



## **Elland Town Development Board**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**

### **Project Colt, Elland**

#### **Present**

Councillor Angie Gallagher (Chair)

David Wilkinson (Vice Chair)

Councillor David Veitch

Councillor Sarah Courtney

David McCorie

Samantha McCormick

Harriet Fletcher

Graham Hale

Graham Sykes

Pauline Shaw

#### **Others in attendance**

Alan Lee

Graham Gibbons

David Brownridge

Sam Roper

Rob Shipway

Zakariya Ali

#### **Welcome and introductions.**

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Christine Prashad, Councillor John Ford, and Vicky Platt

#### **Minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

The Board agreed the minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> of January are of true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

#### **FHSF works and impact on local businesses**

David McCorie highlighted two issues, first issue was with a drop in trade up to 90% and risk of businesses shutting down. The close of the car parks DM stressed that trade would shut down.

Another issue highlighted to the Board is the traffic flow in the Town. DM spoke to Janet and has been advised to speak at the Board regarding the issues.

GM requested more parking in the town and better access to the shops.

GM read a statement from a business, which gave information closing Southgate has negatively impacted their business to the point they are now taking in a loss. The business owner has put up a petition with 500 responses but no reply yet.

GM requested that there is compensation for the shops and improved access. He also requested for there to be more car parking.

Councillor David Veitch suggested that DM's comments to be passed on the Mary Farrer (Highways Team, Calderdale Council)

The Chair will contact Mary Farrer to get more details on previous car parking plans and works.

GH noted that the Car parking removed behind the Church had caused the issue of car parking.

Councillor Sarah Courtney informed the Board that the scope of Mary Farrer's works is to improve car parking in all Towns.

Councillor David Veitch requested to meet with Mary Farrer and do a walk around areas in Elland where there are issues. The Board agreed and would like this to go forward.

### **Update request for banking hub**

Councillor David Veitch provided an update on the banking hub, Cash access UK and 12-month timeline and have a contingency plan. Would like to open a temporary banking hub in Elland and Councillor David Veitch would like to know what the Board would like to request as he will be attending in meeting discussing any changes.

DW expressed his disappointment regarding finding out information about the banking hub quite late and from Facebook.

Councillor David Veitch requested the Boards input on where they would like to have a temporary bank. The building must be working and open such as Elland Library.

Graham Sykes suggested to place the temporary bank in an area with lower footfall to help increase spending. Board members also suggested Project Colt or One Stop to place the temporary bank.

The SRO suggested to have a focused conversation and report back a decision to the Board in the next meeting.

Councillor David Veitch informed the Board that the location for the temporary bank must be a community hub or a library.

**ACTION: Councillor David to circulate information to the Board about the banking hub for members who are interested.**

HF requested that other historic buildings can be looked at and used for activities that the Town is missing such as Arts & Craft.

RS informed the Board after the recent HAZ project was completed in Sowerby Bridge, now Historic England have visited Elland twice which is positive, therefore the Board need to be prepared for a plan of what can be done in Elland.

Board member informed the Board about the flower shop in Elland has been applied for. DM suggested to the Board that Ex council office building located on Southgate is an ideal location in Elland and has potential such as Arts displays or small events.

The SRO stressed the importance of having a clear plan and areas of focus for the Board, so when there is funding available the Board is prepared.

The Board requested the Elland Masterplan be reviewed to prepare and highlight issues in the Town.

**ACTION: GG to look into the Ex-Council Offices on Southgate and if they can be used also to have a look for the Elland Masterplan.**

Elland masterplan on Calderdale next chapter webpage is currently missing and needs to be fixed.

## **Pagoda**

RS updated the Board about the Pagoda, in the previous Board meeting it was agreed the location of the Pagoda with one objection. After uploading to the webpage there was no objections about the location of the Pagoda. RS suggested the Pagoda to be placed at Project Colt as the Board voted and progress.

## **Ambitions for Towns funding application**

SR has had support with grant applications for the Cartwheel Club which has been useful due to working full time and volunteering.

Councillor David Veitch asked if the consultant has completed the 10 days of support, DW responded the consultant has worked 1 day and there is more to come yet.

SM has previously worked on children in need grants and expressed how difficult it was monitoring and managing this grant. SM also asked if she could get feedback on how the management of the grant is conducted and monitoring.

## **Business Plan Update**

### **Voluntary Sector Support**

4<sup>th</sup> of May, RS suggested the voluntary sector workshops need to be put in the diary and advertised. Suggested the proposal for 6 workshops per year will take too many

resources therefore, RS suggested to host 3 meetings per year to meet with the voluntary sector. RS further proposed allocating £1500 to pay for venue hire and food for 6 meetings over the next two years.

**ACTION: ZA and RS to speak with SM to discuss the dates for the voluntary sector workshop meetings.**

**The Board voted all in favour for the use of £1,500 from the ambitions of towns fund to support the voluntary sector.**

### **Business Support**

Previously RS proposed to the Board to host a business breakfast to kickstart discussions with businesses and suggested to fund this, three businesses have already come back to manage this and are looking to set up a website free of charge where business owners can fill in their information.

GH asked about Berties a previous Calderdale Council event, and this was full. For the proposed business support works GH stressed that all businesses must be invited across Elland for this to work.

GS expressed that the meeting must follow with more meetings and continue. DM agreed and stressed that in the past events held that were full stopped there and did not continue.

DW suggested for the business support there must be a structure in place.

### **Young People**

GS has concerns about night safety and transport. GS sending out a survey to Brooksbank to gather information and results about issues in Elland and with the results ideas will be collated then can look at next steps from there.

SR speaking to Brooksbank and has been looking at a whole wide what do young people want and for the Cartwheel Club, he suggested for there to be a formal council for this. SR and GS both agree to have a conversation about joining up.

Events Arts event commissioned by Culturedale in October 2024

7<sup>th</sup> of June clash with Brighouse, comment received was to continue with Elland.

### **Any other business**

GH, Elland has extra bus and new routes between the hospitals. White tents when passing through Elland. Also, more people pass through Elland. Councillor Sarah Courtney, market traders have ordered and printed.

DM asked about business and domestic gas proposal, has this gone anywhere, DB to investigate this.

How do we as a Board become more involved and known about what happens in Elland. The Chair suggested that we require a form of comms between the Board and council.

Project Colt want to be considered for temporary bank.

**Date and venue of the next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> of May 2024