

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

NUNEATON TOWN DEAL BOARD

25th March, 2022

A meeting of the Town Deal Board was held on Friday, 25th March, 2022. The meeting was held virtually.

Present

Sean Farnell (CWLEP) – Chair

Present: Councillor Peter Butlin (WCC), Councillor Jeff Clarke (WCC), Councillor Clare Golby (NBBC), Jet Jones (Community Sector), Marcus Jones (MP), Uly Lyons (Education Sector), Marion Plant (Education Sector), Lindsey Randle (Local Business Sector), Les Ratcliffe (CWLEP), Alison Thompson (WCAVA), Patricia Willoughby (WMCA), Councillor Kris Wilson (NBBC).

Officers in attendance: Ian Andrew (NBBC), Wendy Bolton (NBBC), Dawn Dawson (NBBC) and Tom Hobbs (NBBC), Catherine Marks (WCC).

Apologies: Brent Davis (NBBC).

TDB124 **Chair's welcome and announcements**

The Chair welcomed Board Members to the meeting.

TDB125 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

TDB126 **Declarations of Interests**

Board Members' interests for the meeting were as set out in a Schedule of Declarations of Interests, attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED that declarations of interest be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

TDB127 **Business Case Submission**

The Programme Manager (NBBC) gave a verbal update on the status of business case submissions.

Eight business cases had been submitted to government on time and as required, following a review by CWLEP and the Assurance Panel. It was anticipated that a response would be received from government in

approximately 6-8 weeks. Following approval it was anticipated funding would be released at the beginning of June, ready for projects to commence delivery.

The Re-imaging Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery project had been merged with Parks Revival and the business case was being prepared for submission in July, as agreed with government.

Councillor Wilson notified members that at the budget meeting held on 14th February, 2022, Nuneaton and Bedworth Council approved £200k of funding to expand the NBBC regeneration team by four staff members.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the update be noted; and
- b) thanks be expressed to all those involved in business case development, assurance and submission.

TDB128 Highlights Report

The Programme Manager (NBBC) submitted a Highlight Report to update the Board on the status of the Towns Fund programme. The report detailed the overall Towns Fund programme and financial status as at March 2022, the key risks and upcoming activities. The report also provided a status update on each individual Towns Fund project.

The impact and mitigation of increasing energy and inflation costs on project delivery was considered. It was agreed that early engagement with contractors was to be encouraged where possible.

A funding profile had been agreed with government; funding would come from government to NBBC who would then transfer funds out to projects. A funding agreement had been put in place to enable funds to be transferred to Warwickshire County Council.

The Programme Manager confirmed that the Finance team and KPMG were looking at the issue of VAT.

RESOLVED that

- a) that the contents of the highlight report be noted; and
- b) once agreed the Programme Manager to confirm the VAT arrangements with projects.

TDB129 Communications and Engagement Plan

The Programme Manager (NBBC), submitted an updated rolling masterplan of Towns Fund Communications and Engagement, for information. The live document detailed anticipated communication and engagement opportunities for specific projects. An officer group had been established to monitor the delivery of the plan.

An additional piece of work would be undertaken to highlight the submission of project business cases, the progress made to the delivery phase of the programme, and how as a package the programme linked to the wider activities in the town centre.

Given the timing of a recent announcement by the Department of Transport, the Chair also suggested that the EV Charging point project also be highlighted in communications.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the rolling masterplan be noted; and
- b) the two additional items above be added to the plan.

TDB130 Any Other Business

None

TDB131 Exclusion of the Public and Press

None in attendance.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

TDB132 Risk Register

The Programme Manager (NBBC) submitted an updated Programme Risk Register. The Board considered specific risks raised by the updated register.

RESOLVED that the contents of the Risk Register be noted.

SCHEDULE OF DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - TOWN DEAL BOARD

