



Stamford Vision CIC
Minutes of the Board Meeting
27th October 2006

1. Apologies and confirmation of quorum

Present: John Plumb (chairman), Bryan Helyar, Andrew Moore, Graddon Rowlands and Philip Sagar

This was a quorum. Don Lambert attended as a Chamber of Trade representative.

Apologies were received from: Srikanth Padmanabhan, Robert Conboy, Miles Dibsdall Eileen Green, Andrew Leech, Brian Sumner, Councillor John Smith and Neil Cuttell. Catherine Hammant and Daniel Simons were in attendance.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting in September and matters arising

These were agreed as a true record.

3. Stamford Gateway: update

A meeting of the Liaison Group took place on 5th October. The group recommended that the scheme should not start on site until after Christmas and LCC have agreed to this.

The contract is out to tender at present.

4. Reports from the working groups

None of the groups have met since the last report. However, the following updates were provided:

▪ **Business:**

The second Business Awards have now been launched in the Mercury. Stamford Vision is the sponsor for the Customer Service category. The closing date for entries is December 1st.

▪ **Marketing:**

The Hidden England consortium of 5 local Houses has reported back on the joint marketing undertaken last year and a summary sheet of the activity was circulated. We contributed to this project and the town has received great publicity through it.

▪ **Urban:**

The second phase of bins have been distributed and Richard Barry is to be commended for his work on this.

Bins have been offered to the town council for the Meadows. The community cleaner has started work this week.

Marks and Spencer are to donate £5,000 to a project to improve the eastern end of the High Street. The intention is to improve the seating around the lamppost and to introduce some planting. This is seen as the first stage to works to the High Street and any works will bear that in mind.

5. Updates on Key priorities

1. Planning:

The LDF process is delayed. Mark Harrison is attending the next business group meeting to discuss how Stamford Vision can assist in strategic planning matters.

2. Car parking:

The recent benchmarking exercise has quantified the amount of illegal parking. It was agreed that Stamford Vision should invite the appropriate authorities to a meeting to discuss on-street car parking.

3. Roads:

The Local Transport Plan outlines the need to undertake some consultancy work on roads and this will be done but no firm date has been set. The CTZ projects are being accomplished gradually.

4. Benchmarking: The Welland wide benchmarking project is now entering the evaluation phase with conclusions being drawn over the next few months on what the data shows.

6. Partnership paper and board paper actions

- Miles Dibsall has agreed to become a director and the board unanimously endorsed this.
- An attendance list was circulated for the last 12 months. The importance of regular attendance was confirmed and as a principle it was agreed that substitutions would be allowed where absence was unavoidable by arrangement in advance with one of the co-chairmen.
- There was a discussion on representation on the board and the following actions were agreed:
 - The co-chairmen will arrange to meet Linda Neal to discuss representation with SKDC.
 - Discussion to take place with the town council on their representation.
 - Voluntary, environmental and youth representation was discussed and a number of suggestions made. Board members will make enquiries with the identified individuals and report back to the next board meeting.
- The AGM will take place at the Town Hall on Thursday 4th January at 7pm.
- The directors present signed the statement confirming their commitment to the company. Absent directors will be asked to sign this before the next board meeting.

7. Finance and AGM

The budget was reviewed. Andrew Moore to discuss with Tom Hindmarch what information can be provided for the AGM in the light of the first accounting period extending to the 31st March 2007.

8. Working with the SKDC towns

Now that all four towns in the South Kesteven area have officer support there is an opportunity for cross working. The first stage of this is a social event where all members of town partnerships will be invited to meet informally. This will take place on Monday

4th December at 7pm at Castle Hill language school. As the 'home team' it would be good if we had a strong attendance. This will take the place of our normal annual review, the more formal part of that can be accommodated at the AGM.

9. **AOB**

- Catherine Hammant announced her move to set up the Welland Market Towns Group, of which Stamford will be an important member. She will continue to work closely with the partnership and will step down as co-ordinator following the AGM.
- East Midlands Market Towns Asset School. This is an initiative which Emda is developing to ensure partnership sustainability. Stamford should be well placed to take advantage of this.
- Emda BID Academy: This initiative is something which Stamford might consider but it was agreed that the time is not right at present.
- Stamford 3000: The board would like to invite members of the Chamber of Trade to discuss the document and in particular what feedback they have received.
- Morrison's planning application: The board members agreed that the importance of this site for any future transport solution for Stamford should be conveyed to SKDC.

The next meeting is 8.30 am, 24th November, at Newage AVK SEG