance for learners with low confidence or poor experience at school entry level so that learners can progress to build their confidence and skills to learn.</p> <p>It is projected in the next financial year to have 100 learners, 300 learners by year 2 and 500 learners in year 3 with collaborative learning. [Meeting agreed outputs.]</p> <p>They will work with local businesses to bring these skills across the county. There will be a rolling programme to recruit tutors and establish what skills demands are needed in order to prepare a programme. From July there will be some soft learning and a survey of what people want.</p> <p>They will establish a sub school in August to try courses in advance of when the term starts on 2 September.</p> <p>PG highlighted some of the courses which would be available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Maths and English. • Digital skills and intermediate IT courses including basic computer skills • Yoga, Reiki, meditation, healthy eating • Creative writing and access to Higher Education • Word processing and web skills • Volunteering and mental health awareness. <p>They will talk to groups whilst the library is closed. Brochures will be hand delivered listing forthcoming programmes.</p> <p>They will promote courses through social media in association with colleagues at NCC and at BrBC.</p> <p>RMc recognised that there were some good courses but repetitive. He asked if Inspire were willing to work with other organisations to include crochet and knitting which are already successful in the town which would help to encourage the community.</p> <p>PG advised that the Learning Manager would work with other providers and partners to utilise the space. Government are investing money for adult learning and numeracy.</p> <p>JMcG suggested promoting what Inspire does to connect with more people in Stapleford using different PR means.</p> <p>PG would leaflet drop in August and develop other routes describing what is on offer.</p> <p>Sue P asked for costs of courses to be outlined to avoid outpricing education.</p> | |

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| <p>Sue C was happy to display Inspire leaflets at the play centre with upwards of 300 children attending which would be suitable for young mums who are struggling for places.</p> <p>PG explained that Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) stipulates the cost of courses making them affordable/free considering their benefits. The vast majority of courses are free but if charged then £3.50ph is a competitive rate.</p> <p>PG welcomed any further ideas or comments to be sent to him.</p> <p><u>Enterprise Hub and new car park</u></p> <p>Conditional planning approval was given at 8 March Planning Committee with additional information required including drainage.</p> <p>The car park should include space for cycle lockers from the cycle network fund and appropriate green screening for residents. A design brief for the hub will go out to tender once the legal and estates teams have ensured the best design for the site and surrounding area for parking.</p> <p>VMc advised that there would be 44 parking bays including 6 disabled parking bays and space for cycle lockers.</p> <p><u>Community Pavilion</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council commented that he would love to have this kind of investment and build a community centre in his Ward.</p> <p>It was necessary to reach a decision for the type of building needed. A draft programme of works will be delayed until June 2023 with further consultation. The final date for completion is 31 March 2025 which cannot slip.</p> <p>A slide listed potential users Liberty Leisure had contacted, not including football teams. No netball teams were interested as the internal hall would not be big enough but there is outside space available.</p> <p>RMc suggested siting banners on Hickings Lane to promote the community pavilion and its uses to make it clear its for the whole of the community.</p> <p>Darren H asked what the provision for parking was on Hickings Lane as currently upto 40 spaces. VMc advised that there would be 100 parking bays at the pavilion to include grasscrete which would allow an increased level of parking with use of a nearby smaller car park.</p> <p>It was made known that potential income from the new building and enterprises would not break even in the first and second years (small liability) but by the third year was expected to break even with potential to make a small surplus with income above expenditure.</p> | |

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| <p>IJ would expect the pavilion to be maintained to a good standard for the users and purposes of the building for the community including the sports hall and badminton courts.</p> <p>A proposed revised site plan is out for consultation. Planning Officers are looking at best options. This Option 3 was favoured with the MUGA in front of the pavilion so that the area is not close to residents, reduces noise and disturbances. RD explained that flood lighting pitches can be mitigated but noise cannot and is the best option from a planning perspective.</p> <p>JMcG explained that JL had been trying to find an alternative location for the cricket pitch. He thought that residents ought to be made aware and suggested the cricket team consider indoor cricket until a suitable location is found.</p> <p>TN approved Option 3 but also thought residents should be consulted which one they preferred to obtain backing from the community.</p> <p>JMcG suggested officers talk to residents to promote Option 3 instead.</p> <p>RD advised that there were planning issues with the other options. It may need some tweaks to boundary changes if you include a 3G football pitch which may need something taken away but will explore the possibility of the south west corner usage. It would be necessary to book and not just turn up expecting to play. He would prefer to maintain the trees with the MUGA down West Avenue. He has also got the cricket pitch in mind. Option 3 will be included on the Planning Committee agenda in June 2023.</p> <p>RMac referred to Urban Park to make the car park bigger so the skate park area could also be used for a BMX park or dog training and agility courses. JL has exchanged emails with Parks for another location for the skate park and if they find somewhere suitable will proceed.</p> <p>TS asked if the building could be visible from Hickings Lane with enticing signage. TN suggested that we could apply for a green flag award. DH agreed with the orientation that the skate park and cricket should be located elsewhere. RMac asked if the path could be slightly amended to link to the cycle route.</p> <p>JL to send an update to the Board with planners design options. RMac advised not to include Members in any publicity due to Purdah. SB advised that Purdah regulations applied to Community Engagement Plans but will have clearer plans after May. BakerBaird has plans and pictures ready for use after Purdah using CGI images for the inside and outside of the building. The Leader and Chief Executive will be issuing a statement tonight which he can share if needed.</p> <p>RMac suggested using virtual goggles which SB supported but would not be possible due to cost constraints.</p> <p>TN was concerned that Stapleford Town Council would be discussing the planning application at their Full Council meeting that evening. It was advised to defer the item on their agenda due to improved changes. TN to</p> | |

