

CHEADLE TOWNS FUND BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date	3 rd December 2021 at 3.30pm	
Venue	MS Teams	
Present	Marge Falconer - former Executive Director, BMI Circle Health, Alexandra Hospital Mary Robinson, MP - MP for Cheadle, Conservative Cllr. Tom Morrison - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Lib Dem Rob Munro - Chair of Cheadle Village Partnership Caroline Simpson - Deputy Chief Executive, SMBC Simon Elliott - Head of Rail Programme, TfGM <i>Observers / Presenters</i> Heather Jones - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & MHCLG Robert Goulsbra - Head of Development and Regeneration SMBC Michael S. Fisher - Development and Regeneration Manager, SMBC Sue Stevenson - Head of Highways and Transportation, SMBC	
Apologies	Sharon Seville - President, GM Chamber (Stockport) Cllr. David Meller - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Labour Dr Viren Mehta - Cheadle Medical Practice Jesse Garrick - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & MHCLG David Hodcroft - GMCA	
Item		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	MF chaired the meeting, apologies received as above MF introduced the agenda Key actions from the last meeting covered in the items below	Noted
2A.	Project Business Case Updates: Station, Simon Elliott, TfGM & Sue Stevenson (SSt.), SMBC	
	S St. & SE – outlined progress on the Station and the business case. - Engagement on-going with the planning authority the documents required - The RailSys timetable modelling methodology has now been agreed with Network Rail and the new 2022 timetable looks positive for potential train stopping patterns	Noted

	• Extensive industry engagement continues including a stakeholder meeting planned for 17/12/21 • Traffic surveys completed • Further ecological assessments and tree surveys ongoing which will feed into the replacement car park options The Board noted progress.	
2B.	Project Business Case Updates: Active Travel, Sue Stevenson, SMBC	
	S St. - outlined recent scheme progress as below: • The Manchester Road direct walking and cycling connections to the Station will now form part of the Station proposals and its business case • Progression of the main north / south route proposals to detailed design underway with continued liaison with key stakeholders. • Traffic Regulation Orders to be advertised • Business Case development for submission in March 2022 and construction planned to start in 2022/23 The Board noted progress.	Noted
2C.	Public Consultation (Station and Cycling & Walking), Sue Stevenson, SMBC	
	S St. outlined the response to the recent public consultation exercise as: • A total of 493 online response forms were completed • Along with 25 attending the Library drop-in, c.60 attended the Village Hall drop-in, c.30 at the Makers Market, 72 email responses and 2 phone calls Detailed comments arising from the consultation can be found under Item 8 of the Cheadle Area Committee meeting 30th November 2021 (see link): Agenda for Cheadle Area Committee on Tuesday, 30th November, 2021, 6.00 pm - Stockport Council Station • <i>To what extent do you agree or disagree with the railway station proposal?</i> Out of the 485 respondents 356 strongly agreed (72%), 86 agreed (17%), 11 disagreed (2%), 17 strongly disagreed (3%) and 15 (3%) did not answer this question • 81% replied they would use the Station with 32% using it 1-2 times a month and 22% 1-2 times a week	Noted

