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Staveley Town Deal Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th March 2026 (1.00 – 2.00pm)

Barrow Hill Roundhouse, Staveley

Attendance

Board Members	
Ivan Fomin (Chair)	MSE Hiller
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Ian Wingfield	Springwell Community College
Stephen Wordsworth (deputising)	University of Derby
Cllr Dawn Abbott	Derbyshire County Council
Toby Perkins MP	Member of Parliament, Chesterfield
Louise Sandher-Jones (MP)	Member of Parliament, North East Derbyshire
Mervyn Allcock	Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society Ltd
Cllr Elaine Tidd	Staveley Town Council
Officers in support	
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Deborah Widdowson	Chesterfield Borough Council
Craig Busby	Parliamentary Assistant to Toby Perkins MP
Archie Holmes	Parliamentary Assistant to Louise Jones MP
Helen Brightmore	Chesterfield Borough Council
George Rogers	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Robert Clayton	Derbyshire County Council
Project presentations	
Emilie Bathie	University of Derby
Daniel Milestone-Mapplebeck	University of Derby

Apologies

Cllr Tricia Gilby (Vice Chair)	Chesterfield Borough Council
Geoff Walker	Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College Group
Angela Stansfield	Department of Work and Pensions
Joe Battye	Derbyshire County Council
Theresa Channell	Chesterfield Borough Council
Rachel Kent	Derbyshire Constabulary
Alessio D'Angelo	University of Derby



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1. Welcome and apologies (IF)

IF welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made. He commented that this week has been a momentous one for the Town Deal as it featured heavily at Celebrate Chesterfield and the tour today has shown how much progress has been made, and the potential opportunities created.

Apologies are noted above.

2. Declarations of Interest (All)

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 12th December 2025 and Matters arising (IF)

The e-bikes have all been distributed to the projects receiving them.

The future of the Town Deal Board is an agenda item today.

4. Presentation – Social Infrastructure Research Project Update by Emilie Bathie and Daniel Milestone-Mapplebeck

DMM and **EB** gave a presentation on the Social Infrastructure Research project (attached).

SW asked how the Town Deal projects and the research project information will be publicised. **DMM** replied that the research project information is already being shared. **HB** asked whether **DMM** had an early hypothesis about the research. The reply was that the focus will be on the Town Deal's impact on the social infrastructure in Staveley and he is anticipating a positive impact.

TP enquired about what Staveley and the Board will get out of the project. **IF** responded that it is intended to look at what has been achieved, the impact and what could be done next if further funding became available. The intention is to see what works and how it follows on from The Town Deal, and how this can spin out to other areas and projects. **DMM** confirmed that he will be looking at how the results can be evidenced and used to further projects in Staveley. **IF** confirmed that this is not just an academic exercise.

5. Communication, Engagement and Consultation Update

IW presented the CEC paper to the meeting.

DW advised that the Town Deal booklet has been produced and has been circulated to the Board at the meeting.

6. Programme and Projects update (DW)



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DW presented the Project updates report which has been circulated in the Board papers highlighting that the programme was in a good position overall. This was noted.

7. Future of the Town Deal Board (DW)

A paper has been sent out outlining the potential extension of the Town Deal Board beyond March 26, which was the initial end of the programme. **IF** reinforced that any decision taken is about the future of the Board not about individual attendance on it.

IF reported that the additional EMCCA funding that has been allocated to Barrow Hill Memorial Hall and The Moorings is predicated on the Board monitoring the spend. **HB** confirmed that there is a need for a Board for at least another 12 months as some projects are still to complete. The Board can challenge the project sponsors and oversee the monitoring and reporting to government. Oversight from the board is also important to the University of Derby research project.

IF inquired about the support for the Board from CBC staff. **LS** confirmed that she is aware that there is a need to ensure the Board is supported and she is seeking to resolve this.

TP thanked **IF** for his role as Chair and for keeping the programme on track. He echoes that there is still work being done and that the Board can drive this forward. Overseeing that public money has been spent correctly is a fundamental role.

IW added that he had been cautious about ending the Board and reforming it under a different constitution. However, extending the current Board makes more sense as it has a mandate. If the board has a function, then it has a value.

The meeting voted to extend the Town Deal Board until March 2027 with a further review in December 2026.

8. Any other business (IF)

IF stated that the Board should be proud of what it has achieved. The legacy of the Town Deal is visible.

He also thanked **HB** for his input, support and energy as this will be his last Board meeting.

If board members want to step back from being on the Board, then that decision is respected. A massive amount has been achieved by the whole group supporting the project. The level of respect has been impressive.

9. Date and time of next meetings

5th June 2026 (10.00-12.00) – in person at Springwell Community College

The meeting closed at 2.10pm