

Minutes

Meeting Title: Truro Town Deal Board – extraordinary meeting

Date: 27th April 2022

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chaired by: Alan Stanhope (AS)

Attendees: Voting Members: Phil Allen (PA), Bert Biscoe (BB), David Harris (DH), Alun Jones (AJ), Nigel King (NK), Nigel Knuckey (NK), Jack Pentecost (subs for Cherilyn Mackrory MP), Loic Rich (LR), Carole Theobald (CT), David Walrond (DW).

Officers: Gareth Beer (GB), Glenn Caplin-Grey (GCG), Sarah Corbett (SC), Claire Hurley (CH), Aureore Parkin (AP), Phillip Woods (PW), Helen Nicholson (HN), Melissa Burrow (MB), Rachel Picken (RP), Jarrod Barter (JB)

Apologies: Rachel Hammond (RH), Nick Seaton-Burridge (NSB), Chris Wells (CW), Cherilyn Mackrory (CM)

1 Consent of all present to record meeting

- All present consented to the meeting being recorded for the purpose of assisting with minute production.

2 Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies noted above.
- The Chair welcomed Gareth Beer who had recently joined Cornwall Council from Cornwall Development Company and taken over some of Iain Mackelworth's responsibilities.

3 Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest

- NK declared an interest in Old Bakery Studios and Richmond House.
- PA declared an interest as a member of Truro Boating Association.
- BB declared an interest as a member of Truro City Council.

4 Programme business case review

- A workshop had been held that morning for Truro Town Deal Board members to discuss the Town Deal projects in detail. The Chair shared the key points from that meeting for the benefit of those who could not attend.
- A report summarising the project appraisals, reviewing the Truro Town Deal programme and making recommendations had been circulated before the meeting.

- Since the cost of projects exceeded the funding available the report made two recommendations as to how funding allocations could be revised. The options were as follows:
- Option 1 proposed moving the lifting bridge and its funding from Green Transport to THLQ, and, in addition, moving Old Bakery Studios (OBS) to New Life for City Buildings (NLCB), leaving its funding under THLQ.
- Option 2 proposed all of Option 1 plus removing The Hive from the programme so its funding could be reallocated to THLQ.
- The board discussed the options and it was noted that The Hive made a strong contribution to the programme's outputs, but it was not clear to what extent those outputs could be picked up by THLQ if The Hive was taken out of the programme. Further information was needed regarding the value for money and outputs THLQ could provide before a final decision could be made.
- **ACTION 1:** CH to revisit the cost plan for Truro Harbour and Lemon Quay, including dredging costs, as a priority in order to remove some uncertainty around project costs.
- Alternative ways to allocate the funding were discussed and a board member queried how much of the £3m match funding sought by the Community Hub had been secured.
- **ACTION 2:** CH to find out how much match funding the Community Hub project has secured.
- A question was raised about the governance of NLCB if Old Bakery Studios were to be added as OBS would not have gone through the same selection process as other projects. The board was advised that Old Bakery Studios would already meet the strategic fit criteria, but would have to meet all other criteria in the same way as other NLCB projects.
- It was also noted that NLCB's governance model had been agreed by Truro City Council and adding Old Bakery Studios might mean changing it.
- **ACTION 3:** CH to speak with NLCB about moving Old Bakery Studios to NLCB as a pipeline project.
- The consensus was that the board would accept Option 1 and hold Option 2 in reserve if needed. The final decision would be made at the June meeting.
- The board decided to amend the wording of the recommendation on p7 of the Truro Programme Report to read (additional words in italics): "The board accepts the option 1 approach *in principle* as an essential minimum to rebalance the overall programme. *Should further issues arise as a result of further work on the programme we will revisit it.*"
- The board then voted in favour of Option 1. NK abstained due to a conflict of interests. It was agreed that the whole programme as Option 1 would go forward to Internal Assurance.

5 AOB

- None

6 Date of Next Meeting

- The board agreed to cancel the meeting on 5th May as it was not needed.
- **ACTION 4:** SC to cancel meeting on 5th May 2022.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th June 2022, 3.00-5.00pm.

Meeting ended: 4.56pm