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| <p>inform the public meeting that having spoken with the planning department and the Stapleford Executive Board relating to noise and eyesore issues a revised plan was being considered for a more centralised development.</p> <p>It was voted and unanimously agreed that Option 3 was favoured.</p> <p>JMcG was aware that the Bowls Club was finishing.</p> <p>RMac had spoken to James Smith at Peveril Homes who would donate their sales room to the Bowls Club if needed/wanted. It would just need moving from site. JL would look into the possibility and suggested using it as a cricket pavilion. VMc to follow up.</p> <p>VMc advised that the Community Pavilion building would need to break even and remain within budget with a single operator such as Liberty Leisure to pull it all together.</p> <p><u>Cycle Network</u></p> <p>There have been 240 people to date who have received training at the Cycle Hub. DH will be visiting Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground after Purdah with Chris Boardman and a Minister to open the proficiency track and circuit costing £403k which was slightly more than originally quoted due to variations in work.</p> <p>RMac thought the solar panelled traffic signs were a brilliant idea. He advised that Ridewise have provided enough funding to continue the Cycle Hub each Sunday. It is noticeable that the area is being heavily used. JL will look at processes of resolving the funding. It was also suggested to ride Go Karts on the track. VMc thought that this was acceptable so long as there would not be any damage to surfaces. She advised that the scheme was running to plan.</p> <p>Presentation slides showed The Roach junction for the Mini Holland scheme which does not overlap with the Cycle Network for Stapleford, it only complements so there is no double funding. DH to put forward a strong case so that we receive the Mini Holland funding.</p> <p>It was noted that Victoria at NCC was leading the Comms team with bid stakeholder meetings being held at the library.</p> <p><u>The Roach</u></p> <p>A Traffic Management business case has been submitted and is awaiting approval by DLUHC but will still need a further study to improve the Roach.</p> <p>We could use part of our revenue allocation but there is not enough capital to undertake improvements from the study. The purpose of the study would be ready for future highways funding and have an “off the shelf” document that would mean we could be ready to deliver change at an early opportunity, fitting in with the Derby Road improvements.</p> | |

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| <p>We need to consider how buses and articulated lorries take the corner safely. This scheme may be part of NCC's highways programme in 5-years' time. It was suggested to use £50k of RDEL budget for the study. JMcG suggested knocking down the Chequers to improve the junction. JL suggested rerouting HGVs. RD advised that there would need to be a filter lane for left and right turns which would not work unless you removed a building and it would cost more than £50k for the study.</p> <p>JL suggested a traffic modelling study if we had the money.</p> <p>TN agreed that it was limited what can be achieved except to demolish buildings. The area looks untidy with signage, bollards and street furniture clutter. We need to revisit if it's worth a survey.</p> <p>RD agreed that traffic modelling work needs to be done if more money becomes available and redevelop in the future.</p> <p>RMac suggested giving priority access and avoid HGVs using the junction.</p> <p>MP advised that we would need to make a project amendment of the bid.</p> <p>JL reported that VMc had been discussing traffic modelling with VIA at a cost of £50k. TS asked how long the survey was valid for. RD replied 5-10 years depending on how much has changed.</p> <p>IJ asked for voting in favour of spending. There were 7 for, 1 against and 1 abstained.</p> <p>It will take nine months to receive the report from VIA.</p> <p>VMc will circulate the previous boundary against the new boundary shown in red with a programme update of the cycle route.</p> | |
| <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>1. RMac thanked everyone involved and for their continued good work.</p> | |
| <p><u>Date of next meetings</u> (Chair)</p> <p>The following meeting has been scheduled in the Council Chamber, Beeston Offices unless otherwise advised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 9 June 2023 at 10.00 am | |

MEETING CLOSED AT 11.45 AM