

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

NUNEATON TOWN DEAL BOARD

21st February, 2020

A meeting of the Nuneaton Town Deal Board was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Friday, 21st February, 2020.

Present

Sean Farnell (CWLEP) – Chair

Amanda Bourne (Local SME Business Sector), Councillor Jeff Clarke (WCC), Councillor Julie Jackson (NBBC), Jet Jones (Community Sector), Marcus Jones, (MP), Jose Lopes (Substitute for Dr Julie Nugent WMCA), Uly Lyons (Education Sector), Councillor Neil Phillips (NBBC), Les Ratcliffe (CWLEP), Adrian Stokes (Health Sector), Alison Thompson (WCAVA) and Councillor Kris Wilson (NBBC).

Apologies: Dr Julie Nugent (WMCA), Councillor Bill Olnier (WCC), Marion Plant (Education Sector) and Lindsey Randle (MIRA).

TDB09 Chair's welcome and announcements

TDB10 Minutes – to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January, 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January, 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

TDB11 Declarations of Interests

Board Member interests for the meeting were set out in a Schedule of Declarations of Interests.

RESOLVED that

- a) all outstanding Declarations of Interest forms but submitted to the Committee Services Officer as soon as possible; and
- b) the Declarations of Interest are as set out in the Schedule, as amended, and attached to these minutes.

TDB12 Potential Benefits of 5G

A presentation was made to the Board by Robert Franks, Managing Director, West Midlands 5G Limited.

The presentation sought to cover in detail the following three issues:

1. What is 5G and what benefits can it deliver.
2. Why does WM5G exist and what are our plans and progress.
3. How can Nuneaton and Bedworth benefit for its Town Deal.

The following three potential collaboration opportunities were presented to the Board:

1. Accelerating 5G and Fibre Networks: Making deployment easier via barrier busting.
2. 5G Transport: Collaborate to test, prove and scale new transport management solutions.
3. 5G Skills and SMEs: Encourage Nuneaton businesses to participate in the 5 G Accelerator.

Board members were invited to attend the launch of the Coventry and Warwick 5G Accelerator.

The Board considered further the following matters:

- upgrading of existing 4G sites and wider fibre rollout
- barrier busting;
- skills gap – training and upskilling – priorities being engineers, coding, software;
- attracting investment for service provision to residential consumers;
- Industrial and Business Parks a priority for capital funding;
- the development of private 5G networks;
- innovation and creativity – SMEs, colleges and schools, funding for a youth programme;
- laying cables during new building construction and at the same time as road works/highways developments are carried out;
- the benefits to businesses of developing a “Kite Mark” type 5G connectivity standard for new commercial properties.

RESOLVED that

- a) once determined, details of the date and location of the Coventry and Warwick 5G Accelerator be provided to the Board; and
- b) a localised Connected Map for Nuneaton be provided to the Director – Housing, Communities and Economic Development, along with the relevant officers at Warwickshire County Council.

TDB13

Communications and Community Engagement

The Director – Housing, Communities and Economic Development, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, submitted a report seeking the Board’s approval to the proposed approach to develop and implement a Communications and Engagement Strategy, as set out in Section 4 of the report.

The Board was informed that the Communications and Community Engagement Toolkit for Town Deal Boards, as detailed in the Town Fund prospectus under paragraph 2.11, was still under development by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The Chair expressed his concern that the Board had been

asked to produce an Investment Plan within a short time frame without being provided with the required guidance from Government.

It was proposed that a minimum six week period of consultation would commence at the end of March, with a view to providing results to the Board at its meeting scheduled for 15th May, 2020.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Board approved the proposed approach to implement a Communications and Engagement Strategy, as detailed in the report;
- b) the list of main key stakeholder groups, as detailed at paragraph 4.1 of the report, be amended to include education providers; and
- c) a further report be brought to the next meeting of the Board, providing more detailed information regarding the consultation exercise.

TDB14 Highways and Flood Relief

A presentation was made to the Board by Vicki Barnard, Manager, Infrastructure and Sustainable Communities, Warwickshire County Council, on behalf of Daniel Cresswell, Development Management Engineer, Warwickshire County Council.

The presentation set out the current Highways issues, detailed the mitigation measures in regards to seven existing junctions in the town and provided information on a proposed Public Transport Strategy.

RESOLVED that

- a) that the contents of the presentation be noted; and
- b) a report on Flood Alleviation be added to the Board's Work Programme.

TDB15 Work Programme

A draft Work Programme was presented to the Board for approval.

The following amendments to the Programme were proposed:

- Flood Alleviation be added to the Programme for March 2020.
- Health be rescheduled to April 2020.
- Education and Training be rescheduled to May 2020.
- Consultation Feedback be added to the Programme for May 2020.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Work Programme be approved, as amended above; and

- b) a close working relationship be pursued between the Town Deal Board and the Transforming Nuneaton Board.

TDB16 Any Other Business

The Chair announced that he had invited Marion Plant to take up the position of Vice-Chair of the Nuneaton Town Deal Board and that Marion had accepted the role.

TDB17 Date and time of the next meeting

Friday, 13th March, 2020 – 10.00 am – Venue: Saints, Newdegate Street, Nuneaton.

(Chair)

Schedule of Declarations of Interests

TOWN DEAL BOARD

Name of Board Member	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
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	<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 • BBMG Limited • Coventry & Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust Limited • Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Limited • Growth Hub Business Solutions Limited • Spouse/Partner: DHL Logistics • Gethin House, Bond Street, Nuneaton 		
Jet Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocese of Coventry, Together for Change (including Saints Nuneaton) • Director Renovate Solutions Ltd • Spouse/Partner: Renovate Solutions Ltd and All Nations Church, Wolverhampton • Together for Change lease Saints, Nuneaton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nexus ICA • All Nations Church, Wolverhampton • Education Strategy Board for NBBC 	
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patron of Mary Ann Evans Hospice • Honorary Member of Nuneaton Rotary Club 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse/Partner: e-ppl, 		
Ulysses Lyons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO, Better Futures Multi Academy Trust 		
Lindsey Randle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIRA • Spouse/Partner: MIRA • Owner of a property in Hartshill 		
Alison Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Manager, Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action • WCAVA NBBC Lease Newtown Centre • Spouse/Partner: Stores Supervisor, A-Dec Dental UK Ltd • Owner of a property in Nuneaton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Milby Nursery and Kids Club 	
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 	