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MEETING
MINUTES

July 11
2024

Date, Time & Location
Thursday 11th July 2024
10:00am – 11:30am
Microsoft Teams

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Attendees

Board Members Present

David Sanderson	(DS)	Independent Chair
Richard Hooper	(RH)	Adventure Hyndburn
Miranda Barker	(MB)	East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce
Sharon Hendrie	(SH)	Ynot Aspire
Lyndsey Sims	(LS)	Hyndburn Leisure Trust/Hyndburn Health and Wellbeing Partnership
Purves Ali	(PA)	Accrington Stanley Trust
Cllr Zak Khan	(ZK)	Leader of the Opposition Hyndburn Council
Elaine Barker	(EB)	Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Community Voluntary Support Group
Rachel McPhee	(RMc)	Lancashire Police
Cllr Noordad Aziz	(NA)	Deputy Leader Hyndburn Council
Edward Matthews-Gentle	(EM-G)	Lancashire County Council

Apologies

Andrew Parkin	(AP)	Nelson Group (Accrington and Rosendale College)
Cllr Munsif Dad	(MD)	Leader of Hyndburn Borough Council (Deputised by Cllr Noordad Aziz)
Steph Armes	(SA)	Lancashire Police (Deputised by Rachel McPhee)

Advisors to the Board

David Welsby	(DW)	Hyndburn Borough Council
Steve Riley	(SR)	Hyndburn Borough Council
Sarah Ma (minute taker)(SM)		Hyndburn Borough Council

Guests attended:

Matthew Brighty	(MBr)	Bradshaw Advisory
Tom Lees	(TL)	Bradshaw Advisory

N.B. Actions in this document are detailed in blue and preceded by ^[ACTION]

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Item 1 Welcome and Apologies

DS welcomed attendees to the meeting.

DS asked that thanks be noted to the outgoing MP, Sara Britcliffe, for all her hard work on the Accrington Town Centre Board. DS wished to welcome and looked forward to working with the newly elected MP, Sarah Smith.

DS acknowledged that there had been reference to some proposed changes to the market hall offer in the press. [A joint statement had been issued to confirm plans. \(Attached with notes\).](#)

Item 2 Review of last Minutes

Last minutes approved. No comments.

Item 3 How we got here - a recap of some key evidence and decisions that led to today

[TL shared their presentation with the panel \(previously circulated\).](#)

Item 4 Long Term Plan intervention review

[TL shared their presentation with the panel \(previously circulated\).](#)

LS highlighted some issues with the figures on the bids from the CHIP. [TL to rectify. \[ACTION\].](#)

A discussion took place around the theme of safety and security and how the Board should address these issues; in particular the perception of feeling unsafe in the town centre. DW noted that it would be important to find a balance between the capital and revenue spend, rather than have the two competing.

SH pointed out that elements of the Youth Hub bid had been doubled up on in other bids, meaning that the overall total for the bid should be lower. [TL to correct this. \[ACTION\].](#)

TL agreed to amend and circulate the funding package for comments, as well as a zip file of all the responses/background information that has been received, within the next 24 hours. The deadline for responses would be 5:00pm on Thursday 18 July with the next ATCPB taking place on Monday 29 July at 10:00am. [SR to liaise with DS and TL to confirm in the diaries \[ACTION\].](#)

DW and SR noted that it would be good if some match funding could be sourced on certain bids from Lancashire County Council/Police/Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

[It was agreed that a permanent agenda item on Culture and Heritage would be added to future agendas. \[ACTION\].](#)

Item 5 AOB

EM-G highlighted the importance of keeping residents up to date via communications and messaging. SR reminded Board members that the Hyndburn BC website has links to updates on the LUF, Board documents/minutes and important information is updated on the Council's social media pages. SR added that an information centre would also be opening in the town centre. [\(Attached with notes below\).](#)

<https://accringtontownsquare.com/accrington-town-square-projects/>

<https://accringtontownsquare.com/long-term-plans-for-towns/>

Plans for Accrington have been developed and led by an independent board, who continue to meet regularly and maintain an overview of the Accrington Town Square redevelopments. David Sanderson, Accrington Town Centre Board Chair said, "Following a recent meeting with the Council Leader, the Board is really pleased to note his and the controlling group's support for the Market Hall redevelopment with the intention to deliver a much-cherished traditional Market Hall retail operation alongside an enhanced food and beverage offer that won't involve national brands but will look to attract local or artisan food providers."

Councillor Munsif Dad, Leader of the Council and Councillor Noordad Aziz, Portfolio Holder for Levelling Up said, "We have now had several meetings with lead Council officers and consultants regarding the Market Hall, where we had the opportunity to express our thoughts to the project team. Having seen the detailed plans and had in-depth discussions, we now believe the best way to deliver a Market Hall which the residents can be proud of, is for the plans to include a mix of traditional retail alongside an enhanced food and beverage offer. The Market Hall redevelopment is a fantastic opportunity to breathe new life into our town centre and we are pleased to support this project."

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 23rd July at 3pm on Microsoft Teams.