

## Margate Town Deal Board Minutes

**Date:** 26 January, 2022 at 1pm - 3pm

**Venue:** Virtually via Google Meet.

**Membership:** Brian Horton (Chair), David Smith CBE (DS), Cllr Reece Pugh (RP), Madeline Homer (MH), Sir Roger Gale MP (RG), Eddie Kemsley (EK), Cllr Lesley Game (LG), Sam Causer (SC), Richard Ash (RA), Stephen Darrer (SD), Jesse Tomlinson (JT), Adam Bryan (AB), Clarrie Wallis (CW)

**In attendance:** Louise Askew (LA), Natalie Glover (NG), James Clapson (JC), Chris Paddock (CP) - PRD Ltd, James Wraight (JW) - Kent County Council Highways.

**Apologies:** David Smith CBE (DS)

### 1. Welcome and Declarations of Interest

CW was welcomed to the Board and Members introduced themselves.

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Actions from Previous Meeting

LA advised that the actions and updates were included in the table at the bottom of the agenda. In addition to these updates it was noted that:

- There was a meeting planned for a subgroup of the Board to begin work on the brief for a Margate Town Deal Inward Investment Prospectus on 3 February.
- Work was underway on the Communication and Engagement Plan, this would be shared at the February Board.
- The Winter Gardens document should be complete by the end of January and would be shared with the Board before being submitted to the Government.
- The Project Adjustment Form, splitting two projects into four projects, had been submitted and was awaiting feedback.

### 3. People's Panel Update

EK provided the update noting that:

- The next meeting would be held virtually at 7pm on 2 February and would consider the Coastal Wellbeing projects. Board Members were asked to advise NG if they wished to attend.
- 11 applications were received as part of the recent recruitment drive. Two of the applications had been successful, however, none of the applications were from young people which was an underrepresented group on the Panel.

It was agreed that there would be a meeting outside of the Board to consider how to encourage representation from young people, however, all applicants would need to be over 18 years of age. JT, LG and CW offered their assistance.

#### **4. Chair Update**

The Chair advised of the following updates:

- The Thanet District Council Communications team would welcome the opportunity to film Members of the Board to raise its profile.
- Board Members were encouraged to attend the People Panel, the Chair would be attending these meetings in future.

#### **5. General Update**

LA provided the Board with following updates:

- The Board Programme Report had been shared with the Board.
- The Project Adjustment Form had been submitted to the DLUHC and the Council was awaiting a response.
- A meeting had been scheduled for the Inward Investment Prospectus. The Chair wanted to see if this could be linked with the work at the Turner Contemporary to provide a handy list of aspirations for the Town.
- The planned business engagement activities had not been successful, there was a need to do some targeted activity. It was suggested that visiting business premises and speaking face to face would be the best way to engage with businesses.
- The Creative Land Trust Summary Document had been submitted and hopefully a response would be received soon. The bank account would be set up towards the beginning of February, and Board Members for the Trust will be recruited end February/early March. There would be further information on the Council's website to provide information about the Trust.
- Presentations made at Board meetings will be shared with Board Members.
- The budget situation remained unchanged since the last meeting. A budget update would be provided at the next Board meeting.

The Chair encouraged Board Members to attend the Margate Town Deal Community Exhibition on Saturday 26 February between 10am and 4pm in Turner Contemporary, and to promote the event among their networks. Board Members would be sent an invite with further details.

#### **6. Active Movement and Connections - Highways**

JW from Kent County Council Highways, re-presented the long list of highways projects that had been presented at the Board meeting on 10 November. This was at the request of the Board. The presentation now included the indicative cost for each intervention. During the presentation it was noted:

- The total indicative cost of all the proposals was £3,127,000.
- Each costing was indicative, they did not account for any utility surveys or subsequent work required due to utilities.
- Each costing was calculated as a stand alone job. If the interventions were tendered as a package then economies of scale could be achieved. Likewise these costs could increase if public realm/material changes to the highway and pavements were included.

NG advised that the Board was not required to decide what interventions should go ahead at this stage. These highway interventions would now be incorporated into a broader commission for Movement and Connections masterplanning that would come before the Board at a future meeting. The Board were reminded that the funding allocation for the Active Movement and Connections project is £5.3m which includes new toilet provision, wayfinding signage and greening, alongside any highway interventions.

The Board were in agreement that Andrews Passage was a key link. The Project Team would produce a short summary of the Andrew's Passage issue to allow the Board to offer a view on how to proceed in terms of the repair works needed and private ownership

Some Board Members voiced concerns that the proposals were spread over a wide geographical area; they felt the funding would have more impact if focused in Margate Town Centre/High Street and the Old Town.

LA reminded the Board that the brief of the Town Investment Plan was to help and encourage people to move between Margate Central, the Old Town and Cliftonville West.

The Board thanked JW for bringing the projects back to the Board which have been worked up in more detail by the County Council to support delivery of the Margate Town Investment Plan.

## **7. Business Case Update**

CP provided the Board with an update on the status of each business case. During the update it was noted that:

- Regarding the Creative Land Trust, they had been in touch with the Charity Commission to expedite the process.
- In November 2021 there had been a productive meeting with partners and stakeholders of the Theatre Royal. Following some amendments to the plan, there would be another meeting in the next couple of weeks. The Economic and Strategic case had been written, and it was hoped that the Board would get an update at the next meeting.
- A single business case would be submitted for Coastal Wellbeing. There would be a meeting with stakeholders at Walpole Bay in the next few weeks and it was progressing well.
- The Strategic case for the Skatepark was complete and the Economic case was progressing well.
- The Oval Bandstand and Lawns business case was progressing very well due to a detailed business plan and financials having been made available.
- The Active Movement and Connections Strategic case was written.
- Help had been offered to Destination Dreamland project to ensure all of the Summary Document submissions were in the same format and aligned.

After the update the following comments were made:

- There would be a report going to the Council's Cabinet in February regarding the proposed location of the Skatepark. The proposal was to let the Thanet District Council land and charge a peppercorn rent on a long lease.
- RA offered to advise CP of any landlords in the High Street who may have assets that could be explored and considered in relation to the Creative Land Trust.
- The skills of the Board Members could be used to bring projects forward, Board Members should advise NG if they could assist with any projects.

## 8. Any Other Business

LA would think about coordinating an in person site walk to allow Board Members to see the sites identified in the Active Movement and Connections project.

Meeting ended at 2.45pm

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
The Winter Gardens Summary Document to be shared with the Board before being submitted to the Government.	LA	February
Meet to discuss how to encourage younger representation on the People's Panel.	LA, EK, LG, JT, CW	February
Board Members to make videos with Thanet District Council's Communications team to raise the public profile of the Board.	LA/ Board	Ongoing
Creative Land Trust - recruitment to the Trust's Board	LA	March
Inward Investment Prospectus to be coordinated with Turner Contemporary's work to create a handy vision for Margate.	LA, CW, Chair	February - March
Share presentations from previous meetings with the Board (where there was no commercial sensitivity)	NG/LA	February
Invites to be sent to Board for the Margate Town Deal Community Exhibition / including a brief summary of what it is about and the requirement of the Board	NG/LA	February
Board to receive a brief summary regarding Andrews Passage	NG	February
Meeting to discuss how best to proceed with the Active Movement and Connections highway proposals.	Chair, LA	February
RA to advise CP of any landlords with potentially suitable assets	RA, CP	February
Board Members to advise NG if they have skills to help bring projects forward.	Board	Ongoing