

St Austell Revitalisation Partnership:

Date: 27 January 2021

Locations: Via Zoom

Time: 2pm

Chaired by James Staughton

Attendees:

Malcolm Brown (Cllr), Jackie Bull (Cllr), Anne Chapman (SABEF), Anne Double (MP sub), Tom French (Cllr), Howard Flint (Rev), Sandra Heywood (Cllr), Richard Hurst (White River), Dale Lovatt (Improvement District) Grant McDonald (Market House), Peter Moody (SABEF), Kym Omara (Cornwall College), Richard Pears (Cllr), James Staughton (St Austell Bay Economic Forum), Ann-Marie Snell (Ocean), Tim Styles (Cllr), Mark Williams (WTW Cinemas)

Advisors: Mark Ellis (CC), Sara Gwilliams (Town Council) Helen Nicholson (CC), David Pooley (Town Council), Caitlin Murray (CC), Rachel Smith (CC), Louise Wood (CC)

Apologies: Tamsin Thomas (CC); Steve Double (Anne Double Sub)

Actions:

TS opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and asked for nominations for chair. PM nominated James Staughton and TS seconded the proposal. All were in favour and JS took over as Chair.

MB stated that he felt it would be prudent to rotate the chair each year to ensure fair representation from each sector and that the Terms of Reference is amended to reflect this **(RS)**

The group moved onto the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and started to review each section. Aim - it was decided that the definition of the town should be explored, including the college and boundary. It was agreed that LW would circulate a map with the boundary which would be used to formulate the discussion **(LW)**.

Debate followed around the best town to live and it was agreed to amend this to reflect :

“ to be an even better town to live, work, study and visit”. **(RS)** .

Role - MB asked for the role to ensure that the group could call on the expertise of others as and when required and that topics could be brought to the group if they were pressing. **(RS)**

AC raised the question of being explicit if we were able to commission with contractual responsibilities. LW explained at present that this would evolve as the group progresses – there would be opportunities to tap into funding and allocated funds but that this should be on a case by case scenario. It was also envisaged that the accountable bodies would be the Town Council or Cornwall Council. Therefore, it was agreed that the ToR should be updated to reflect that it is not envisaged this group would not receive funding directing and therefore would not be contracting directly. **(RS)**

Membership

Dale Lovatt and Mark Williams are to be added to the group **(RS)**

Kate Wills to be removed and replaced with Kym O’Mara for the college **(RS)**

AC should be the sixth person in the voluntary and community sector therefore allowing another private sector to join. JS recommended Mark Lewis, a local estate agent, who is interested in standing. RH/LW/SH all supported this and it was agreed that JS would invite him **(JS)**

It was noted that after the forthcoming elections that the number of Cllrs would reduce.

A question was raised over the number of people on the partnership, but JS explained this was to ensure a fair representation of the entire community.

JS raised the question of a Vice Chair and TF suggested that there should be two to reflect all sectors. This was agreed and JS asked all sectors to nominate a person via email for the next meeting **(ALL)**

Specialist advice - MB suggested that the wording is amended to reflect that other officers, organisations may be called upon where relevant **(RS)**.

It was also suggested that the wording be amended to reflect that the Chair should rotate each year. **(RS)**.

It was agreed that meetings initially would be monthly **(RS)**

MB suggested adding in the declarations of interests and also abiding by the Code of Conduct for Cllrs. **(RS)**

Confidentiality was discussed – it was agreed to maintain confidentiality where appropriate and all documentation would be placed on a website **(JS/RS)**.

The issue of Comms was raised and it was noted that there would be a combination of SABEF facilitating and Cornwall Council.

MB resolved to approve the draft but to authorise JS and RS to make the suggested amendments **(RS/JS)**. This was agreed.

The group then moved on to start looking at priorities. LW shared some slides with some initial feedback received.

LW stated that ASB and housing associated with complex needs is ongoing work with the council incorporating Housing and our community safety teams.

KoM stated that there had been communication from the DFE which was looking positive for St Austell College.

HF explained that the Hop & Vine, next to the Market House, has hopes to be converted into a church community centre with family support/debt centre etc. He confirmed there will be a café and meetings rooms and it will not be a homeless shelter.

JS commented that the Railway Station should also be considered.

It was noted that digital poverty is also an issue.

DP also raised the issue of ASB as a main concern.

AC stated she felt that the list needed grading as it was quite ambitious.

JS then talked about the next steps:

It was agreed that the slides would be circulated and anyone who had not fed back would then have the opportunity to **(RS)**.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be to approve the ToR and then to have a single item of focussing on the strategy and priority areas.

JS also asked for clarity around pots of money.

CM explained there are 2 pots.

1. The Town Vitality Fund – this is the non strategic pot which did have a deadline of the end of March. However, COVID has meant that this will now be a rolling process
2. Strategic Fund – this is not a bid process

CM is going to send a summary of these pots to explain further **(CM)**

JS mentioned that the placeshaping toolkit may be useful and it references a template which we should have sight of **(RS)**

The next meeting was agreed for Thursday 4th March at 9.30am