

SCARBOROUGH TOWN BOARD

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2025
11:00 @ SCARBOROUGH TOWN HALL

MEETING MINUTES

Chair David Kerfoot CBE DL DK	Cllr Liz Colling LC NYC
Vice Chair Richard Boyes RB Scarborough Business Partnership	Cllr Mark Crane MC NYC
Alison Hume AH MP	Nic Harne NH NYC
Matt Butterworth MB CU Scarborough	Kerry Levitt KLV NYC
Adrian Perry AP Scarborough and District Civic Society	Lauren Hopson-Haw LHH Agenda Item 5 NYC
Simon Bull SB Scarborough Business Ambassadors	Helen Jackson HJ Agenda Item 6 & 7 NYC
Caroline Routh CR Stephen Joseph Theatre	Neil Hughes NH Agenda Item 8 & 9 NYC
Mel Bonney MB CaVCA	Joe Russell JR Agenda Item 10 NYC
Sam Allum SA North Yorkshire Sport	Julian Caddy JC Agenda Item 11 NYC
Sam Pollard SP MHCLG	Jackie Speakman JS Agenda Item 11 NYC
Amy Ball AB MHCLG	Daniel Fisher DF Minutes NYC

1. APOLOGIES

- Richard Flinton, NYC
- Rachel Wood, North Yorkshire Police
- Rachel Drew, ARCADE
- Liz Philpot, YNYCA
- Chris Marson, Scarborough Athletic
- Rosemary Du-Rose, Beyond Housing
- Steve Bromham, Save9
- Clare Harrigan, Beyond Housing

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Sam Allum, Caroline Routh & Mel Bonney declared they are members of the Scarborough Fair Advisory Group

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- Minutes of the meeting held on 06th December 2024 agreed as a true record.

4. UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE – David Kerfoot

- Section 3 of the Terms of Reference has been updated to be more concise as requested by MHCLG. They were reviewed and agreed by the Board.

5. SPRUCING UP SCARBOROUGH – Lauren Hopson-Haw

- LHH presented an update on the Sprucing up Scarborough project. As the Long-Term Plan for Towns money has been delayed, the initial 6-month programme of work is being funded from Council budgets.
- There are 3 main work streams:
 - Urban Maintenance
 - Shop Front & Building Improvements
 - Public Real Enhancements
- Work in the first 6 months will include:
 - A large-scale pre-season spring clean on the 28th and 29th March 2025.
 - A dedicated town centre operative for 2025/26
 - New litter bins installed.
 - Shop front vinyls and wall murals
 - Planting scheme
 - Seating replacement scheme of furniture that is damaged / poor condition.
 - Review of Pocket Parks & Town Hall Gardens.
- Concerns were raised by the Board around the ongoing maintenance of the project, and other areas within the town including Plantation Hill, Rotunda Steps and Children's corner (by the Spa) where scaffold wrap and Heras fencing have been left up for a prolonged period of time and have ended up looking as tatty. The suitability of the seating was also raised, to ensure they are suitable for elderly residents. Officers responded to confirm the other locations mentioned will be looked at as part of other plans and the issues around ongoing maintenance will be taken on board and addressed. LHH to confirm the types of seating that will be used.
- There is going to be a community clean up event held on the 28 & 29 March 2025. LHH will provide a link to the information and officers requested the board signal boosted this event where possible.

6. WEST PIER – Helen Jackson

- HJ provided an update on the West Pier project. The planning application was deferred by the Strategic planning committee on 30/1/25. There were 4 resolutions that need addressing and officers are preparing responses. The tender process for the main contractor is continuing and is in its second phase. The project is facing significant time and financial constraints.
- Members held a discussion around the push back from opponents of the scheme and there was a further discussion around the projects impact on the fishing industry and future development of the site. There were concerns raised around the delays to the project and the risk that the scheme would not be able to make MHCLGs deadline. Should this be the case were there any other government funds that could be applied for.
- The chair has received a further 3 emails from Bob Roberst, which he has responded to.
- Whilst there have been issues with the delivery of the project, the Board are still in support of the scheme as submitted.

7. STATION GATEWAY – Helen Jackson

- HJ gave a verbal update on the financial constraints impacting on the project. A design workshop has been held to review the options available for the project and the project will concentrate on the public realm in front of the station.
- DK informed the board that the design workshop went well, and the chosen path forward will meet the goals for the project, making a positive impact on visitors arriving to Scarborough by train. The Chair requested the MP (AH)'s assistance in progressing the project with stakeholders if required.

8. NORTH BAY MASTERPLAN – Neil Hughes

- NH presented to the Board about the status of the Council's assets currently held in the North Bay and its aims for the area. The Council have commenced a soft market testing exercise to assess the demand for the 5 sites and review the ideas potential delivery partners might have for the sites.
- Concerns were raised by the Board around the use of the phrase "Blank Canvas" in the promotional material for the sites. Reassurances were made by officers that this is just a market test and that all submissions would be reviewed extensively to ensure they were the best fit for the sites. There are currently 30 companies showing an interest so there are likely to be a diverse mix of proposals.

9. BRUNSWICK CENTRE – Neil Hughes

- NH updated the board on the current position of the Brunswick Centre redevelopment. The redevelopment of the site will cost circa £50M to convert into a leisure complex. A significant funding gap has been identified and the developers have approached the Council for financial support.
- The Board raised concerns around the project's viability and requested a detailed economic case for review. NH informed the board the intention is to undertake a full economic feasibility study before any decisions are made. The Board support the scheme in principle but would need a detailed plan.

10. NEWBOROUGH (ARGOS) REDEVELOPMENT – Joe Russell

- JR presented an update on the position of the Argos building redevelopment scheme. The preferred option for the development is for a large national retailer to take space within the redeveloped site, however there is likely to be a significant funding gap. The results of the feasibility and economic appraisal are due imminently when further information on the requirements will be known.

11. SCARBOROUGH FAIR - Julian Caddy & Jackie Speakman

- A brief update was given to the Board around Scarborough Fair project. The team have achieved some impressive results such as hosting 6 major events including 131 festival days and delivered improvements to Scarborough Open Air Theatre and renovations within Scarborough Spa. There are a further 6 events scheduled for 2025/26.
- The Board were pleased with the success of the project and look forward to the events over the coming year. Questions around the future of the project were asked as the funding is due to finish this year. Officers stated there is ongoing work to achieve a sustainable future for Scarborough Fair.

12. A.O.B

- DK informed the Board that Chris Marson has resigned from the Board. This leaves two vacancies on the Board. KLV to seek nominations.
- SP updated the board on the reorganisation of the MHCLG. He will no longer be our representative from 31-Mar-2025. AB is awaiting confirmation of her role after the reorganisation. The Board thanked SP and AB for their hard work and wished them the best of luck in their new role.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10am, 13th June 2025, Scarborough Town Hall.