

# WHITBY TOWN DEAL BOARD

MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

14:00 @ WHITBY COLISEUM

## MINUTES

In attendance:

Chair Barry Harland <b>BH</b> Whitby Seafoods	Helen Jackson <b>HJ</b> NYC
Stephen Upright <b>SU</b> Community Sector	Sandra Turner <b>ST</b> Community Sector
Paul Fellows <b>PF</b> NYMNP	Richard Marr <b>RM</b> NYC
Cllr Linda Wild <b>LW</b> Community Sector	Kerry Levitt <b>KL</b> NYC
Ellis Cooper <b>EC</b> NYC	Daniel Fisher <b>DF</b> minutes NYC

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- **RM** to investigate if there is a way to minimize the number of large commercial vehicles and coaches from traveling down to the turning circle.
- **KL** to arrange monthly update meetings with members.

## 1. APOLOGIES

- RICHARD FLINTON, NYC
- NIC HARNE, NYC
- JOE REDFERN, COMMUNITY SECTOR
- CLL MARK CARNE, NYC
- ROBERT GODDWILL, MP
- ROSIE DUROSE, BEYOND HOUSING
- MATT PARSONS, ANGLO AMERICAN
- LIZ PHILPOT, MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY
- CORRINNE MACDONALD, NYC
- AMY BALL, DLUHC

## 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1. BH went through the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The minutes were agreed as a true record.

- 2.2. EC stated that some Register of Interest forms were still outstanding. DF to circulate the form with the minutes. – this is an action and needs adding to summary above

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 3.1. LW declared that she is the chair of Whitby Lobster Hatchery and has an interest in the Whitby Maritime Hub.
- 3.2. BH, LW, SU declared they were part of the Whitby Maritime Hub steering group.
- 3.3. ST declared she is involved in the running of the Eastside community centre.

### **4. HARBOURSIDE PUBLIC REALM AND PEDESTRIANISATION**

- 4.1. RM presented an update on the Harbourside Public Realm and Pedestrianisation work stating it is now in final design stage.
- 4.2. Concerns were raised regarding the logistics of the rampart, and the frequency of heavy goods vehicles using the turning circle.
- 4.3. RM stated traffic management is a key issue with the project. Stated that removal of the turning circle is unviable as this would result in vehicles having to back down the road which is a significant safety concern.
- 4.4. HJ asked if there was a way to update Google maps/satnav to show there were restrictions in place. RM stated this was a possibility.
- 4.5. LW requested clarification on if the monkey puzzle tree was going to be part of the final proposal. RM stated that although he can't rule it out, he thought it wouldn't be part of the final scheme.

### **5. OLD TOWN HALL AND MARKET PLACE**

- 5.1. KL provided an update on the Old Town Hall and Market Place project. Tenders are currently being evaluated and an award should be made towards the end of the month.
- 5.2. The community members of the board created a discussion around the public opposition regarding the steps and extension. A new artist impression is being created that will provide a more accurate interpretation of the extension. KL to take the feedback back to the Project Team for consideration but reiterated to the Board that a safe set of steps in some form with railings would need to be provided on the west elevation to mitigate the 'drop' from this side.

### **6. BROOMFIELDS FARM ECO HOMES DEVELOPMENT.**

- 6.1. KL initially provided feedback from the DLUHC on the project adjustment request process considering the upcoming general election and the potential risks. Whilst there is currently no Ministers in place, decisions on Project Adjustment Request submissions will be taken by a Senior Responsible Officer at the DLUHC provided the submission is supported by the Board. Otherwise it would have to wait for a new Minister to be appointed which would impact on timescales and may be affected by any potential changes to the Towns Fund programme.

6.2. KL presented the updates and changes on the Broomfield's Farm Project.

6.3. The number of houses had to be reduced as a result of pre-planning advice and density guidelines within the Local Plan. Electric car charging ports will be provided for every home, and the thermal retention of each property will be an improvement over the initial specification resulting in the revised scheme achieving higher CO2 savings. Unfortunately, some of the community aspects have had to be removed due to budget and management issues but the level of greenspace will remain the same due to the more spatial layout of the site.

6.4. The Board raised the matter of the Phase One development currently suffering from flooding issues. KL to feed that back to the developers of Phase Two. Questions were raised regarding a potential help to buy scheme for first time buyers and assurances that the properties would be available for local residents. The Council understands that local residents will be given priority but KL to take these questions back to the developers/Registered Social Landlord for clarification.

6.5. Vote held to accept the Project Adjustment Request for the Broomfields Farm Eco Homes project.

- **Vote on Project Adjustment Request for the Broomfields Farm Low Carbon Housing project carried unanimously on the condition that Council Officers carry out a full appraisal on the financial viability of the new scheme.**

## 7. WHITBY MARITIME HUB

7.1. EC presented an update on the Whitby Maritime Hub Project Adjustment Request.

A discussion was held by the board regarding the name of the project and removal of the word training from the title. EC explained the proposal to remove the word 'training' was to meet the Environment Agency's concerns that it will be a maritime facility that carries out training for the sector. The board recommendation the project be called "Whitby Maritime Enterprise and Training Hub". The Council will seek clarification that the name won't cause any issues with planning.

7.2. Board members expressed concern at the loss of Whitby Fishing School as a potential tenant. EC confirmed that tenant interest for the building is still high, and work is ongoing.

7.3. HJ informed the board that the outputs had been reduced to reflect the reduction in the building footprint. The reduction was due to feedback from Historic England, potential tenants and to ensure the project didn't exceed the budget.

7.4. A vote was held regarding the Project Adjustment Request for the Whitby Maritime Hub.

- **Vote on Project Adjustment Request for the Maritime Hub project carried unanimously on the condition that the word training remains in the name.**

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

- 8.1.** KL informed the board that due to the upcoming election, there are restrictions on what we can publicise and communicate to the public.
- 8.2** The planning application for the Whitby Maritime Training Hub has had significant amounts of engagement.

## **9. COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS**

- 9.1.** BH stated there was a desire from board members to be more informed more regularly about the projects than the current quarterly meetings. Discussions have been held with officers and it has been suggested that a monthly Teams meeting could be held shortly after the highlight report is circulated. This would not be held on the month of the regular board meeting. This was met favourably by board members.

**Action: KL to arrange monthly update meetings with members**

## **10. A.O.B**

- 10.1** BH stated he had been the chair of the board for 3 years now and that good governance practice would be to review his position for the good of the Town Deal process. He is going to spend some time self-reflecting then gather feedback of his performance from the Board to see if there are any lessons to be learned. Requested members think about potential feedback they could provide regarding his performance in the role.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024