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**Greater carlton town board MEETING**

**Wednesday 25 September 2024, 17.00**

**Hybrid Meeting (Teams/Elizabeth Room)**

**Present:**

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| Board Members (voting) | Sir John Peace CVO CStJ | Chair |
| Candida Brudenell | Retired. Formerly Assistant Chief Fire Officer at Notts Fire & Rescue Service, and Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources at Nottingham City Council |
| Dr Ian Campbell | Senior Partner, Jubilee Park Medical Partnership |
| Cllr John Clarke MBE | Leader of Gedling Borough Council |
| Val Green MBE | Founder and Chair, Friends of Gedling Borough Memorial Woodland |
| Cllr Keith Girling | PFH Economic Development and Asset Management, Notts County Council |
| Dan Howitt | Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner |
| Nathan Kenney | Director, Mapperley All Stars |
| John Taylor | Planning and Property Consultant, Entente/Purico Ltd |
| Paddy Tipping CBE | Non-Exec Director of Notts Healthcare Trust, Chair of East Midlands LIFT Companies, Board Member of Framework, Chair of Notts Community Foundation |
| Other Partners: | Joelle Davis | Group Manager Growth, Infrastructure & Development, Notts County Council |
| Peter Gaw | Chief Executive, Inspire |
| Gedling Borough Council Observers/  Support: | Mike Avery  Mike Hill  Tanya Najuk  Natalie Osei  Maria Ziolkowski | Director of Place  Chief Executive  Assistant Director - Housing, Growth & Regeneration  Assistant Director – Governance and Democracy and Deputy Monitoring Officer  Executive Assistant (Minute taker) |
| Mutual Ventures: | Mark Bandalli  Gill Callingham  Philippa Curran  Sally Dickens | Project Director  Three-Year Investment Plan Lead  Consultation Lead  Ten-Year Investment Plan |

**Apologies:**

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| Board Members (voting): | Stella Clarke | Gedling Borough Youth Mayor |
| Dawn Edwards | Director, Challenge Consulting and Area Leader for the Federation of Small Businesses |
| Michael Payne MP | MP for Gedling |
| Board Members (non-voting): | Claire Ward | Mayor, EMCCA |
| Melanie Phythian | Deputy Area Lead (Notts) of Cities and Local Growth Unit, MHCLG |
| Lynne Sharpe | Associate Director of Estates, Nottingham and Notts NHS Integrated Care Board |

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| 24.025 | **introduction and apologies** |

Introductions were made and apologies noted.

It was agreed that a second representative from Youth Council can be co-opted to the Board.

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| 24.026 | **minutes of the previous meeting** |

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed, and it was agreed they were a correct record of the previous meeting, although some typographical and grammatical amendments were to be made before publishing.

**Decision: The minutes of the previous meeting to be agreed.**

For: Sir John Peace, Candida Brudenell, Dr Ian Campbell, Cllr John Clarke, Cllr Keith Girling, Dan Howitt, Nathan Kenney, John Taylor, Paddy Tipping.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

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| 24.027 | **matters ARISING** |

Board Membership – It was agreed to contact the Canal & River Trust to invite them to join the Board as a partner rather than a board member for the time being.

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| 24.028 | **scope and complaince of the greater carlton 10-year vision and 3-year investment plan** |

The Board was reminded that the contract with Mutual Ventures is to produce a compliant 3-Year Investment Plan. Other themes can be discussed but the plan must be compliant.

Discussion was held around due diligence and feasibility studies for those projects selected. Council officers advised that they are currently limited in terms of resourcing and could only carry out this work to a certain point until further funding was received. Once funding comes through, the Board will decide what will need to be set aside for this work.

For beneficial projects that do not fit within the themes stipulated by the LTPFT, then it would be good practice to determine if these might funded from alternative funding streams.

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| 24.029 | **feedback from second round of engagement** |

Mutual Ventures ran through a short presentation on the feedback given by the community and local businesses. The Chair was pleased to note the feedback received from young people (aged 13-16).

Key points:

* Generally, those who had taken part were positive and helpful in terms of feedback with only the occasional incident where there was refusal to engage.
* Discussion followed around potential support for local businesses, and it was generally agreed that any support would be to help them be more competitive and to create an active retail environment rather than to potentially keep struggling businesses going. Grants could potentially be provided for projects thar are not “business as usual”.
* Some Board Members felt that work on infrastructure and appearance of retail areas is important, and successful businesses employ local people. There was a suggestion that investment in the public realm would help to attract private sector investment.
* It was noted that there are already other funding streams available to support local businesses and that EMCCA will be providing some funding for this purpose.
* It was also suggested that some consideration should be given to the nighttime economy – Nottingham had already seen successes in this area in West Bridgford, Sherwood and Mapperley Top.
* Noted that Carlton Square is owned by a pension fund. Council officers advised the owner has advised they plans to do works on the precinct but there is no timeframe. The Council has already carried out works to the car park based on this, but the owner has not as yet kept their side of the agreement. The Chair asked whether the Board should approach the owner with a masterplan that they could take on and invest in. An officer from the County Council advised this is where a pot of money set aside from the funding for the purpose of feasibility studies, etc would come in. One Board Member was sceptical that the investment in Carlton Square would take place. The issue could potentially be that Carlton Square is a very mall part of the owner’s portfolio.
* The Chair advised he was aware Mayor Clare is very keen to see some transport projects.

**Action: The Council to approach the owner for a meeting re their plans for Carlton Square.**

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| 24.030 | **Alignment of data and consultation feedback & confirmation of GCTB investment priorities/key themes** |

Residents’ feedback generally supported what the data had said.

Key points:

* A large number of projects put forward were for parks and green spaces which tended to be owned by district and borough and parish councils, and it needed to be determined whether any of these would be classed as “business as usual” by whoever might be ultimately responsible for the project.
* Tourism groups could act in an advisory capacity to provide vital support to the Board.
* District and Borough councils are responsible for negotiating CIL/S106 contributions for infrastructure improvements.
* The Council is not holding a significant amount of CIL/S106 contributions for open spaces.

**Action: Planning officer to circulate to Board Members the publicly available contributions statement for ease of access.**

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| 24.031 | **Intended benefits (Theory of Change)** |
|  | When deciding on the projects need to determine what has to be done to achieve the intended outcomes and objectives. What does good look like if the challenges are addressed?  Key points:   * If we don’t have the relevant baselines, then we can’t measure if a particular project will, or what project would be required to, make a difference. * Have identified the key deprivation areas in one of the first meetings so there should be flagship projects in those areas. * Have to show people what the Board is doing with the money. However, the long term 10-year plan projects don’t correlate with what will appear in the 3-year plan. |
| 24.032 | **Review shortlist of projects, followed by prioritisation** |

After a long discussion it was agreed that Mutual Ventures and Council officers would work together to review the list and cut out those projects that did not fit the government’s criteria or the Boards preferred themes.

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| 24.033 | **aob** |

There was no other business.

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