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## **Staveley Town Deal Board**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (10.00 – 12.00)**

### **Chesterfield College**

#### **Attendance**

<b>Board Members</b>	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Rob Ricketts	University of Derby
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society Ltd
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Cllr Dawn Abbott	Derbyshire County Council
<b>Officers in support</b>	
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Deborah Widdowson	Chesterfield Borough Council
Craig Busby	Parliamentary Assistant to Toby Perkins MP
Neil Burgin	Derbyshire County Council
Helen Brightmore	Chesterfield Borough Council
Joe Battye	Derbyshire County Council
Simon Redding (Barrow Hill Memorial Project presentation)	Barrow Hill Trustees
Cllr Robert Reaney	Derbyshire County Council

#### **Apologies**

Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Elaine Tidd	Staveley Town Council
Geoff Walker	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Louise Jones (MP)	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Rachel Kent	Derbyshire Constabulary
Chris Kirby	Parliamentary Assistant to Louise Jones MP



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## **1. Welcome and apologies (IF)**

**IF** welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made to Deborah Widdowson, Programme Manager, and Cllr Dawn Abbott, Derbyshire County Council, who is a new Board Member.

Apologies are noted above.

## **2. Declarations of Interest (All)**

No interests were declared.

## **3. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and Matters arising (IF)**

There were several matters arising from the previous meeting.

Publicity around the recent positive Audit will be included in the next Newsletter.

The issue of canal boat licensing is being progressed by DCC Countryside Services.

**Action: JB will share the information with the Board.**

A paper has been prepared by **GR** regarding the adjusted plans for the Canal Restoration project, to be considered later.

## **4. Project Presentation – Barrow Hill Memorial Hall (SR)**

**SR** gave a presentation about the progress of the Barrow Hill Memorial Hall project. It was agreed to circulate the presentation with the Minutes.

Questions followed the presentation.

**AS** enquired about whether the Trust has been involved in the Connect to Work pilot scheme, which is focussed on a very small cohort, around health conditions and work readiness. She enquired whether this initiative will be included in the areas of support offered by the Hub when it is in place. **SR** responded that the pilot scheme had been designed before the Trust got involved, but that the community engagement team are now involved. He confirmed that there is scope for DWP services to be involved with the Hub.

**JB** enquired about the phasing of the project and what the timescale was for finishing all the proposed works. **SR** confirmed that the core works (funded by the Town Deal) will be completed during November/December 2025. The Family Hub will be the next priority and once this is funded then Heritage Funding can be applied for to support the works to the upper floor. The Trust is trying to secure a continued



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building timescale, as this will be better than works ending and then having to start again.

**HB** enquired how the facility will be managed. **SR** responded that the Trust is reconsidering the original Business Plan, is opening the money-making sections first and has liaised with a Masters student from the University of Sheffield, who is looking at governance structures. The Hall will be a Community run venture, rather than bringing in a commercial company. This model would allow more flexibility for the community to hire the facilities.

**SR** stated they are likely to employ around eight people in management including bar staff and a Bar Manager. There is also the potential for four more jobs in digital support and cultural education.

**RR** enquired whether the Trust has collaborated with other similar projects around the region and had considered a joint bid for funding. **SR** confirmed that he is aware of many other similar projects, with similar ways of working. The feeling within the Trust is that single bids are preferable as funders tend to prefer-local rather than consortium bids.

**AS** enquired whether the facilities would be targeted at the wider Staveley community, not just Barrow Hill residents. **SR** confirmed that this is the case, as many Staveley and Whittington communities do not have similar community hubs.

**SR** stated that Barrow Hill was formerly a transport hub, and that over half the local community do not have access to a car. It had been hoped that the Railway Station project would bring better bus services back to the village.

**IF** confirmed that he and **HB** had attended a Barrow Hill Trust Board meeting and that they were impressed with the robust governance in place.

**IF** thanked **SR** for his presentation. **SR** left the meeting.

## **5. Programme and Project Update Report (DW) Exempt item under Local Government (Access to Information) Act**

## **6. Communications, Engagement and Consultation Update (IW)**

**IW** presented the Communications, Engagement and Consultation Group update to the meeting.

The Board noted that the report has been received.

## **7. Any Other Business (IF)**



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**DW** reported that the hoardings are being erected around the S21 site in Staveley Market Place. These have been commissioned from a local company and contain artwork produced by the community.

**Cllr DA, JB, LS and CBC** officers agreed to convene a meeting to discuss further masterplan developments in Staveley Town Centre, particularly the cinema and the Elm Tree pub.

**MA** informed the meeting that the Flying Scotsman will be at Barrow Hill Roundhouse for the Rail 200 event on 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025. This will be added to the Comms Plan.

#### **8. Date and time of Next Meetings:**

19 September 2025 (10 – 12) – Hollingwood Hub, presentation from Hartington Industrial Park

12 December 2025 (10 -12) – Barrow Hill Roundhouse, presentation from DRIIVE

20 March 2026 (10-12) - venue tba, Celebration Event

**The meeting closed at 11.50am**