



Camborne Town Deal Board

Date: Thursday 16th November 2020

Time: 1.30-3.30 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Chaired by: Anna Pascoe (AP)

Attendance:

Chair: Anna Pascoe

Vice-Chair: Rose Hitchens-Todd (RHT)

Co-ordinator: Len Smith (LS)

Partner Group Chairs: Communications & Engagement: Sue Bradbury (SB); Creativity: Tonia Lu (TL); Prosperity: Justin Olosunde (JO – joined at 1.36); Vision: Charlotte Caldwell (CC)

Business and Community representatives: Val Dalley (VD), Rose Goodship (RG), Zoe Hall (ZH)

Camborne Town Council: Cllr Trevor Dalley (TD), Samantha Hughes (SH)

Cornwall Councillors: Cllr David Atherfold (DA – left at 2.33pm), Cllr John Herd (JH)

Cornwall Council Officers: Beth Briggs (BB – Towns Fund Support Officer), Matthew Brown (MB – Strategic Planning Manager, left at 2.57pm), Glenn Caplin-Grey (GCG – Service Director for Economic Growth), Phill Woods (PW – Place and Regeneration Manager),

Local Enterprise Partnership: Mark Duddridge (MD)

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Apologies**

Action

- Apologies: George Eustice MP (GE), John Herd (JH), Paul White (PWh).
- AP noted that GCG would attend the meeting where possible but had other urgent business to attend to.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- LS shared the list of projects to be discussed during the meeting and noted that these conflicted Members would be required to leave the meeting.
- PW advised that Cornwall Council officers/Members had routinely removed themselves from the meeting during items where Cornwall Council would be the applicant.
- JO proposed that Officers/Members' input was important in these projects and that, due to the fact they were not directly conflicted, they should be permitted to stay. The Board endorsed this position as related to the Buzz Station and Life Cycle Camborne.
- Declarations for other projects as follows:
 - A-Void – AP and SB
 - BID Life Cycle – AP and SB
 - Youth Café – CC
 - Gerry Park – RHT, SH, TD, VD, DA
 - Digital Dimension – AP, SB, RHT
 - Fibre Park – JO
 - Healthy Town – AP
 - Preventing Pills and Ills – RHT. AP noted that BID Camborne had written a letter of support for a previous application, and therefore for transparency would remove herself for this item.
 - Food & Farming – JO
 - Coastline – AP
 - Crafts Hub – VD, TD
 - Carn Brea – MB
 - Station Road – GCG, MB, CC, DA, PW, PD, ZH

5. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

- It was proposed by DA, seconded by VD and agreed by the Board that the minutes of the meeting held on were an accurate record.

6. **Project prioritisation and shortlisting – to receive Scoring Panel recommendations and agree shortlist**

- LS noted that all projects had been scored using the criteria previously agreed by the Board. The scoring panel (those members without a conflict on any project) scored individually then came together to discuss scores. Projects were then ranked as either 1 (to include in TIP), 2 (reserve list) or 3 (recommended not to include).
- Members then discussed each project in turn:
- **Buzz Station** – Recommendation rank 1
- There was consensus that that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- **A-Void phase 2** – Recommendation rank 1
- AP and SB left the meeting at 1.50pm
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- AP and SB re-joined the meeting at 1.52pm
- **Life Cycle Camborne** – Recommendation rank 1
- A query was raised over disabled parking and access. JO advised that extensive feasibility work was required and that this consideration was at the forefront of considerations.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- **BID Life Cycle** – Recommendation rank 1
- AP left the meeting at 1.56pm
- There was concern among Members around the sustainability of the project and how distribution of bikes would be managed and administered.
- Concerns over safety and security were also considered.
- Members felt that it was a good fit with the previous projects but needed more working up in terms of approach. It was felt that the blanket approach to giving every young person a bike might not be appropriate and a grant approach would be preferable, possibly enabling the project to last a number of years.
- JO suggested that due diligence was required and we should ensure that the technology for tracking the bikes is considered.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- AP re-joined the meeting at 2.03pm
- **Youth Café** – Recommendation rank 1

