

**Workington Towns Deal Board Meeting
Friday 19 November 2021
Draft Minutes**

The meeting was held via MS Teams.

Attendance

Board Members

Cllr Alan Barry	Cumbria County Council
Valerie Hallard	Churches Together
Mark Jenkinson	MP for Workington
Bridget Johns	Cumbria CVS
Cllr Mike Johnson	Allerdale Borough Council
Jo Lappin	Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership
Chris Nattress	Lakes College
Tom Nuttall	Sovereign Centros
Anthony Wareing	Workington Heritage Group

Officers/Support

Michael Barry	Cumbria County Council
Kevin Kerrigan	Allerdale Borough Council
Brittany Mason	CLGU
Francesca Robinson	Allerdale Borough Council
Lizzy Shaw	Cumbria County Council

1. Apologies

John Coughlan, Catherine Gourlay, Cllr Mike Heaslip, Cllr Paul Scott, Jonny Lowe, Jack Gordon, David Taylor, Rosie Jenkins, Catherine Nicholson.

In the absence of the John Coughlan the meeting was chaired by Cllr Mike Johnson.

KK advised that he had met with Rosie Jenkins (CLGU) who is shortly to commence maternity leave and was unable to attend today's meeting but wished to pass on her thanks to the Board. Brittany Mason will be representing CLGU at future meetings.

The Board asked that a note be sent to Rosie thanking her for her support through the Town Deal process.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Actions

The board agreed the minutes of the last meeting (22 October 2021)

3. Projects Update

A project update had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

In relation to the Port of Workington/Oldside Project, Jo Lappin asked who was leading the project in terms of chairing the Project Steering Group. Michael Barry confirmed CCC were chairing the steering group but that CCC and ABC were working collaboratively to produce a business case for the project which extended across land owned by both Councils.

In relation to the Public Realm and Connectivity Project Michael Barry gave a short presentation detailing the options being considered as part of the business case development and noting that Washington Street was being considered as an option for inclusion in the project.

In relation to the Digital accelerator project Jo Lappin indicated it would be helpful to understand whether there is a potential link with the STEP programme. Chris Nattress agreed to meet with Jo to discuss the planned project.

In relation to the Innovation Centre project Jo Lappin commented that it is important that the business case demonstrates the demand for the proposed facility and also indicated it would be helpful to understand whether there is a potential link with the STEP programme. KK confirmed he would ask SQW who are supporting the development of the business case to meet with Jo to discuss.

In relation to the Sports Village project it was noted that the availability of match funding remained a significant issue for this project and that work is ongoing to address this issue.

Meeting ended 3.06pm