



**A place to start,  
to stay, to grow!**

## **Staveley Town Deal Board**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (10.00 – 12.00)**

#### **Markham Vale, Environment Centre**

##### **Attendance**

<b>Board Members</b>	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Rob Ricketts	University of Derby
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society Ltd
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Cllr Carolyn Renwick	Derbyshire County Council
Louise Jones (MP)	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
<b>Officers in support</b>	
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Lindsay Wetton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Craig Busby	Parliamentary Assistant to Toby Perkins MP
Chris Kirby	Parliamentary Assistant to Louise Jones MP
Christine Durrant	Chesterfield Borough Council
Joe Batty	Derbyshire County Council
Alessio D'Angelo (in attendance to present on Social Infrastructure Research)	University of Derby
Peter Storey (in attendance to present on Staveley Waterside)	Derbyshire County Council

##### **Apologies**

Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council
Peter Jones	Derbyshire Constabulary
Dr Peter Scriven	Royal Primary Care
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Cllr Elaine Tidd	Staveley Town Council
Geoff Walker	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Helen Brightmore	Chesterfield Borough Council
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd

#### **1. Welcome and apologies (IF)**

IF welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies are noted above.



**A place to start,  
to stay, to grow!**

## **2. Declarations of Interest (All)**

Non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cllr Renwick in relation to the Staveley Waterside presentation.

## **3. Social Infrastructure Research (presentation)**

A paper which sets out the proposal was circulated with the Board papers and the presentation will be circulated with the minutes.

AD'A presented the proposal, which arose following meetings with the Chairman, who is keen to have a legacy from the Town Deal and set the area up well for future opportunities.

LJ asked if there are similar examples of this type of work. AD'A replied that there are a range of different methodologies and different institutions researching social infrastructure. To better understand what is specifically required for Staveley, a scoping exercise is recommended, for a minimum of 6 months, to commence as soon as possible until July, which would deliver results and allow time to plan for a September 2025 commencement of the research, and could be a PhD from either September or January, offering a longer term level of research.

TG advised that this type of research is very much Government policy with the aim of having a positive legacy for the area and an outcome of the Town Deal Programme. It is important to understand the transformation of the capital and infrastructure projects and also the smaller projects such as the Memorial Hall on the area. The geographic scope would need to be considered, whether this is Barrow Hill or the wider Town Deal area of Staveley North Ward. CBC or EMCCA would be positive partners. TG asked if any organisations had been identified to resource this type of work? She also asked if young people would be involved and whether UoD already have a Phd student identified? AD'A explained he was keen to involve young people to capture their views and ambitions. There are students doing this type of research, and individuals could be identified, but it would be better to work with local partners to ensure all the local source data and evidence is captured which will help to build the picture.

CD added that the Health & Wellbeing Partnership and Local Place Alliance are very involved in this type of initiative and would be a very positive plug in to existing work in Barrow Hill particularly linking with the PCN (Primary Care Network) and also BHCT are carrying out similar research with University of Sheffield. BHCT are also working with AD'A. CD also explained that community and voluntary networks exist and have a wealth of local knowledge already.

IF noted that of course the geographic scope would be important to address both the Town Deal work and wider interventions that make an area successful.

TP advised that the specific output of this type of research would be essential. With only 12 months remaining of this Town Deal Programme, the Board would need to be very clear of the direction of such work and what it could usefully deliver. The location and geographical focus is important. The map presented in the slides showed the location of the Town Deal projects and places such as Inkersall may only have marginal benefits, noting the town centre and canal projects benefit a wide audience. The area has a GP surgery and parade of shops but will be impacted by large scale house building and the solar farms nearby impact the area; therefore, TP would advocate a larger area for the focus.



**A place to start,  
to stay, to grow!**

IF summarised in that we do have time to scope and plan and to carry out the work if it extends past the Town Deal, creating a plan for the future. AD'A added that the focus is about the social and physical community assets, involving the VCS impact and also the interconnections between areas and understanding how people use spaces and how they feel comfortable in knowing the facilities are for them to use.

HB added that the work must be properly scoped to have real value and real outcomes for Staveley communities. There is a lot of focussed work in Barrow Hill, but it would be beneficial to understand how the spaces such as the new library impact the lives of the wider community.

TG made the point that this would not be a Town Deal Evaluation, but used to develop collateral about what could happen over the next 10 – 15 years, as more people move in, more housing is built and new quality jobs created through DRIIVe, CSH and other projects, the rail sector is also gaining momentum in Staveley and the CSRR plans will bring about better connectivity and change.

Delivery options were discussed, noting there is no identified funding at this point. LJ added some cautions on the scoping and likely outcomes.

**Action:** It was agreed that Board members explore funding options and have a small working group to help scope the research. LJ volunteers to help with the scoping work, when the working group is set up.

#### **4. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and Matters arising (IF)**

There were no matters arising and actions have all been addressed and completed.

#### **5. Presentation – The Moorings (Staveley Waterside)**

PS presented the project update, the slides are to be circulated with the minutes and placed on the Town Deal website. PS explained that there have been a range of enquiries and the team are going to ensure they get the right mix of users. Board members welcomed the success of this project, many drive past on a regular basis and see progress. It was great to hear units were being marketed and a quality bistro/café/restaurant operators was being identified.

IF added that at present boats cannot get licenses to moor on the canal, which would need to be resolved.

**Action:** DCC to explore solutions on the matter of boat licenses.

#### **6. Programme and Project Update Report (LW) Exempt item under Local Government (Access to Information) Act**

#### **7. Communication, Engagement and Consultation update**

LW updated the meeting on recent actions and events taking place through the CEC Group. The results from the most recent survey show positive awareness of the Programme and its projects.

TG recognised the positive work around Social Value and having reviewed the Town Deal website, was happy that information is positive and up to date.



**A place to start,  
to stay, to grow!**

#### **8. Any Other Business (IF)**

- AS updated members that Aldi, Brimington is working with the local Job Centre and will be offering 30 guaranteed jobs for local unemployed people. Construction work is well underway on the site.
- Our Health board member has moved on from his post, therefore a new Board member will be required. LW will liaise with CD to get the right contact to progress this.

#### **9. Date and time of Next Meetings:**

11 April 2025 (10 – 12) – Healthy Living Centre, Staveley

13 June 2025 (10 - 12) – Chesterfield College

19 September 2025 (10 – 12) – Hollingwood Hub

12 December 2025 (10 -12) - tba

20 March 2026 (10-12) - tba

**The meeting closed at 12:15.**