

**NOTE OF MEETING – 10 May 2024**

<p><b>Present:</b>          Fiona McKenzie (Chair)          Peter Telfer          Councillor Douglas Reid          Raymond Higgins          Councillor Barry Douglas          Craig Hume          Billy Bowie</p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b>          Angela Cox          Stuart McCallum          David Cameron          Alan Brown MP          Colin Blair</p>
<p><b>In Attendance:</b> Claire Kavanagh, Karen Purves, Kelly Morris</p>	

No.	Item	Board Action	
1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p>Fiona welcomed those in attendance and noted apologies of members unable to attend.</p>	N/A	
	<p><b>Actions Arising: N/A</b></p>		
2.	<p><b>Note of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Members reviewed the previous note and agreed it as an accurate reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising:            Fiona discussed with members the initial feasibility proposal put forward by independent consultant Kelly Morris, towards developing the Long Term Plan for Kilmarnock on an interim basis.</p>	N/A	
	<p>Members agreed to appoint Kelly Morris as Kilmarnock Town Board Interim Programme Manager. Kelly Morris subsequently joined the meeting.</p>		Agreed
	<p><b>Actions Arising: N/A</b></p>		
3.	<p><b>Town Centre –Walkaround Update</b></p> <p>Members discussed the Kilmarnock Town Centre Walkaround undertaken in advance of the meeting and noted the scale of the opportunity to regenerate Kilmarnock, linked to telling the story of the town and its natural assets such as green spaces and local businesses. Discussion took place regarding town centre buildings currently in East Ayrshire Council’s ownership (actively being marketed</p>	N/A	

	for sale) – Civic Centre North & South (John Finnie Street) and the White Tile Building (King Street)	
	<b>Actions Arising: N/A</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Plan Preparation</b></p> <p>Members noted the Long Term Plan for Towns Grant Determination Letter (Paper 2) and receipt of £200k capacity funding for development of the Long Term Plan for Kilmarnock.</p> <p>Members discussed and agreed resources and costs to develop the Long Term Plan and approved the plan set out in Paper 3.</p>	<b>Agreed</b>
	<b>Actions Arising: Town Board members to identify resources within their gift, to contribute to development of the Long Term Plan.</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Engaging Young People (Bus Station)</b></p> <p>Raymond Higgins set out current multi-agency activity to engage and positively interact with young people frequenting the Kilmarnock Bus Station. Members discussed potential opportunities for the Kilmarnock Town Board to add value to this activity and to otherwise tackle issues of safety (real/perceived) within the town centre.</p>	
	<p><b>Actions Arising: Kelly to pick up engaging young people in further discussion with Raymond Higgins.</b></p> <p><b>Karen to check if capacity funding is deducted from or additional to first £2m allocation.</b></p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Members discussed the considerable amount of work to be done at pace in order to achieve DLUHC deadlines and noted the potential need for additional meetings and sub-groups to make this happen. Members agreed to be as flexible as possible in this regard and indicated openness to 1-2-1/offline discussions to carry work forward at pace.</p>	
	<b>Actions Arising: Kelly to arrange 1-2-1 meetings with Board members and key stakeholders as identified by members.</b>	
Date of Next Meeting: TBC		

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