

Cheadle Town Fund Board Minutes

6th September, 3:30pm-4:30pm

Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Brian Bradley	- Chair, Director, IN Accountancy
Sharon Seville	- President, GM Chamber (Stockport)
Cllr. David Meller	- Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme N. Labour
Cllr. Tom Morrison	- Cheadle West & Gatley, Lib Dem
Robert Botwright	- Procurement Director, Circle Health
Paul Richards	- Deputy Chief Executive, SMBC

Observers/Presenters

Robert Goulsbra	- Head of Development & Regeneration, SMBC
Matt Jones	- Head of Capital Delivery, SMBC
Catherine Chilvers	- Development Director, Network Space
Grace Popplewell	- Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & DLUHC
Gerrard Kelly	- Project Manager, SMBC

1. Introductions/apologies

Apologies received from:

Phillip Gould-Bourn	- Cheadle Village Partnership
Christopher Palmiotto	- Programme Support Manager, DfT
Tommy Flemming	- Network Rail
Simon Elliott	- Head of Rail Programme, TfGM
Dr Viren Mehta	- Vice Chair, Cheadle Medical Practice

Following the elections, Mary Robinson MP has left the Board.

ACTION: Robert Goulsbra to check what the constitution position is for board membership and report back at next meeting.

2. Actions from Last Meeting

N/A

3. Project Updates

Eco Business Park Update (Catherine Chilvers, Network Space Development)

Planning approval approved at committee in April.

There has been a process of procuring a building contractor through a framework. The preferred contractor has been put towards the council and once approved we can announce who the contractor is.

Paul Richards highlighted that 80% of costs for this are from the council and we have governance in place.

Catherine Chilvers briefed the board on the next key milestones.

It was noted that there was an error on the slide and 'vacant possession' should be dated January 2025.

Mast – termination notices have been issued. The termination date was December but the tenant had tabled a counter offer. Network Space currently coordinating to agree a date.

Rail Station Update (Matt Jones, SMBC)

A lot of work has been done since our last meeting working with the wider rail industry. The TROs on Manchester Road were approved at area committee in July.

There has been positive engagement with Circle Health on land.

Highways – drainage surveys have been done over the summer and the landscape plan is now being developed.

Rail station design – moving towards entering the contract with Jacobs.

Comms – 3D visuals and a video have been prepared and we hope for comms to go out later this month.

ACTION: Matt Jones to share comms with board members.

Brian Bradley raised a question around the opening date of Cheadle Station which is scheduled for Spring 2026 and how much this has slipped from the original timetable. The original schedule was December 2025 so there is a delay of 6 months.

Cllr Morrison highlighted the importance of comms to explain any delays and to reassure people that even if there is a slip, it is still progressing.

4. AOB (Robert Goulsbra, SMBC)

Cheadle Parklet – Relocation was the preferred option. Oak Tree Primary, Cheadle Hulme are opening a sensory garden and asked if the parklet could be relocated there. The school are happy to take parklet in its current condition. There would be no cost to Cheadle Board and the school have offered to take on all future costs for maintenance of parklet. The plan would be to transfer over during October half term. The Board were happy to approve this.

The Board were happy to do positive comms on this.

ACTION: Robert Goulsbra to draft comms and send to Brian who will then share with the Board.

5. Looking Forwards (Robert Goulsbra, SMBC)

ACTION: Robert Goulsbra to upload minutes on the council website.

It was agreed the meeting on the 4th October will be rescheduled for the 1st November.