

At a MEETING of the **DUNDEE CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROJECT PARTNERSHIP BOARD** held at Dundee on 7th September, 2009.

Present:-

Councillor Ken GUILD, Dundee City Council
Councillor Will DAWSON, Dundee City Council
Mr Mike GALLOWAY, Director of City Development, Dundee City Council
Ms Jill FARRELL, Scottish Enterprise
Mr Alan WATT, Director of Business Environment, Scottish Enterprise

Also Present:-

Mr Les BANKS, project Co-ordinator, Dundee City Council
Mr Fergus WILSON, City Engineer, Dundee City Council

Councillor Ken GUILD, in the Chair.

I MINUTE OF MEETING OF 15TH JUNE, 2009

The minute of the above meeting was submitted and approved.

II IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

There was submitted and noted a report detailing progress to date with regard to Design Work, Construction Works, Development Works, the Wider Waterfront, Studies and other matters, and drawing the Board's attention to issues of possible concern.

With regard to the demolition of Tayside House and Olympia it was reported that subject to confirmation of funding contribution from SportScotland being received within the next few months, the works would proceed as programmed.

It was also confirmed that Trades Lane Junction Improvements would commence on 8th September, 2009. Discussions were ongoing with Scottish Water regarding a contribution to flooding alleviation works.

III FUNDING AND FINANCIAL MONITORING

There was submitted and noted an updated financial statement. Adjustments had been made to include the Trades Lane Junction Improvements works.

IV MARKETING STRATEGY

Reference was made to paragraph VI of the minute of meeting of the Board of 15th June, 2009 wherein the Board considered a Draft Strategic Marketing Plan and agreed a number of changes. This included ensuring that the language used should be extremely positive, that it was important to identify specific targets, that stakeholders should be involved on an ongoing basis and that the document should be constantly updated.

It was also agreed that the Waterfront initiative should be used within schools and further education establishments and that this could make a valuable contribution to awareness raising and public relations.

The Executive Team had taken these views into account and amended the document accordingly. A copy of the amended Strategic Marketing Plan was submitted and approved.

The Board also noted that the recent establishment of the Marketing Sub-Group would enable a more detailed Action Plan for 2009/10 to be drawn up and this would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board for its consideration.

VII DUNDEE RAILWAY STATION STUDY

Reference was made to Article VIII of the minute of meeting of the Board of 15th June, 2009 wherein it was agreed that a phased Option 3, derived from various ideas in the consultants study to date, be developed into a practical costed proposal with the agreement of Network Rail and First Scotrail. This would probably require the engagement of a design team regularly used by Network Rail and First Scotrail who have a good understanding of the requirements and limitations of working within the railway environment.

There was submitted a report illustrating the proposed "hybrid" option taking account of information now available regarding the Station Bridge in relation to the Central Waterfront proposed road works.

The Board agreed that:-

- (a) the "hybrid" Option 3 outlined in the report, derived from various ideas in the consultants study to date, and taking account of the information now available about the Station Bridge at South Union Street, be adopted as an illustration of the Partnership's ambition for the station complex and should form the basis for discussion with Transport Scotland, Network Rail, First Scotrail and TACTRAN establishing a continuing study to develop this into a properly costed, practical proposal for implementation;
- (b) these ideas be put into the public domain on the understanding they were sketch proposals for further discussion, and
- (c) a meeting between Dundee Waterfront Project representatives and the above organisations be sought at the earliest opportunity to progress this key element of the project.

It was further agreed that the draft proposals should be submitted to Network Rail at the earliest opportunity, explaining that the Board was under pressure to release information to the press and public and intended to do so within the next seven to ten days. It was also agreed that the importance of the proposal in terms of the overall development of the Waterfront should be stressed to Transport Scotland, notwithstanding the fact that the Dundee Rail Station improvement was not included in their Projects Review of November, 2008. It was remitted to Alan Watt and Mike Galloway to prepare a briefing note or open letter.

It was also remitted to Mike Galloway to consider the issue of land ownership.

VI V & A SITE FEASIBILITY STUDY

There was submitted a Report regarding a proposal to carry out a feasibility study into the viability of creating a site for an outpost of the V & A in Dundee.

A study sponsored by Scottish Enterprise and the University of Dundee had concluded this should be viable and the partners in the project now wished to develop the concept further. The Scottish Government had also indicated it was in support of this project and had expressed a desire for an early implementation.

The Dundee Waterfront Project's contribution was to be a serviced site for the building. To do this successfully, and without complicating the ongoing Waterfront Infrastructure work, it was proposed to test the feasibility of creating a site by extending the seawall into the estuary, thus completely avoiding the Waterfront roadworks and demolitions that would be underway in the same period of time.

A feasibility study to determine the practicality of doing this, the best means of creating the site, and the consequences in terms of impact on the estuary was therefore needed.

The Board approved the undertaking of a feasibility study up to the value of £100,000, and remitted to the City Engineer to procure the various elements of this study.

It was reported that there was considerable public interest in this project and the V & A Steering Group would be likely to release information into the public domain in October.

VII A O C B

Mike Galloway advised the Board of recent "Art on the Waterfront" events.

VIII DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16th November, 2009 at 12.30 pm (change from previous date) in Conference Room, Enterprise House, 3 Greenmarket, Dundee.