

Haslingden Strategic Board

Minutes & Actions (15th January 2020)

Voting Attendees

Name	Theme	Vote
Cllr Marilyn Proctor (Acting Chair)	Credit Union Representative	1 Vote
Paul Buckley (rep)	MP for Haslingden & Hyndburn	1 Vote
Cllr Granville Morris	RBC Ward Councillor for Greenfield	1 Vote
Guy Darragh	Economic Development & Property Services Manager (RBC)	1 Vote
Kathy Allcock – Haslingden & Helmshore Civic Pride	Community Groups Representative	1 Vote
Granville Barker	Resident Representative	1 Vote
Sarwar Al-Jalali	CIC Representative	1 Vote
Martin Proffitt	CIC Representative	1 Vote
Simone Keating	Rossendale Leisure Trust	1 Vote

Also in Attendance:

Name	Theme	Vote
Mhorag Saxon	Economic Development Officer (RBC)	No Vote
Jackie Flynn	Communities and Partnership Officer (RBC)	No Vote
Alex Hyde	Haslingden NLHF Project Officer (RBC)	No Vote
Rachael Marsden	CIC Representative	No Vote
Jan Nangle – Haslingden & Helmshore Civic Pride	Community Groups Representative	No Vote
Renate Omerod – Haslingden & Helmshore Civic Pride	Community Groups Representative	No Vote
Stephen Anderson	Buttress Architecture	No Vote

Apologies

Name	Theme	Votes
Cllr Alyson Barnes	Leader of the Council (Chair)	1 Vote
Sara Britcliffe MP	MP for Haslingden & Hyndburn	1 Vote
Cllr Ann Kenyon	RBC Ward Councillor for Worsley	1 Vote
Cllr Adrian Lythgoe	RBC Ward Councillor for Worsley	1 Vote
Cllr Margaret Pendlebury	RBC Ward Councillor for Greenfield	1 Vote
Cllr David Stansfield	LCC County Councillor	1 Vote
Cath Burns	Director of Economic Development (RBC)	1 Vote

Dorothy Flynn	Resident Representative	1 Vote
Leigh Andrew	Business Representative	1 Vote

Minutes

Item 1	<p>Welcome and apologies from Acting Chair – Cllr Marilyn Proctor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that Haslingden has achieved a lot of success as town in recent months.
Item 2	<p>Minutes from the previous Haslingden Strategic Board were accepted by the board.</p> <p>All actions from the previous Haslingden Strategic Board meeting (Wednesday 14th August 2019) have been completed.</p>
Item 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the most recent Full Council, the Haslingden 2040 Vision & Masterplan (and external funding) was discussed, in the context of their draft form, with a view of adopting the strategic documents as planning policy after formal consultation. Council also noted the successful achievement in obtaining funding for Haslingden. GD outlined the attached 'Haslingden Town Centre, 2040 Vision, Masterplan and external funding update report' to the Strategic Board (appendix 1) It was noted that the National Lottery Heritage Funding (NLHF) team were impressed with the (nearly) 1000 people consulted and involved in the creation of the Haslingden 2040 Vision & Masterplan. It was explained there is no guaranteed funding from Phase 1 development funding to Phase 2 capital funding. The project management of the scheme will be closely monitored by the NLHF team, including a formal mid-term review. The NLHF Caseworker noted during the project initiation meeting that RBC had made a strong start with well-regarded bid for Phase 1 funding. The recently appointed Project Officer – Alex Hyde, will enact project start-up before March 2020. This project is the first Town Centre project to be funded by the NLHF in the North West since the reordering of the funding – so will likely be closely watched as a case for best practise in the region. GD outlined the offer letter from NLHF (appendix 2)
Item 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD explained that the NLHF team may require a singular board/group to be established in order to the oversee the project – but this needs to be confirmed. The project team are not yet in position to explain what this would be but the Strategic Board engaged in discussion regarding how it could be structured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including widening community representation on the board.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ And the need for consistency and appropriateness in attendance. ● A proposal for the Terms of Reference to be reviewed in time for the next board was agreed to ensure that the right people are attending the Strategic Board. With all suggested changes such as, potentially widening the invitee list, being included in the review.
Item 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MS outlined the public & stakeholder consultation plan for Haslingden. ● The key output of the various forms of engagement will be to both generate feedback and community interest. ● It agreed that the Helmshore ward will be included in consultation as a neighbouring ward for the mail-out of letters. ● A letter will go out to all households in the town and surrounding area. This will build awareness of the project and promote engagement. ● There will also be a comprehensive questionnaire attached or a link to online questionnaire so that the project team can gather as much detail as possible from residents. ● It will be a community-led engagement process; with schools and social media leading the way to generate lots of interest/feedback.
Item 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The land behind Deardengate is of concern, with removed vegetation and litter. This is identified as Cockrill Square in the draft 2040 Vision. ● This area is essential for the future vision for Haslingden. ● GD is currently in talks with the landlord of this site. ● At this stage no planning permission for the site has been validated. However, the economic development team are working with the land owner to achieve a mutually beneficial development for the site and links to the wider masterplan.
Item 7	<p>a) Item 7a will be added to the next Strategic Board meeting agenda. In the meantime a review of the Terms of Reference will be undertaken by the project team, looking to remove any ambiguity of attendance.</p>
	<p>b) Conservation issues in Haslingden – members of the group were encouraged to continue reporting any new conservation issues to planning@rossendalebc.gov.uk, and contact alexhyde@rossendalebc.gov.uk if responses are not swift.</p>

Actions	
Review Terms of Reference.	AH/GD
Confirm the structural arrangements for the NLHF group and present back to the board for confirmation.	AH
Consider youth membership of the Strategic Board and/or NLHF group.	AH
Ensure the next Strategic Board meeting is held within 6 weeks.	AH
AH to send out contact details to the Strategic Board members.	AH