

NOTE OF MEETING – 13th June 2024

<p>Present: Fiona McKenzie (Chair) Billy Bowie Angela Cox Cllr Barry Douglas Craig Hume Raymond Higgins Councillor Douglas Reid</p>	<p>Apologies: Stuart McCallum Peter Telfer Rev. David Cameron Colin Blair Eddie Fraser</p>
<p>In Attendance: Claire Kavanagh, Kelly Morris</p>	

No.	Item	Board Action
1.	<p>Welcome & Apologies Fiona welcomed those in attendance and noted apologies. Members noted the implications of pre-election period for UK Parliamentary General Election in respect of Alan Brown’s attendance at meetings.</p> <p>Fiona thanked all members for their continuing positive engagement, leadership and flexibility in supporting the Town Board in this early stage.</p>	N/A
	Actions Arising: N/A	
3.	<p>Note of Last Meeting Members reviewed the note of the previous meeting and agreed it as an accurate reflection of discussions.</p>	NOTE
	Actions Arising: N/A	
4.	<p>Plan Preparation- Progress Update Kelly presented on progress made to develop the Long Term Plan for Kilmarnock; the approach being one of inclusive engagement across the geography of the town, with communities of interest including; businesses, veterans, young people, people experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Kilmarnock Town Board public facing branding/campaign: We Make Kilmarnock. Website and social media channels live to support engagement and promote activity across Kilmarnock.</p>	

<p>In addition, several capacity building projects are contributing towards LTP development, aligned to the LTP investment themes and themes emerging from engagement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Kilmarnock Fair Festival – an event linking geographical communities (Kilmarnock Community Alliances) with the town centre and providing a platform to share the ‘We Make Kilmarnock’ message to bring the community on the journey. (High Streets, Heritage & Regeneration Theme) • A town centre clean up to create visible positive change in high profile areas in the town centre, which is a frequent theme in feedback from engagement and to build volunteer capacity. (High Streets, Heritage & Regeneration Theme) • Innovative engagement with young people frequenting the bus station to add value to multi-agency work already ongoing. (Safety & Security Theme) <p>Keri presented on the themes emerging from community engagement; Green Spaces & Environment, Events & Town Centre Regeneration, including through activities for children, young people and families, evening economy and brightening up the town.</p> <p>The Kilmarnock Town Board’s investment in the 6 Kilmarnock Urban Community Action Plan Alliances will enable communities across the geography of Kilmarnock to act quickly and meaningfully on their local priorities and build links between communities and into the town centre. Each Alliance is currently agreeing its plan for action/spend and progress will be reported to the KTB. For example, Alliances are choosing to contribute to the Kilmarnock Fair Festival to ensure local children are able to access fun activities free of charge. Noted the East Alliance includes Hurlford & Crookedholm.</p> <p>Councillor Douglas declared an interest in relation to matters relating to the Kilmarnock Town Board boundary and East Ayrshire Council Multi-member Ward 4: Kilmarnock East & Hurlford boundary and took no part in the discussion.</p> <p>Timeline for plan development/submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing community/business engagement • Kilmarnock Town Board meeting 1st July – skeleton/outline LTP • Kilmarnock Town Board meeting 18th July- draft LTP (Investor event to be pushed back after August) • Kilmarnock Town Board meeting 29th July- approve LTP for submission. 	<p>NOTE & AGREE</p>
<p>Actions Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Barry Douglas to meet with Morean Hamilton. Raymond Higgins to link with NHS Ayrshire & Arran. Claire & Kelly to review Town Board Guidance on membership. • All KTB Members to arrange/provide headshots for marketing/communications • Kelly to link with local businesses re: publicity on website • KTB to consider decoration of Foregate/MSCP area during demolition 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KTB to sponsor some items for Dean Thistle Gala Day and Take A Bow In The Park • KTB to consider creative/public art opportunity – Claire to provide background research and costs. • Agreed to invest in treatment of Japanese Knotweed and embankment on John Finnie Street and engage with BT regarding future maintenance of the site. • Claire to provide background/previous information re: buddleia. • Agreed to consider impact of LTP interventions through poverty & equity of opportunity themes. • Agreed to treat investment in Urban CAP Alliances as grants. • Agreed to further research the Kilmarnock Town Board boundary as it relates to Urban CAP Alliance boundaries towards representations to DLUHC and to update DLUHC on Kilmarnock Town Board progress. Claire Kavanagh/Karen Purves. • Research any action undertaken by Our Union Street (Aberdeen) in relation to business rates. Claire Kavanagh. 	
5.	AOCB: N/A	
	Actions Arising:	
Date of Next Meeting: 1 st July		

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