

ELLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

6pm Tuesday 6th September 2022

Southgate Methodist Church, Elland

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Victoria Porritt (Chair)
Cllr Sarah Courtney
Cllr John Ford
Cllr Christine Prashad
Harriet Fletcher
Graham Hale
David McCorie
Mark Patterson
David Wilkinson

In Attendance:

Rob Shipway, Programme Manager (Towns Regeneration & Resilience)
Andrew Pitts, Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods
Graham Gibbons, Principal Neighbourhood Co-ordinator - Valleys
Rachel Conway, Project Manager – Major Projects
Helen Kershaw, Assistant Projects Manager
David Brownridge, Place Development Officer
Steve Ridley, Bond Bryon
Mary Farrar, Corporate Lead - Transport

Observer:

Apologies:

Cllr Angie Gallagher
Kate McNicholas, Assistant Director – Economy, Housing, and Investment
Raj Beadle

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair explained for the benefit of the general public present about the proceedings of the Elland Town Board meeting and expectations of all present. The FHSF plan's will be discussed and made clear, there was a reminder that this meeting is not an open forum. If there is enough time remaining questions may be taken at the end.

2. Declaration of Interests

No issues all have been received.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 22nd May 2022

- Reviewed by the Chair.
- The next newsletter about the FHSF will be prepared after this meeting.

4. Future High Street Fund Presentation

- Given by Rachel Conway (CMBC) and Steve Ridley (Bond Bryan), hard copies available.
- Elland railway station presentation delivered by Mary (?), hard copies available.
- Cllr Ford mentioned the poor condition of the side streets and car parks off Southgate esp. Timber Street. What is the plan of action?
- RC responded that the vacant Council Building on Southgate sit's with CAFM but appreciates that it is positioned in the middle of the Elland project. Regarding Timber Street this will be 1-hour free parking with card and app payment facilities. There will be improved signage.
- GH raised concerns about businesses encroaching on to access areas with tables and chairs, specifically about an issue in Hebden Bridge for a visually impaired visitor who was injured. Currently there is a campaign to limit the use of A boards for the same reason.
- RC mentioned DDA compliance and relevant assessments to be carried out. Outdoor seating gives the opportunity to create a community space. Point taken.
- DMc raised a point about the loss of Southgate carpark + additional high street parking, 157 down to 77 parking places on Friday (Market Day).
- RC Timber Street is underused, we need to reduce traffic volume through the town centre and Elland has enough parking capacity. Will need to discuss these figures to include Brook Street, AP will work with RC on these numbers.
- Chair thanked DMc for his contribution.
- Cllr Courtney, spoke of the Council's priority to improve green space and increase residents' activity which should be encouraged. Rather than stop-shop-go we need to remove barriers to activity.
- AP raised the point of on-going cost maintenance of green space, of ASB and traffic order regulations?
- RC all have been considered within the plan.
- AP mentioned that there is a borough wide parking strategy and Elland needs to fit with this.
- Chair, with the current rise in inflation can you deliver the plan?
- RC yes though some changes have been made to some surface materials.

- SR stated that frequent (weekly) cost reviews take place, and this (with CMBC) is one of the best plans I have worked on.
- Mary mentioned the potential for public art and improvements to the subway as part of the railway station development.
- Chair, access- issues with travellers in the local area is of concern to the local community.
- Mary, Wiston Lane, we are assuming there will be no issues, but plans can be changed at a late stage.
- DMc stated that there is a major problem with litter on the riverbank and AP asked about creating access to the water side as part of the plan.
- Mary agreed that access was a good point to mention to design, and that rubbish removal has not been included.
- AP, has CCTV been built in esp. on Wiston Lane?
- Mary replied that it has been discussed and needs chasing up.
- DW questioned the access from West Vale via Heath Rugby Club and discussed other access options.
- Mary, it will improve the catchment area. Also, we have regular Elland meetings to ensure best possible value.
- Chair mentioned that we may be too far in to change a bridge location and asked if both projects were working to similar time scales and can the access pack for the station go first?
- RC confirmed that timings were now slightly off set and Mary confirmed that the access part would be delivered first and why.
- Chair asked the board if there were any further questions before moving on.

5. Social Value

- Presentation and discussion given by Rob Shipway (CMBC).
- Pilot schemes will start next year, he will be working with the board for suggestions.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Chair, we will want to be kept up to date with progress on all projects.
- RC mentioned that progress is under the Think You Know Elland umbrella and can be viewed on-line.
- DMc Soap Box Derby potential event?
- Chair, this can be looked at.

7. Any Other Business

- DMc would like to expand events over the next 2 years supported by AP but needs more help to push things through to a result, has had experience of hitting walls with CMBC.
- GG this was a fair conversation that needs to be had.
- DMc specifically mentioned a litter pick that had not gone to plan, AP explained this was a miss communication.
- Chair asked about a Christmas tree.
- AP agreed there should be one in Elland and discussed location.
- DMc raised a request for financial backing for a shop local campaign this Christmas.
- Chair asked about a single point meeting done virtually or via email. Put in a proposal.
- RS asked for proposals to be sent to him where they will be checked and distributed.

- DW at the next meeting we need to discuss the trophy cabinet for the library.
- HF asked for a plan of events for the whole of 2023.
- Chair agreed this was one for the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

15 November 2022