

**STAPLEFORD TOWN FUND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Friday 26 February 2021 at 2.00 pm**  
Broxtowe Borough Council, MS Teams Meeting

**PRESENT:**

Paul Sweeney (Vice Chair)  
Ruth Hyde  
Darren Henry MP  
Councillor Richard Jackson  
Councillor David Grindell  
Councillor Richard MacRae  
Ryan Dawson  
Councillor Teresa Needham  
John McGrath  
Sally Gill

Robert Ellis Estate Agents  
Broxtowe Borough Council  
MP for Broxtowe Borough Council  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
Broxtowe Borough Council  
Broxtowe Borough Council  
Broxtowe Borough Council  
Stapleford Town Council  
Stapleford Community  
Nottinghamshire County Council

**OBSERVERS**

Rebecca Ogden  
Phillipa Ward (notes)

Broxtowe Borough Council  
Broxtowe Borough Council

**APOLOGIES:**

Ian Jowett (Chair)  
Jeff Edwards Edwards Clegg Solicitors

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	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions (Vice Chair)</u></b></p> <p>In the absence of The Chair, The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the Virtual Board meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>Apologies of absence (RO)</u></b></p> <p>Apologies of absence were received and noted.</p>	
<p><b><u>Agree Minutes of previous Meeting (Vice Chair)</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting dated 15 January 2021 were agreed.</p>	

<p><b><u>Declarations of interest (Vice Chair)</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p><b><u>Progress update (verbal) (RO)</u></b></p> <p>There has been slight progress since the TIP was submitted on 28/01/21. Confirmation has been received and is currently in the process of being reviewed.</p> <p>It was proposed to move the stakeholder group into working groups for each of the projects and feedback to the Executive Board.</p> <p>RO has applied for more capacity funding to assist with the creation of each of the business cases.</p> <p>Once the Board has received the Heads of Terms from government and the amount of funding is known (either by end of March or after May elections) it will be necessary to decide which projects will be taken forward. We will then have up to 12 months to put FBC together.</p> <p>RO to provide a list of Executive Board Members and Stakeholder Members to DH.</p>	<p><b>RO</b></p>
<p><b><u>Review Terms of Reference (Vice Chair)</u></b></p> <p>PS referred to the Terms of Reference (ToR) which had previously been circulated by RO. He had received comments and feedback from JE who has volunteered to look at it from a legal perspective and redraft where necessary. This will then be passed to RH/RD/RO before being presented to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>MOTION: Jeff Edwards to volunteer his legal experience and capacity to review the Board's Terms of Reference and redraft before being presented to the next Stapleford Towns Fund Board meeting. Agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>Project Spend update (RO)</u></b></p> <p>All communication support work towards the TIP submission has now been paid although there will be additional work in mid-March. BakerBaird are willing to keep the momentum going by re-sharing and promoting the TIP in mid-march.</p> <p>The remaining budget will need Council approval to take the money forward for FBC and external assurance.</p> <p>JMcG suggested it might be worth DH meeting with Paul Bailey to discuss aims for youth centre, to support the forward movement of the pavilion project.</p>	

**Work programme** (RO)

RO explained that the work programme was very dependent upon the Heads of Terms for the Board to agree to take forward. If all or part funding is allocated it will be necessary to prioritise the projects first and how these will be phased.

DG would hope the majority would agree to help the youth unemployment and sport for the younger generation.

RH suggested looking for potential external sources of funding which may be available in case we do not receive all the funding we need. It will also be necessary to keep lobbying for the HS2 station at Toton for economic benefits for Stapleford which DH has been applying pressure to government. It was also important to report good news such as the Stapleford Business Hub to keep up the momentum that there is optimism for the future of the town.

PS suggested looking in to getting some boarding up around the Tiles UK site with the recently developed visuals to show the future developments of the town and how the grant monies can be given to local businesses to improve their shop frontages.

DH thought having artist's impressions of the future look of the town was a good idea. However, with regards to the announcement for the HS2 station hub at Toton, the integrated rail plan will not be known until the spring. The National Infrastructure Committee (NIC) would prefer to Connect with cities which would mean Derby or Nottingham to reach Sheffield/Leeds and the eastern leg to the Northern Powerhouse.

JMcG thought the BakerBaird video was very professional and would like to see more promotional videos showing connectivity for the outer areas with the grant money.

PS asked RH if the Covid-Recovery grant money would be administered through Broxtowe Borough Council. RH suggested a working group should be formed to set the criteria for the grant money which could be used for different schemes and tailored to the locality. It would be more prudent to allocate the money to flourishing businesses than trying to salvage failing businesses. All schemes and ideas should be brought back to the Board for approval.

TN welcomed the idea of funding different schemes as businesses have had to adapt and would like to support them with a reverse trend.

RO advised that Broxtowe Borough Council would provide the administrative support from the Economic Development team, involving legal and finance officers and Board Members to form a working group to move projects forward. RO asked if Board Members could let her know if they would wish to be involved in the working groups.

PS suggested sending out another questionnaire for the High Street and talk to businesses for their wish list. DH asked if the survey could define

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<p>whether the responses have come from the constituency or the borough. RO confirmed that the consultation would make that clearer this time. DG expressed that he was really positive about the Bid but if we did not get all or nothing what would be our Plan (b).</p> <p>RH's contingency plan would be to build on what raw materials we currently have with the help from East Midlands Development Incorporation. It might be worth speaking to Long Eaton's Towns Funding officers to see if there is any opportunity to work together, sharing skills and contacts and work in partnership with them as both are HS2 Gateway towns. RO confirmed that she had already been speaking to Erewash Borough Council officers as they have already published their list of projects on their website and would work together on the cycle network.</p> <p>RH also mentioned that RD reports to Jobs &amp; Economy Committee to show which sites are capable of being developed for regeneration opportunities. These listings show rateable property values and empty properties which could be brought back into housing rather than remaining disused.</p>	
<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Friday 9 April 2021 at 2.00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant fund award (hopefully)</li> </ul>	

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.45 PM