

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Crewe Town Board**  
held on Friday, 29th July, 2022 at Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

## **PRESENT**

D Kinsman (Chair)

John Adlen, Andy Butler, Paul Colman, Sally Hepton, Guy Kilminster, Adam Knight, Dr Kieran Mullan MP, Cllr Nick Mannion and Simon Yates

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alex Thompson, S151 Officer  
Peter Skates, Director of Growth & Enterprise  
Dr Charles Jarvis, Head of Economic Development  
Carol Young, Policy and Partnerships Officer  
Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

## **ALSO PRESENT**

Ellie Cox  
Daniel Lindsay  
Lindsay Lewis

## **19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (1 MINUTE)**

Apologies for absence were received from Rick Carter, Jasbir Dhesi, Mark Hills, Cllr Jill Rhodes, Rhiannon Hilton, Jayne Traverse and Martin Wood.

## **20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (1 MINUTE)**

As the Towns Fund Progress Update had become a standing item on the agenda, it was agreed that the following declarations of interest would be recorded and used for all future meetings where this item would be discussed:

Dr Kieran Mullan MP, in the interest of openness, declared that he supported the Whitby Morrison ice cream element of the heritage centre fund and the wishing well element of the pocket parks fund.

In the interests of openness Councillor Jill Rhodes declared an interest as a political appointee of Cheshire East Council and Crewe Town Council.

In the interests of openness Simon Yates declared an interest in the Always Ahead Charity (for Flag Lane Baths).

## **21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (3 MINUTES)**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

## **22 CHAIR & VICE CHAIR ANNUAL REVIEW (5 MINUTES)**

### **RESOLVED:**

That Doug Kinsman continue as Chair and Simon Yates continue as Vice-Chair of the Crewe Town Board.

## **23 TOWNS FUND PROGRESS UPDATE (2 HOURS)**

The board received an update on the current status of various projects. This included:

- Lyceum Powerhouse - RIBA stage 3 costs had been received and a funding gap had been identified although this had been expected and opportunities to cover this were being pursued.
- Repurposing our High Streets – work on the business case was being reviewed by the appraiser. The finalised business case for this project was expected to come to the September board meeting for approval.
- Cumberland Arena - RIBA stage 2 costs identified a slight increase in costs and a value engineering exercise was underway to address this issue.
- Youthzone –further investigations and mitigations would be taken forward in relation to the financial aspects of the RIBA stage 2 report.
- Ly2 – on target for works to start in the autumn

Daniel Lindsay from Ekosgen presented the Crewe Towns Fund tranche 3 assessment summary which included recommendations for formal conditions of funding as well as wider recommendations for the board to be aware of as part of the ongoing management of the projects.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the board agree the following projects and submit them to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities:

- Lyceum Powerhouse
- Warm and Healthy Homes
- Cumberland Arena
- Mill Street Corridor
- Valley Brook Corridor

**24 COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT SUB-GROUP UPDATE (10 MINUTES)**

A report was due to come to the next board meeting in September on options for providing further support to the board.

A press release had been prepared on the latest projects that had received government backing and was awaiting sign off.

**RESOLVED:**

That the update be noted.

**25 AOB (5 MINUTES)**

There were no other items of business.

**26 DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be 30 September 2022.

D Kinsman (Chair)