	• 70% intended to travel to and from the station by foot • Some respondents wanted a more frequent basic service, some queried the size of the car park, some wanted more EV charging, more cycle storage, references to future Metrolink opportunities and concerns expressed on the decline of Cheadle High street • Also, some respondents wanted more shelters on the platform, had concerns around personal safety and some desired for the proposals to be more ambitious S St. – mentioned that the car park size was under constant review to get the balance right. EV charging provision was dependent on power supply but again under review. The frequency of service represented is what is currently available given current line capacity issues, but this was under review as part of the business case. Cycle provision was to be reviewed for both casual users and frequent users. Final shelter provision and layout was also under review. Replacement parking also under review to minimise / avoid ecological impact. <i>Cycling & Walking (Active Travel)</i> • <i>To what extent the public agreed or disagreed with the principle of all proposed walking and cycling measures?</i> Of the 476 responses 223 strongly agreed (47%), 153 agreed (32%), 54 disagreed (11%), 24 strongly disagreed (5%) and 5 (1%) did not answer this question • All elements were generally supported, with approximately 70% agreement • Some concerns were raised about the impact of the proposals on residents of Queens Gardens, mostly in relation to parking and access. Some concerns were raised about congestion at crossings. Some concerns were raised about safety on Oak Road and also on the use of shared-use (pedestrian/cyclist) paths S St. mentioned that all the above concerns were being addressed in the detailed design including a potential residents parking scheme at Queens Gardens. S St. proposed further consultation after the Christmas period. MR - thanked everybody involved in the consultation and was heartened by the response MF – asked about the level of response. S St. said that the response rate was good TM – mentioned that the response rate was good and more positive than usual consultations MR – asked, given the Restoring Your Railways application to dual the railway line was not successful, should this still be	
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	pursued. S St. replied that it is still worth pursuing as a long term ambition. MSF – outlined the governance and approval route for business case submission	
2D	Project Business Case Updates: Eco Business Park, Robert Goulsbra, SMBC	
	RG – outlined the current feasibility work being undertaken • Ongoing options being explored to reduce current occupier space requirements through consolidation and relocation • Team strengthen with Project Managers, Cost Consultants, Development Consultants, and an Economist is now instructed. Inception meeting held on 26th Nov. 2021 • Architects to be appointed soon • Project Team met with David Hilton, Head of Business Development for Advanced Manufacturing at MIDAS on 2nd Nov. Potential interest from companies were identified. • A meeting with Amy House, a Low Carbon Specialist at The Growth Company (GM) is being arranged • Meeting arranged with Sharon Seville (Manufacturing & Engineering Specialist, President of GM Chamber (Stockport) • Soft property market testing programmed. The Board noted progress.	Noted
3.	Accelerated Fund Project Update, Michael Fisher, SMBC	
	MSF – provided a progress summary of the Accelerated Fund projects by exception. <u>Learn to Ride</u> – now tarmacked. Awaiting surface painting. <u>Ashfield Road Active Travel</u> revised programme for main works to complete February 2022 then planting to follow <u>Councillor Lane</u> Traffic survey results show on average 27 contraventions per day. As it is moving traffic Greater Manchester Police (GMP) have been requested to enforce the one-way system <u>School Streets pilot</u> – now part of the wider TfGM school streets initiative to ensure consistency. Funding agreement being finalised. <u>Digital Information Point</u> – decision on advertisement consent expected in January 22. Arrangements for managing content being agreed with CVP	Noted

	MR – mentioned the importance of the accelerated Town Fund projects in making a visible difference and impact early on.	
4.	Looking Forwards, Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	CS summarised the next steps as: • Formal publication of consultation findings • Continue to develop Station, Active Travel and Eco Business Park business cases • Detailed project design of the Station and Active Travel • Hold another Station Industry Working Group • Continue surveys, design, and market testing for the Eco Business Park	Action: MSF & project leads
	Next Towns Fund Board meeting was arranged for <u>Friday 7th January 2022 at 3.30pm</u> via MS Teams unless otherwise arranged. (note this meeting was postponed and the next meeting held was 4th February 2022)	

Abbreviations:

AF – Accelerated Fund (Towns Fund)
 BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio
 BEIS – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
 CVP – Cheadle Village Partnership
 DIP – Digital Information Point
 DJP – Diamond Jubilee Park
 DfT – Department for Transport
 FBC – Full Business Case
 Green Book – a five point business case tool used by Government
 HMT – Her Majesties Treasury
 HoT – Heads of Terms
 LEP – Local Economic Partnership
 DLUHC – Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (formerly MHCLG)
 MCL – Mid Cheshire Line (railway)
 M&E Plan – Monitoring & Evaluation Plan
 NR – Network Rail
 NSF – New Station Fund (Round 3)
 S / OBC – Strategic / Outline Business Case
 PF – Pell Frischmann
 RYR – Restoring Your Railway (Ideas Fund)
 SMBC – Stockport Metropolitan Council
 SOBC – Strategic Outline Business Case
 SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
 SuDS – Sustainable Drainage System
 TfGM – Transport for Greater Manchester
 TIP – Town Investment Plan
 ToR – Terms of Reference
 TPO – Tree Preservation Order