

Doncaster Central Development Trust CIC: Board Meeting

Date: 4pm, 16th June 2011
Venue: Church View, Doncaster DN1 1AF

Present:

John Giddins [Chair]
 Therese Kennedy [Vice Chair]
 Michael Hinks
 Pete Beresford
 Bev Stoddart
 Arnold Drakeley

[Note: the quorum is currently 6, as the board has 11 directors, i.e. over 50% with a majority of DCDDT members.]

In attendance:

Ben McCall [Company Secretary and DCDDT Chief Executive: CE – minute taker]

Apologies:

Ahmed Rashid
 Mohammend Shabir
 Ian Hanks
 Alison Telford-Simms

The Chair welcomed all and asked directors to declare any pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests before or as they occur in the meeting.

1. Church View: presentation of emerging brand by Our Agency

Lanie Green of Our Agency presented the process and penultimate designs for Church View marketing. Directors generally accepted the need to separate personal views of particular designs from the aim of achieving an effective brand for the building and concept (*not* the Trust).

2. Chief Executive's update, including Church View ERDF review

Agreed: (i) To ask Yorkshire Forward ERDF unit to provide evidence of the statements made in their report dated 3 November 2010, but only recently released to DCDDT; (ii) two directors (PB and TK) want to examine internal and external communications on this issue and this will be made available by the Company Secretary; (iii) the Trust will not take legal action on this issue and broadly needs to move on to focus on future sources of investment to develop the rest of the building; (iv) directors welcomed the news that CLG is recommending to government ministers that Doncaster NDC's Succession Strategy be approved and signed-off.

3. Open discussion, including board composition and strategic positioning

Recruiting of new co-opted Directors: A director wanted to redefine the partnership post-NDC; others wanted new blood, particularly with skills in housing and enterprise, while other directors questioned this and that a board smaller than the current maximum of 14 and composed mostly of residents, as at present, is a workable model. Discussion on the immediate approach to developing the board to be concluded at the next meeting, along with a broader discussion on strategy.

Agreed:

To revisit this subject periodically, to refresh thinking as the external situation develops.

Agreed as a true record: _____ Date: _____

4. Minutes of the previous board meeting: 19 April 2011

Agreed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the 19 April minutes

None.

6. Framework for community engagement and influence – review

Agreed:

To prioritise a better relationship with DMBC as it improves; and recommendations: 1. The DCDT Board approves this review, debates the key points and questions above and that the Framework be further developed in consultation with DCDT Resident Members Forum and in co-operation with partners. 2. DCDT to apply for member of CVS and seek to influence its positive development. 3. DCDT to allow its membership of the Chamber to lapse and review its membership of Locality and other subscriptions, presenting a recommendation to the September meeting.

7. Housing update

The report was approved.

8. Finance Report

The CE presented the report.

Agreed:

1. That the report be noted. 2. Board approve the revised budget for 2011-12. 3. Board approve the recommendation to move to quarterly finance sub-committees and monthly financial briefings.

9. Planning the agenda for next meeting

Shorter agenda and focus on Church View, starting with a tour of the building, at 3.15 – 3.45 pm, then presentation of a study by Creative Space Management, on attracting alternative sectors (to CDI) into the building.

The meeting closed at **19:05**.

Date and time of next Board meeting: 21st July 2011, 4 pm.