

St Austell Revitalisation Partnership:

Date: 19 October 2021

Locations: Via TEAMS & Cornwall College St Austell

Time: 9.30am

Chaired by Kym O'Mara

Attendees:

Peter Moody (St Austell Printing Co), (Richard Pears (Cllr), Jordan Rowse (Cllr), Mark Williams (WTW Cinemas), Chris Sampson (Community), Cllr Deborah George (Town Cllr), Cllr Crystal Pearce (Town Council), Cllr Malcolm Brown (Town Council); Sandra Heyward (Market House); Mike Hawes (Mei Loci),

Advisors: David Pooley (Town Clerk), Caitlin Murray (CC), Rachel Smith (CC), Louise Wood (CC) Rachel Galbraith (CC); Caitlin Lord (CC).

Apologies: James Staughton, Dale Lovatt (Business Improvement District). Steve Double (MP), Dr Stewart Smith (NHS), Mark Ellis (CC), John Watkins (WRP); Ann-Marie Rogers (Ocean Housing), Anne Double (Cllr/MP rep),

Actions:

KoM opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and noted the above apologies.

2. Review of notes of the previous meeting:

The actions of the previous meeting were agreed and closed.

3. Update on Town Vitality Fund

DP reported to the group that the Town Council meeting was held the previous evening. He went on to explain the Members were supportive and he has been authorised to sign the grant letter.

DP also explained that the Town Council had agreed to add an additional £10k to the £25k offer for resource and will be setting up a staffing committee to progress.

DP also explained he had been asked to write a paper on the governance arrangements.

MB echoed the support of the Town Council. MB raised the question of being very clear on the decision-making process for the town council and the partnership, plus procurement for the deliverables.

RG explained that the Town Council are the accountable body for the vitality funding and it is for the Partnership to assist them in delivering.

CS stated that we need to be clear on accountability and if there was disagree who would mediate. CM explained that Cornwall Council would intervene if an agreement could not be reached. It was agreed to define this in the ToR.

DP was asked if the Town Council had progressed their thinking with respect to procurement. DP explained that he is in discussion with a procurement expert and is working with him to under the processes. DP also asked the group to let him know of any consultants, preferably local, and delivery partners that people have used previously. **(All)**

Next Steps

- For the ToR and delivery paper to be created to clarify roles and responsibilities and decision-making processes. **RG/DP**
- Job description for the regeneration officer to be created by the Town Council **(DP)**
- A procurement update for the next meeting **(DP)**

AOB

MB stated that he is aware that the Customer Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) were due to review a paper on Estate Transformation. St Austell would form part of this review. The papers can be located: [Browse meetings - Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Cornwall Council](#).

MB expressed concern over the Penwinnick site. RG stated that that the site is being considered at outline stage at the moment.

RS explained that OSC provides challenge and recommendation but is not a decision-making board.

PM stated that the group were aware of proposals and could not see a difference at present.

CS stated the group should be able to shape and influence the impact. It was agreed that an update would be provided in relation to this **(RG/ME)**.

MB raised a second point around leisure and the Polkyth site. He explained the whole centre should be considered for replacement and/or relocation and explore options with partners. PM stated he had been speaking with SS and there needs to be consideration expansion and future proofing when considering this site.

RG explained there is a Health & Wellbeing working group which are considering all options and looking at the strategic outline case.

CL stated that she had been contacted by the artist of the mural who would like to donate the original artwork to the town and who also raised the point of maintenance of the original. CL to send the dimensions of the artwork to the group for consideration **(CL)**. DP stated that the Town Council would build the refresh of the artwork into their long-term plan.

MH raised the issue of bringing certain projects into the partnership. Thought was to be given to wider projects and the benefits for the area.

The meeting closed at 11am

Date of the next meeting: 24 November @ 2pm – St Austell College. **(RS)**