

# Redcar Town Deal Board

<b>HELD AT:</b>	Via Teams	
<b>TIME &amp; DATE:</b>	25 August 2020, 10:00am	
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rosie du Rose, Beyond Housing	(RdR)
	Jason Faulkner, Redcar and Cleveland College	(JF)
	Mike Milen, Redcar and Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency	(MM)
	Darren Winter, Redcar and Cleveland Business Network (Chair)	(DW)
	Jacob Young, MP for Redcar	(JY)
	Mary Lanigan, Leader, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	(ML)
:	John Sampson, Managing Director, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	(JS)
	Alison Fellows, Tees Valley Combined Authority	(AF)
	Stella Hall, Festival of Thrift	(SH)
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Angela Brockbank, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	(AB)
	Mark Hopgood, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	(MH)
	Isabel Nicholls, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	(IN)
	Jonathan Wallace, Lichfields	(JW)
	Ross Lillico, Lichfields	(RL)
	Daniel Gregg, Lichfields	(DG)
	Cathy Russell, Ryder	(CR)
	Soo Darcy, Ryder	(SD)
	Pete Johnson, Identity Consult	(PJ)
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	John Rochford, Arriva North East	(JF)
	Malcolm Horne, Alpek Polyesters	(MH)
	Wayne Davies, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	(WD)
	Chris McDonald, Materials Processing Institute	(CM)

		<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b><u>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>	
1.1	DW welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>	
2.1	Apologies for absence were received as above.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b>	
3.1	AB requested everyone forward the circulated Declaration of Interest Forms to her or IN.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>4</b>	<b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b>	
4.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
<b>5</b>	<b><u>PROJECTS UPDATE</u></b>	
5.1	AB gave an overview of the progress to date around Cotham and the Regent Cinema. Discussions were still ongoing with Arch Co around the Central Station project. Kirkleatham was progressing now after the Covid shut down, with an operator expected to be appointed in the spring.	
<b>6</b>	<b><u>SUMMARY OF BASELINE ANALYSIS</u></b>	
6.1	JW led an overview presentation on current challenges and opportunities for Redcar.	
6.2	<p>A discussion ensued and the following points were raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private investment is not coming forward without public center involvement.</li> <li>• The larger industrial areas are not close enough to the town centre to increase footfall to local businesses.</li> <li>• There are connectivity issues, the railway line cuts the town in half.</li> <li>• Redcar is more of an industrial area so the impact of Covid has not been as significant as other areas.</li> <li>• Central Government are committed to the area including a free port following Brexit.</li> <li>• Tees Works contractor numbers are increasing which could improve over night accommodation.</li> <li>• Employment and skills going forward, we need to try to persuade employers to recruit locally. Looking to improve high level jobs.</li> <li>• Opportunities looking to harness community spirit and local groups needed to be investigated.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase engagement with groups, some looking for new spaces which they could use some of the facilities in the town centre.</li> <li>• There was potential to look at options for a range of ideas including surf schools, sport and mental health, and possibly a youth theater.</li> <li>• Connectivity was identified as a key challenge - Redcar was well connected to the national network but not locally. Rail network causes an issue around the level crossings which causes an issue. Proposals for the station will improve the appearance on arrival in town. Car parking capacity not currently an issue. Pedestrian and cycle links could be a significant asset to the town.</li> <li>• Overnight tourism is short, and accommodation is weak, standards are fairly low around 3 stars. Looking at targeting a younger section around sport activities</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b><u>SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION OUTCOMES</u></b>	
7.1	CG gave an overview of the feedback received for the consultations, looking at the key areas including place, people and connections.	
<b>8</b>	<b><u>OUTCOME OF DESIGN SPRINTS</u></b>	
8.1	CR gave an overview on the design sprint and how we can take this forward. IN would circulate the notes from the Design Sprint session.	<b>IN</b>
<b>9</b>	<b><u>CONFIRMING THE TOWN DEAL VISION</u></b>	
9.1	JW gave an overview of the draft vision statement. Board members felt that the statement could be about any town anywhere and that it needed to be clearer. It needed to be clearly defined and include the pride in the Town's history.	
9.2	It was agreed that a task and finish group would be established to confirm the vision and report back to the subsequent Board meeting.	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>NEXT STEPS</u></b>	
10.1	RL gave an overview on the requirements going forward and what we need to prepare and adhere to, to prepare the bids. going forward project proposals can be worked up ahead of the challenge session on 10 <sup>th</sup> September. MHCLG had circulated a Project Prioritisation Tool Kit which would inform the town investment plan process.  AB advised that the invitation will be sent for the challenge meeting today.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b>	
11.1	No other business was raised.	
<b>12</b>	<b><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u></b>	
12.1	The next Board meeting would take place on 2 October 10.00 - 12.00.	