Name of Board Member	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
Amanda Bourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Director, FindaBiz Ltd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair, Nuneaton BID Steering Group • Secretary, Nuneaton Business Alliance • FSB Representative Nuneaton and Bedworth • Representative Warwickshire Town Forum 	
Councillor Peter Butlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Member: Warwickshire County Council 	<p>Appointed to the following outside bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) • Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) Management Committee • Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation - Finance and Audit Sub-Committee • Local Government Association (LGA) • Local Government Association County Councils Network (CCN) • Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum 	
Councillor Jeffrey Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Caseworker, Office of Marcus Jones MP • Elected Member Warwickshire County Council – Cabinet Member for Transport and Planning • Owner of a property in Nuneaton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman A5 Partnership • Member A46 Partnership • Coventry Station Masterplan Partnership/ Knuckle Board • Executive Member Nuneaton Conservative Association 	
Sean Farnell FCA (Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burgis & Bullock, Chartered Accountants • Burgis & Bullock Management Ltd (dormant) • Burgis & Bullock Ltd (dormant) • CCWP Ltd (dormant) • Burgis & Bullock (Audit) Ltd (dormant) • Burgis & Bullock Corporate Finance Ltd • BB-BMG Limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry & Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust Ltd • Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd • Growth Hub Business Solutions Ltd 	
Councillor C. Golby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPT Administration Manager, Galliford Try • Elected Member of Warwickshire County Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bermuda Bridge Action Group • Bermuda Phoenix Community Centre Management <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse: employed by RS Components 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee • District Leaders • Local Enterprise Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • NBBC representative on the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • NBBC representative on George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • 	
Jet Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Regeneration and Community Transformation of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Church of England. • CEO of Together for Change - Together for Change lease Saints, Nuneaton • Director Renovate Solutions Ltd • Spouse/Partner: Director of Renovate Solutions Ltd • Funeral celebrant/minister – self-employed and contracted via Devalls Funeral Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nexus ICA 	
Marcus Jones MP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Parliament for Nuneaton • HM Government Whip • Lessee: 13-17 Hollybush House, Nuneaton • Owner of a property in Nuneaton • Spouse/Partner: e-ppl, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patron of Mary Ann Evans Hospice • Honorary Member of Nuneaton Rotary Club 	
Ulysses Lyons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO, Better Futures Multi Academy Trust 		
Jenni Northcote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust - Director of Strategy, Service Improvement and Primary Care • NHS Warwickshire North and NHS Coventry & Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group - Chief Strategy & Primary Care Officer WNCCG & CRCCG 		

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Marion Plant (Vice-Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal & Chief Executive, North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College • North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College Property/land • Nuneaton academies within the Midlands Academies Trust: Hartshill School, The Nuneaton Academy and George Eliot School • Long lease for part of the site from Warwickshire County Council for The Nuneaton Academy • Spouse/Partner: Relations Relations Manager, Christian Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Officer, The Midland Academies Trust • Director, South Leicestershire Colleges Enterprises Ltd • Director, NWHC Services Ltd • Director, The Learning Chain Ltd • Director, Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd • Director, The Skills Show Ltd • Director & Deputy Chair, Worldskills UK • Board Member, National Society Council, Church of England • Member, Colleges West Midlands • Member, Skills Advisory Panel, WMCA • Programme Board Member, Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd • Member, ESFA Skills Advisory Group • Governor & Chair of Academic Affairs Committee, Coventry University 	
Lindsey Randle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIRA • Spouse/Partner: MIRA • Owner of a property in Hartshill 		
Les Ratcliffe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Director - Community Engagement Limited • Director - Engineering in Motion Ltd. • Non Executive Director - Verity Housing • Spouse/Partner: Director Community Engagement Ltd. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Coventry & Warwickshire Place Board • Board Member – CWLEP Growth HUB • Deputy Lieutenant – West Midlands Lieutenancy • Board Member – Coventry & Warwickshire NSPCC Business Group 	
Alison Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Manager, Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action • WCAVA NBBC Lease Newtown Centre • Service Level Agreement between WCAVA and NBBC for services to support the voluntary and community sector • Leases: Newtown Centre, Newtown Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4HG and 1 Donnithorne Avenue, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee, Milby Nursery and Kids Club 	

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	Nuneaton, CV10 7AF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse/Partner: A-Dec Dental UK Ltd • Owner of a property in Nuneaton 		
Councillor C.M. Watkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord of a privately rented property 	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
Councillor K. Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Delivery Manager HMCTS – Nuneaton & Warwick County Courts • Elected Member of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council • Election Expenses Paid By Nuneaton Conservative Association • HMCTS has a lease With The Warwickshire Police And Crime Commissioner for the Warwickshire Justice Centre • As Deputy Chairman Of Nuneaton Conservatives we have a lease to occupy an office at Hollybush House, Bond Gate, Nuneaton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Of Nuneaton And Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd • Representative on Transforming Nuneaton Board • Deputy Chairman Of Nuneaton Conservative Association 	
Patricia Willoughby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Policy (Housing & Regeneration), West Midlands Combined Authority • Spouse: Director, Process Technique Ltd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolverhampton Town Fund Board 	