



Camborne Town Deal Board

Date: Monday 13th December 2021

Time: 3.30pm-5.30pm

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Chaired by: Val Dalley

Attendance:

Chair: Val Dalley (VD)

Vice-Chair: John Cosgrove (JC)

Business and Community representatives: Trevor Dalley (TD), Mark Duddridge (MD), Rose Goodship (RG), Amanda Hall (AH), Angela Hatherell (AHa), Louise Hinds (LH), Tonia Lu (TL), Anna Pascoe (AP – left 5.07pm)

Camborne Town Council: David Atherfold (DA), Zoe Fox (ZF), Rose Hitchens-Todd (RHT)

Cornwall Councillors: Philip Desmonde (PD – left 5.06pm), John Morgan (JM), Stephen Rushworth (joined 3.43pm)

Cornwall Council Officers: Jarrod Barter (Town Deal Administrator - left 5.00pm), Matthew Brown (MB – Strategic Planning Manager, joined 3.54pm), Melissa Burrow (Town Deal Commissioning Officer), Sarah Corbett (SC – Towns Fund Support Officer), Charlotte Caldwell (CC – Communities Link Officer), Emily Kent (EK – Head of Economy, Skills and Culture), Phill Woods (PW – Place and Regeneration Manager, left 4.28pm)

Member of Parliament: Archie Aziz (AA, subs for GE)

Non-voting Members/observers: Raoul Humphries (RH, Headforwards Solutions – presenting. Joined 3.37pm and left 4.30pm)

Minutes

Action

1. **Consent of all present to record meeting**
 - Unanimous consent to record meeting.
2. **Welcome and Introductions**

- The Chair welcomed the Board.

3. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr John Morgan (JM) and Samantha Hughes (SH – Camborne Town Council), Rose Hitchens-Todd (RHT – to join for part of meeting), Phill Woods (PW – Place and Regeneration Manager, Cornwall Council, to leave early), Anna Pascoe (to leave at 5pm), George Eustice MP (GE), Claire Hurley (CH – Town Deal Delivery Manager, Cornwall Council)

4. Declarations of Interest

- VD declared an interest in the Donald Thomas Centre, It's Possible Camborne CIC and Camborne Community Centre
- DA declared an interest in West Cornwall Works CIC
- CC declared an interest in Youth Cafes Cornwall CIC
- AH declared an interest in It's Possible Camborne CIC
- AHa declared an interest in Camborne Contemporary Crafts Hub and Create CIC
- AP declared an interest in Camborne BID
- ZF declared an interest in Camborne Town Council

5. Minutes of the last meeting and action tracker

- The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2021 were agreed by the Board as an accurate record. VD proposed that the minutes be accepted, JC seconded and all were in favour.
- The action tracker was noted, all actions had been completed.

6. Town Deal Project Lead Presentations

Camborne Contemporary Crafts Hub

- AHa talked through her presentation about the Contemporary Craft Hub project. A copy of the presentation has been circulated with the minutes.
- A discussion followed in which AHa confirmed that surveys had been completed and further work to make the building watertight was to be done. Regarding inclusion, they were running a number of courses to focused on wellbeing, offered a free place on each commercial course and were working with the college to involve people who would not normally go into further education.

Fibre Park 2

- RH gave a presentation about the Fibre Park 2 project.
- **ACTION 1:** Fibre Park presentation to be circulated to the Board
- In the discussion that followed, RH advised that the Fibre Park would bring good jobs to the area and they were in discussion with interested

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businesses. The project also saw local education organisations as an important partner and planned to make space available to them within the building.

7. **Former Buzz Station (Camborne Town Centre project)**

- MB gave an update on work to repurpose funding for this project, with further feedback to follow at the next meeting.
- A project team had been formed and the first of three workshops had been held on 29/11/21.
- The team was reviewing potential options, with reference to the spatial strategy, and aimed to return to the Board by the end of January 2022 with a set of preferred buildings, sites and uses and a firmer position on who would operate the projects. Business plans could then be developed.
- Concerns were raised about the short timeframe and lack of progress on delivering the revised projects. These concerns were acknowledged but it was noted that the process had been agreed by the Board and should result in a robust set of projects. In addition, the Programme Management Office (PMO) had begun discussions with Government to extend the deadline for submitting the project's business case.

7a. **It's Possible Camborne CIC**

- RHT presented a proposal from It's Possible Camborne CIC for it to become the Board's primary revenue generating partner. The CIC would bid for, generate and distribute funding for revenue activity that would assist future occupants and users of the spaces created with Town Deal capital funding.
- The proposal also included that Board members be nominated to join It's Possible Camborne, there should be regular updates from It's Possible Camborne to the Board and a strategic working party should be formed.
- The Board discussed the proposal, including how it would fit with governance arrangements.
- AP felt that additional information should be provided to the board before the proposal was voted on and that an open tender process should be used.
- However, as the arrangement with It's Possible Camborne would not be exclusive the board were content to vote on the matter.
- Those with an interest in It's Possible Camborne abstained. AP had left the meeting and did not participate in the vote.
- VD proposed that the Board accept the proposal and all present were in favour.

8. PMO Update

- CH advised the Board that projects were making good progress and no significant risks had been reported by Mutual Ventures who would be increasing their work and getting updates from projects fortnightly.
- The report on Maturing Risks and professional opinion from MWJV had been circulated with the agenda pack.
- CH talked through the report and the approaches available to the Board to manage increasing project costs.
- The report recommended that rather than assessing projects' business cases on a rolling basis the Board hold an extra meeting in April and assess them all together so the programme could be reviewed as a whole and, if necessary, decisions could be made on scaling back or rejecting projects to fit the available funding.
- VD proposed that the Board accept the recommendation and all were in favour.
- **ACTION 2:** PMO to arrange date for additional meeting(s) in April.

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9. Comms Sub Group Update

- RG reported that Sue Bradbury PR had developed a press release about Camborne Contemporary Craft Hub which had received positive feedback and led to a radio interview with AHa.
- RHT was exploring the next steps with the Deal Makers.
- A communications and marketing brief had been drafted and the budget for communications across the programme period was being developed.

10. Items for next agenda

- Park Gerry
- Life Cycle Camborne
- Renovating the Rec

11. Any other business

- AHa and ZF were selected as reps for It's Possible Camborne CIC, as agreed under Item 7a.
- VD asked for volunteers to man the Town Deal stand at the Expo to be held at Cornwall College on 1/4/22, then at Camborne Community Centre and Redruth Community centre from 5th – 8th April. ZF put herself forward.
- **ACTION 3:** Board members to let VD or CC know if they can volunteer.
- TD advised that the Town Deal would have a stand at an event being held on 30th April, in advance of Trevithick Day, focusing on high tech industries and volunteers might be needed.

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

- 7th February 2022, 3.30-5.30pm

13 **Items for information**

- The documents included in the agenda pack were noted.

Meeting ended 5.35pm