- CC left the meeting at 2.03pm
- Members considered the long-term sustainability of the project.
- LS advised his understanding was that there would be an ongoing pursuit of revenue grant funding.
- There was consideration of the wider fit of this with the Buzz Station project.
- Inclusion of young people in the TIP was viewed as important.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
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- CC re-joined the meeting at 2.07pm
- **Gerry Park** – Recommendation rank 1
- RHT, SH, TD, VD, DA, JH, PW left the meeting at 2.07pm
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- **Digital Dimension** – Recommendation rank 2
- AP left the meeting at 2.08pm
- JO noted his concern that a physical site was required for delivery of online content and would like this addressed before any revision of scoring.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project not be included in the TIP at this time.
- **Healthy Town** – Recommendation rank 2
- Members felt that other funding streams had been, and could be, utilised for these works and that it was not appropriate for this fund.
- Members agreed that this project be moved from rank 2 to rank 3.
- **Relocation of Coastline services** – Recommendation rank 3
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project not be included in the TIP.
- AP re-joined the meeting at 2.21pm
- **Fibre Park** – Recommendation rank 1
- JO left the meeting at 2.21pm
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- **Food and Farming Hub** – Recommendation rank 1
- Members noted the current demand for allotments.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- **Community Sports Pitch** – Recommendation rank 2

- Members were disappointed that this project had been ranked 2 rather than 1, noting versatility across a variety of sports.
- LS noted that it was within a point of the next project on the list, and there was a case for reviewing.
- Members felt this was a strong community asset and should be supported. It was noted that their ask being relatively low it may fit within the £25m threshold.
- There was consensus that this project be promoted to rank 1 and considered for inclusion in the TIP, pending outcome of discussion on other projects through the meeting, it being noted that this may not be the only project Members wished to regrade.
- **Renovating Recreation Ground** – Recommendation rank 2
- RHT queried whether it would be appropriate for this project to apply for a Project A-Void grant.
- It was noted it would be eligible but would use a significant proportion of that fund.
- LS noted that this proposal was closely linked to the new sports pitch discussed above, but the proposer had opted to submit two separate proposals and this one had scored slightly lower due to the lack of perceived community value.
- Members discussed the possibility of offering them a lower sum than requested, encouraging them to seek match funding to achieve the total sum required.
- There was consensus that this project be considered for inclusion in the TIP, pending outcome of discussion with proposers as to combined offer for both this and the sports pitch project, and achievability of match funding with a reduced funding offer.
- **North Roskear, Tuckingmill** – Recommendation rank 2
- Members considered there were other funding streams available for this type of project.
- Members also noted that this project may not be appropriate for the Town Deal, which had a main purpose of regenerating the town centre so this did not fit well with the vision.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project not be included in the TIP at this time.
- **Urban Village** – Recommendation rank 3
- Members noted the merits of this project and potential local benefits but there was concern over the fit with the Board vision and TIP.

- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project not be included in the TIP at this time.
- **Man Engine** – Recommendation rank 3
- Members felt that this was not a good fit for the TIP, and would not offer the outputs being sought by Government.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be not be included in the TIP at this time.
- **Preventing Pills and Ills** – Recommendation rank 3
- RHT and AP left the meeting at 2.50pm
- LS noted the merits of this project, but the scoring panel consensus was that this did not fit the criteria and did not address outcomes. The scoring panel had concerns over the viability of the project.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project not be included in the TIP at this time.
- RHT and AP re-joined the meeting at 2.53pm
- **Donald Thomas Centre** – Recommendation rank 1
- TD and VD left the meeting at 2.53pm
- LS noted that this and the next project were closely related, and one would not be viable without the other.
- ZH queried the delivery body of this project and LS confirmed that an applicant had now been identified.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- **Craft Hub** – Recommendation rank 1
- It was noted that this was the second stage of the above project.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- TD and VD re-joined the meeting at 2.59pm.
- **Carn Brea** – Recommendation rank 3
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project not be included in the TIP.
- **Station Road** – Recommendation rank 2
- PW, CC, ZH left the meeting at 3.01pm.
- VD noted that this project was not a good fit with the Town Deal and felt that it should be ranked 3 rather than 2.
- There was consensus that the scoring panel recommendation be endorsed, and this project be included in the TIP.
- PW, CC and ZH re-joined the meeting at 3.03pm.
- General points:

- It was noted that the response to applicants needed to be thought about carefully to ensure it was reflected that the list may still change based on further development of projects agreed for inclusion.
- It was noted that due diligence was required on projects to go forward.
- It was also noted that the Board needed to consider how the ambitions of projects that did not ultimately make the list be reflected and recognised within the TIP and wider vision for the town.

14. **Any other business**

- PW noted thanks to Members for undertaking the complex scoring and virtual meeting process.
- PW also noted that the projects agreed needed to link together and a narrative provided to demonstrate their fit with the Towns Fund fit.
- LS noted that he would circulate a revised list of projects following discussion.
- It was noted that the numbers against projects were likely to change as projects were further developed.
- PW noted that the internal sign off process was being finalised, and that a BCR was required as part of that process. In order to conduct a BCR, the list of projects was required.

15. **Date and time of next meeting**

- Thursday 26th November, 9.00-11.00am.