

Morley Town Deal Board

Minutes

Monday 7 December 2020

10:00 – 12:30

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Councillor Lisa Mulherin	<i>Executive Member, Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development, Leeds City Council</i>
Mark Goldstone	<i>Head of Policy and Business Representation, West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce</i>
Councillor Robert Finnigan	<i>Morley Town Council</i>
Steven Foster	<i>Director, Land Securities</i>
Rebecca Greenwood	<i>Policy Officer, West Yorkshire Combined Authority</i>
Mark Harding	<i>Market Manager, Morley Market</i>
Gerald Jennings (Chair)	<i>Director, G.R. Jennings Properties Ltd</i>
Rachael Kennedy	<i>Morley Town Centre Manager</i>
Reverend Anthony Lee	<i>Leader, Morley Community Church</i>
Cameron Stephenson	<i>Constituency Office Manager, Office of Andrea Jenkyns MP (Sub)</i>
Martin Farrington	<i>Director of City Development, Leeds City Council</i>
Councillor Wyn Kidger	<i>Morley South ward member</i>
Councillor Neil Dawson	<i>Morley South ward member</i>

Apologies

Andrea Jenkyns, Member of Parliament, Morley and Outwood, Councillor Hutchinson, Morley North ward member and Dawn Ginns, Morley resident.

In Attendance

Lorraine Coates	<i>Area Lead, Leeds City Region, Cities and Local Growth Unit, BEIS/MHCLG</i>
Adam Brannen	<i>Head of Regeneration, Leeds City Council</i>
Jessica Ashton	<i>Senior Regeneration Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Daniel Broadbent	<i>Regeneration Officer, Leeds city Council</i>
Samuel Lewis	<i>Principal Regeneration Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Claire Simms	<i>Regeneration Support Officer, Leeds City Council (Minutes)</i>
Maya Bhoose	<i>Locality</i>
Niki Wolfe	<i>Wolfegang</i>

1.0 Introductions and Apologies **ACTION**

1.0 Apologies were received from Andrea Jenkyns, MP. Councillor Hutchinson and Dawn Ginns.

2.0 Declaration of Interests

2.1 No interests were declared.

3.0 Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising

3.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

4.0 The Chairs update

4.1 The Chair gave a verbal update on the positive progress made during the last few weeks. The Chair has met with Andrea Jenkyns, *Member of Parliament, Morley and Outwood*, & she confirmed that she had received positive feedback on progress from her representatives who attend the MTDB.

4.2 The Chair has also had conversations with education groups in the area about introducing an education and skills offer. These include Luminate Education Group, which used to be City College and Ruth Gorse Academy. Ruth Gorse has expressed an interest in being a formal education partner with the board. However, there are other trusts and conversations will also need to be had with them.

4.3 Sterling Capital and PLP have started the public consultation process for the proposed development in south Leeds. The Chair and Cllr Finnigan will meet with Sterling Capital and PLP the week commencing 14th December to discuss what the development means for Morley. The Chair will make the point strongly that the development needs to deliver more for Morley in terms of employment and skills.

5.0 Town Investment Plan

5.1 A verbal presentation was given on the progress of the draft TIP, timescales and next steps. The draft TIP has been circulated prior to the meeting and the board were asked for their comments.

5.2 The Chair asked why the manufacturing sector wasn't referenced in detail in the document and that it would be interesting to know what the figures in Morley were for this sector. Mott MacDonald confirmed that this is not a huge sector with the figures being around 80. There is a full list of manufactures in the report. Doors and windows and metal specialist seem to be the key source of manufacturing. The Chair asked that this connection be made in the report.

The Chair felt that climate change was not referenced enough in the document. SL will review this and check that LCC priorities such as inclusive growth etc. are reflected throughout the TIP. **SL**

6.0 Project Prioritisation and updates

6.1 A verbal presentation was given on project development and prioritisation and a brief overview of possible projects was presented. These included restoring and bringing appropriate use to the New Pavilion. Refurbishing and bringing vibrant mix use to the Town Hall. Building on the existing package of improvements at the train station. Creating a Town Square. Supporting an emerging neighbourhood economy at Morley Bottoms. Exploring potential uses for St Mary in the Woods and Siegan Manor. Building upon Greenspace in the town. Creating a new hub for digital skills for development for unemployment at the White Rose Skills and Innovation Hub and improving highways and connectivity.

6.2 The following comments were made.

Cllr Mulherin commented that improvements to the station need to include how these improvements will help connect people into the town centre from the station more clearly.

Cllr Finnigan commented that it would be positive to have a café. in the Town Hall as this would mean it would get used more. The Morley Bottoms proposals are also positive but section 215 notices would possibly need to be used to tackle uncooperative business owners.

RK asked that Morley Arts Festival be included in the conversations about the Town Hall and that the public realm and that the art space proposal be emailed to her. **JA / SL**

The Board agreed that use of the New Pavilion would be more suited to an education and skills hub rather than a cinema.

SL reiterated that the Morley Bottoms project and 'connectivity' project both do include elements addressing the station and town centre route which may not have come through in the presentation.

6.3 Morley Market was mentioned a lot in the consultation but hasn't been discussed. The Chair asked Mark Harding and Steven Foster to arrange a meeting to discuss the markets potential. **MH / SF**

7.0 Branding

7.1 Locality and Wolfgang presented the final branding for the TIP and for the continued use by key projects and partners. The feedback from the board was positive.

7.2 A local photographer has been commissioned to take photographs of Morley for the TIP. Going forward it would be good to get different groups such as schools involved via a competition element.

8.0 AOB

8.1 The presentations contain commercially sensitive information that hasn't been published so will be circulated in two batches. One that board members can use to discuss with other people outside of the board meetings and one that contains all the information for the board to review for themselves.

8.2 The Chair made the board aware that a report would be going to the Council's Executive Board meeting on 16 December and the meeting could be viewed online.

9.0 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

9.1 12th January 2020 at 16.00 – 18.00
