



## Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Lottery Fund

### Board Meeting Notes

### March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (10am)

#### ATTENDANCE

Name		Organisation	
Councillor Sandra Wyatt (Chair)	SW	South Derbyshire District Council	SDCC
Kate Allies Environmental Development Manager	KA	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Nicola Lees Economic Development Officer	NL	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Richard Shaw Design Excellence Officer	RS	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Katherine Stanley Townscape Heritage Project Officer	KS	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Councillor Stuart Swann	SS	Derbyshire County Council	DCC

#### 1. Apologies

Adam Lathbury, Alex Gilbert and Paul Warren (DCC); Liz Knight, Councillor Peter Watson, (SDDC).

#### 2. Minutes from last meeting and matters arising. Introduction of new THPO

SW welcomed KS to the project after joining as Townscape Heritage Officer in January.

#### 3. Grants update

KS updated that:

- Properties who enquired about developing projects for grant panel: a house in Church Street; 8, West Street (Stag Barbers); South Derbyshire Miners Association; and Old Mould Shop, next to Sharpe's.
- Colliers Butchers (57, High Street) were interested in a small grant, but have not followed up after initial enquiries.
- The British Heart Foundation premises (7 High Street) had initially enquired about the grants, but had not followed up.
- The Co-op Building had been nearly finished and likely will be brought back into use.
- Salts (High Street) had finished and were looking grand.

- Timms (23, West Street) was completed, and signed off.
- The Tudor building (8, Midland Road) had some grant funding left and was looking at improving the condition of its applied timbers.

NL said it had been noticed publicly that improvements were taking place and people were very positive about it.

SW raised the issue of the steps of Swadlincote Town Hall. Skateboarders were causing damage to the sandstone. She was concerned that the damage could result in a fall from someone using the steps. RS said it would cost between £5k and £10k for a gate to be made in keeping with the area and its railings. The steps were installed in 2011 from the same material as the Delph surface. He ruled out the use of studs to stop the boarders as they would present a trip hazard. There was an option to replace the sandstone steps with something hardier like granite, but it wouldn't be in keeping with the sandstone surface of the Delph. It would, however, fit in with other granite in the locality.

#### **4. Activities update**

KS was speaking to the Heritage Lottery Fund about reallocating funding from the bursaries fund to the maintenance fund. There had been a low uptake of bursaries and it would provide a maintenance legacy which went beyond the end of the project.

KA reported that work was still being done on the schools programme, as per the agreed activities plan for the Townscape project.

KA updated on the town trail project, an offshoot of the HLF Townscape project. She thanked NL, SS and Councillors Sean Bambrick, Linda Chilton and Gary Musson for match funding which had been a big factor in £30k being awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Heritage Trail. It allowed the project to be a separate entity. Planning permission was in place for the lecterns and plaques that NL was leading on. Listed building consent had been awarded the previous week for the plaques. The text for them was more or less done and KA had ordered them aside from tweaks for the wording. The project would be launched on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

KA reported that there was permission for two plaques on the Delph. One was due to be dedicated to 17<sup>th</sup> century royal armourer Richard Holden and one to the petty crimes court which once met there. The Magic Attic had suggested a plaque to the Royal Sherwood Foresters regiment as more relevant. SS asked if both Holden and the regiment could be given a plaque. KA replied that there was permission for two plaques only on the Delph and two more at the Pipeworks (one to mining and another to sanitary ware, with consideration being given to whether plaques should be installed at all due to street clutter). KA wondered if Holden shouldn't be dropped altogether or an extra plaque applied for. NL asked if the original working group needed to be reassembled to discuss it.

**ACTION: Richard Holden issue to be brought to the next meeting.**

**ACTION: NL to check spelling of ay up mi duck for the trail**

## **5. DG update**

RS reported that the public realm works were complete, and that the contractor had returned to site to rectify a snagging list before full sign off.

RS reported problems with pigeons. Various suggestions were put forward to combat it, including lights, anti-roost glue and bird scarers. NL suggested a projector from a Church Gresley company to act as a pigeon deterrent. RS confirmed that this is being addressed, and will report back about solutions.

RS confirmed that CCTV in the area was now working.

NL reported that a Raising Aspirations meeting was coming up involving SDDC's Shaun Woodcock. Could that project be extended to include the DG when considering the development of a 'friends of' group, so that the DG is part of a town-wide maintenance agenda, KS agreed to liaise on this.

RS reported that consideration was being given to moving the air conditioners on the Grove Hall to improve the DG. It would cost between £2k and £6k.

SW said she had a photograph of her daughter at the visit of Princess Anne in 1981 which could be used.

KA had noticed a 4x4 parked at the DG and the driver did a turn in the road involving some of the garden. It was a potential problem at the site. SW said vandalism at the DG was one of her biggest concerns. KA said it was something to keep an eye on.

SW said the DG was a brilliant job and everyone involved deserved a big thank you.

## **6. Cash flow**

KS updated the Board on the current cash flow, commenting that there were small changes only since last meeting, and these were due to the Timm's Third Party grant being paid out upon completion of that project, as well as the paying out of the final budgeting for the DG.

## **7. Any other business**

KS said it had been a fantastic project to join, even if in its third year. She was honoured to work with people who had done such dedicated work.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10am in the Council Chamber.