



## Workington Town Deal Board

13 February 2026, 14:00 – 16:00

MS Teams

### Minutes

Actions	Owner/Date

Decisions	Owner

No.	Item
1	<p><b>Welcome and introductions / apologies / declarations of interest.</b></p> <p><u>In attendance</u> John Coughlan (JC), Michael Heaslip (MH), Mike Renouf (MR), Mark Fell (MF), David Taylor (DT), Denise Rollo (DR), Ellie Richardson (ER), Robert Docherty (RD), Liz Fitzsimons (LF), Debbie Kavanagh (DK), Steven Counce (SC), Steven Robinson (SR).</p> <p>Mark Fell is a new member on the board, replacing Chris Nattress as the representative for Lakes College.</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Anthony Wareing, Cllr Barbara Cannon.</p> <p><u>Conflict of Interests</u> Returned conflict of interest declarations from board members were circulated as part of the Agenda Pack for transparency and will be uploaded to the Workington Town Deal Board webpage.</p>
2	<p><b>Review of previous minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes from the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were ratified by the board. The minutes will now be uploaded to the webpage.</p>
3	<p><b>Quarter 3 Programme Performance &amp; Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>DK presented the report which was had been circulated with the board in the Agenda Pack in advance of the meeting. The report covers the period 1 October to 31 December 2025.</p> <p><u>Public Realm &amp; Connectivity</u> - red 'delivery' RAG – Initial delays experienced to start date due to design delays. 12 months behind but works are underway to complete by March 2026.</p> <p><u>Sports Village</u> – red 'spend' RAG – expenditure profile under review to ensure funding will be committed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.</p> <p><u>Innovation Centre</u> – dark orange delivery RAG – project delayed but it scheduled for completion 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.</p> <p><u>Port of Workington</u> – red 'delivery' and 'spend' RAGS - delay on delivery and therefore the spend. Change Control to come through to change the footprint of the project which will affect the outputs.</p> <p>Clarification was provided on Innovation Centre milestone explaining 'fit-out'. This is in relation to the operator moving in and conducting their own 'fit out'.</p>

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Project Change Controls</b> - <b>TD.01 Sports Village</b></p> <p>DK provided an explanation of the internal Change Control process and why a Change Control would be needed. Change Controls that have been approved internally by the Council will be brought to the board for information. Approved Change Control for Sports Village was presented.</p> <p>SR explained that this form is from September 2025 and there may be a further change request required now that the project has progressed.</p> <p>Change Control was to baseline and move the milestones from the original business case to what was then the current programme. There has been further refinement which will be explained in project updates.</p> <p>MH queried why the completion date had not been pushed back as far as the start date had following delays on the Change Control. It was explained that the milestone dates on the Change Control do need further refinement and a new Change Control will be needed to reflect the current status. Construction will not begin in March and the project is not likely to be complete by July 2027. It was hoped that the completion date would line up with the start of the sports season, hence July, but this may not be possible.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Programme/Project Updates</b> SC presented an update to the board.</p> <p><u>Innovation Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On programme for completion at the end of March.</li><li>• Oxford Innovation (operator) will carry out a fit-out taking 2-3 months.</li><li>• External works around the Innovation Centre (car parking and recreational areas) are being carried out at the moment.</li><li>• Management team from OI are discussing the start of 'fit-out' with Cumberland Council.</li><li>• Practical completion at the end of March.</li><li>• Handover event to be held in April. Board members to be invited to this visit.</li></ul> <p><u>Public Realm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Murray Road</u> is now mostly complete. Landscaping, bollards and lighting outstanding.</li><li>• <u>Central Way</u> – improving the walkway, seating areas, steps and planters.</li><li>• Well underway and on target to complete at the end of next month.</li><li>• Plans for wayfinding to/from key areas – station, town/shops, main attractions i.e. Curwen Park, Sports Village etc.</li></ul> <p><u>Port of Workington</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contractor has made a start on demolition of Tank Farm B (North).</li><li>• AMP (the contractor) will be taking over the land and building a sodium facility.</li><li>• Area 5 to be remediated in mid-April. Rest of the areas (noted on diagram) will be remediated following this.</li><li>• Oldside (South) remediation in March.</li><li>• Oldside (North) will not be remediated. A Change Control will be submitted with regards to reduction in area and therefore reduction in spend on the project.</li><li>• Contractor has gone through all planning conditions, so we are happy they are in compliance. Good progress has been made.</li></ul> <p>SR gave an update to the board.</p> <p><u>Sports Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report taken to Cumberland Council's Executive in January around completion of RIBA 3 designs and the submission of planning application.</li><li>• This report outlined further design work needed (RIBA 4) and allows cost plan and design to be further refined.</li><li>• Within the report there was approval and recommendation for further 5k funding to be provided to CSVL to support further RIBA 4 design work.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making good progress. Expecting RIBA 4 design to be completed by June.</li><li>• Alongside design work, the business plan is being worked on.</li><li>• Need a robust commercial operating structure to ensure sustainability.</li><li>• Workington Town is hosting Workington Reds while the Borough Park Stadium is being redeveloped.</li><li>• Improvements made to Workington Town stadium funded by Sellafield Social Impact Fund to ensure both teams can operate from this site.</li></ul> <p>MH queried the cost of the Community Sports pitch and where the funding is coming from. It will cost in the region of 750k. Different sources of funding are being explored. The Football Foundation have been approached but a formal application would need to be made. This hasn't been progressed so far.</p> <p>DT noted that although this project has been a challenge in many ways, everyone seems to be on the same page now and good progress is being made.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Any other business / next steps</b> Chair closed the meeting at 14:48.