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Staveley Town Deal Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2025 (10.00 – 12.00)

Hollingwood Hub, Staveley

Attendance

Board Members	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Rob Ricketts	University of Derby
Cllr Elaine Tidd	Staveley Town Council
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Louise Sandher-Jones (MP)	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Officers in support	
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Deborah Widdowson	Chesterfield Borough Council
Craig Busby	Parliamentary Assistant to Toby Perkins MP
Chris Kirby	Parliamentary Assistant to Louise Jones MP
Helen Brightmore	Chesterfield Borough Council
Joe Battye	Derbyshire County Council
Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Project presentations	
Emily Williams (CSH)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Matthew Malkin (CSH)	Chesterfield College Group
Luke Mantle (CSH)	Chesterfield College Group
Simon White (Hartington IP)	Tawnywood Ltd

Apologies

Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society Ltd
Geoff Walker	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Rachel Kent	Derbyshire Constabulary
Cllr Dawn Abbott	Derbyshire County Council



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1. Welcome and apologies (IF)

IF welcomed all to the meeting and passed the condolences of the Board to Cllr Gilby, on the passing of her husband, Cllr Terry Gilby.
Apologies are noted above.

2. Declarations of Interest (All)

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 13th June 2025 and Matters arising (IF)

There was one update to matters arising from the previous meeting.

JB has received an update about the licensing on the canal. Details of this will be circulated to the Board once received by Town Deal team.

Other Actions are complete.

4. Project Presentation – Hartington Industrial Park by Simon White

SW gave a presentation to update on the Hartington project. The presentation is included with the Minutes.

An opportunity to ask questions was available after the presentation.

IF asked whether the focus on advanced manufacturing industries would make a difference to the project. **SW** replied that it could possibly lead to smaller buildings, higher value land, less built area on site and, ultimately, more jobs. This is all dependent on the end users secured for the site.

TP stated that some businesses currently based at Sheepbridge are looking to expand to larger premises. **SW** has already made links with the CBC Economic Development team to make links. **TP** enquired about the flood alleviation through storage ponds and swales, and whether advice had been sought about the resulting flow into the river. **SW** replied affirmatively, saying that the ponds and swales will take some of the attenuation but the development itself will have the main attenuation system as part of the planning process and flow into the river will be regulated through this. The ponds and swales will create a habitat which will sustain flora and fauna that thrive in partially wet and dry environments.,

TP enquired whether the type of end user attracted affected the value of the land. **SW** replied that the distance from the motorway junction will probably make the site less attractive to large distribution outfits. The principal concern is the financial status of the occupier. Some may opt for a building provided by Hartington and leased to the occupier (this would necessitate bank financing to support the development) whilst



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other clients may prefer to purchase a freehold on the land and build for themselves. It is anticipated that the site will attract different types of user.,

TG thanked **SW** for persevering with the project and also thanked the officers involved and the Board for showing the commitment needed to bring the project to this stage. The support for the scheme has enabled the site to be included into the EMIZ area. This brings with it tax incentives to encourage businesses.

SW stated that Tawnywood and Devonshire Group are joint sponsors of the Investment Summit on 5th November, and this is being supported by EMCCA Mayor Claire Ward.

JB confirmed that she would seek support from DCC regarding the land use issues affecting the pipeline route under the canal.

5. Project Presentation – Construction Skills Hub by Emily Williams, Matthew Malkin and Luke Mantle

EW introduced the presentation by saying that she was proud of the project. It has met, and in some cases exceeded, the brief set out for it, namely, to improve outcomes for the people of Staveley. The Business Case had 4 stated aims:

- To enhance local construction training provision
- To be a mechanism to increase engagement with the sector
- To provide a sector specific focus for careers engagement
- To provide a hub from which to lead on supply chain engagement and receive national recognition.

Matt Malkin gave a presentation on the achievements at the Hub.

LS-J asked how the project could be supported further and how it could be replicated across the country. **MM** replied that the project had an initial £500k+ investment but it is now able to self-fund because of the number of learners.

IW stated that the work with local school students has helped to raise the numbers enrolled at the Hub and commented that this needs to be maintained to keep awareness raised. **MM** agreed and said that the focus was on engagement with Year 9 students as they are embarking on career related studies.

Action: **IW** and **MM** to liaise about the possibility of working together with a cohort of Year 11 students who would benefit from some intervention.

TG commented that she would like to see the project working with older people who are long-term unemployed to help them to get back into work.

Luke Mantle gave a presentation about the academic success of the project.



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TP commented about the Skills White Paper which will be published shortly, and the issue of continuing English and Maths education being a barrier to progress, especially onto apprenticeships, for some people. He commented that there may be a change in this requirement.

MM said that visits to the CSH are always welcome, to see the reality of the day to day running of it, but that the storytelling about what it is trying to achieve, the skills and education element and the benefits to the younger generation are more important.

6. Chesterfield Canal presentation by George Rogers

IF suggested changing the order of the agenda and swapped items 6 and 7.

GR outlined the detailed paper that had been issued with the Board documents. In essence the Trust has now identified 2 alternative footpath upgrades which improve access to the canal from residential areas.

IF enquired whether the Trust needed to approve any further funding to complete the project. **GR** replied that the necessary funding has already been reallocated and approved. The canal will be able to get to Norbriggs cutting.

GR explained the proposals which involve moving the footpath location. The new areas are all in areas where permission is in place from the landowners which includes both the Borough and County Councils. **IF** enquired whether the project is able to progress if approval of the proposals is given. **GR** replied in the affirmative: there are no other holdups.

TP enquired what the outputs of the project are. It was confirmed that the original outputs will be achieved and that these are 450m of canal channel, a new lock, the new bridge (achieved) and 3km of new or improved footpath and cycleway. This was always going to be the most difficult stretch of restoration because of the utilities, and engineering needed. The canal will end at Bellhouse basin, which is crucial to the Trust's long-term plans. The basin will house a Marina development, on land leased from CBC. The income generated from this development will support the future work of the Trust. DCC currently spends a lot on maintenance and the Bellhouse development would alleviate some of this financial responsibility.

TG informed the meeting that a Canal Corridor is part of EMCCA strategy, which could be mutually beneficial to the canal and EMCCA forward plans.

The meeting voted unanimously to agree to the plans to improve the alternative footpaths.

7. Programme and Project Update – Exempt item under Local Government (Access to Information) Act

8. CEC update - IW



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IW reported that the CEC Group continues to highlight and inform about the Town Deal. The Communications Plan ensures that every event or milestone is flagged and won't be missed, ensuring that these events can be reported on and celebrated.

Strong links have been made with Stepnell who are providing a lot of Social Value actions to the Staveley community. These links have come from both the Staveley 21 and DRIIVe projects, and the collaboration with the Town Deal team continues to be strong.

9. Any Other Business (IF)

IF has received an email from Barrow Hill Roundhouse regarding the DRIIVe project. A crane for the new building was value engineered out of the current build. They have asked that if any additional funding became available, the request for a crane be considered.

10. Date and time of Next Meetings:

12 December 2025 (10 -12) – Barrow Hill Roundhouse – provisional site visit to Staveley 21 at 9am to be confirmed

20 March 2026 (10-12) - venue tbc, Celebration Event (all Board members, projects, supporters, contractors invited, with short presentations from each project)

The meeting closed at 12.06pm