

Agenda

Discover Ashfield Board Meeting

Date: **Wednesday, 10th July, 2024**

Time: **9.00 am – 11.00**

Venue: **Hybrid - Main Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road & Microsoft Teams**

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DISCOVER ASHFIELD BOARD MEETING

Attendees

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Name	Position on Board	Position/Organisation	Present
Martin Rigley	Chair	Project Manager, Alliance Procurement Solutions Ltd	
Alan Cooke	Board Member	Business owner, Showstoppers Ltd	
Amy Fox	Board Member	Senior Marketing & Fundraising Manager, Portland College	
Angela Bentley	Sub for Lee Anderson	MP Office	
Angie Peppard	Board Member	Our Centre	
TBC	Board Member	Police and Crime Commissioner	
Cllr Chris Huskinson	Board Member	Executive Lead Member for Leisure, Health & Wellbeing, Ashfield District Council	
Cllr Matthew Relf	Board Member	Executive Lead Member for Growth, Regeneration and Local Planning, Ashfield District Council	
Cllr Zadrozny	Board Member	Member for Nottinghamshire County Council (Leader of Ashfield District Council)	
Daniel Howitt	Sub for Caroline Henry	Police and Crime Commissioner	
Dianne Holmes	Board Member	Head of Curriculum, Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (ATTFE)	
Eva Trier	Observer	Mutual Ventures	
Fiona Johnson	Sub for Kelvin Eatherington	Associative Director, Civic Engagement, Nottingham Trent University (NTU)	
Gill Callingham	Observer	Mutual Ventures	
Helen Davis	Observer	Strategic Lead, Active Notts.	
Katie Roberts	Board Member	General Manager, Kirkby Leisure Centre, Everyone Active	
Kelvin Eatherington	Board Member	Enterprising Ashfield Project and Interim Economic Programme Manager, NTU	
Lee Anderson, MP	Board Member	MP for Ashfield and Eastwood	
Louise Knott	Board Member	Vice Principal, West Notts College	
Mark Bandalli	Observer	Mutual Ventures	
Mark Cawar	Board Member	Feather Partnership	
Melanie Phythian	Observer	Business and Trade, City local Growth	
Nicola Charles	Board Member	Area Manager, Boyes Stores	

Pauline Stojanovic	Sub for Angie Peppard	Our Centre	
Pete Edwards	Board Member	Chair, Ashfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership	
Peter Cribb	Board Member	District Manager, Inspire - Culture, Learning and Libraries	
Peter Gaw	Sub for Peter Cribb	Chief Executive Officer, Inspire – Culture, Learning and Libraries	
Roy Lewis	Board Member	KARA (Kirkby Area Residents Association)	
Simon Martin	Sub for Dianne Holmes	Vice Principal, Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (ATTFE)	
Stewart Nublely	Board Member	Ashfield Spartans Boxing Academy	
Teresa Jackson	Board Member	Trustee, Ashfield Voluntary Action	
Toby Metcalf	Board Member	KARA (Kirkby Area Residents Association)	
Andrea Stone	Supporting Officer	Wellbeing Manager, Ashfield District Council	
Christine Sarris	Supporting Officer	Assistant Director – Planning and Regulatory Services	
Hollie Maxwell-Smith	Supporting Officer	Discover Ashfield Lead, Ashfield District Council	
Tracey Bird	Supporting Officer	Wellbeing Officer – Place, Ashfield District Council	
John Bennett	Supporting Officer	Executive Director, Place, Ashfield District Council	
Paula Straw	Supporting Officer	Events Officer, Ashfield District Council	
Paul Crawford	Supporting Officer	Investment Manager, Ashfield District Council	
Sarah Daniel	Supporting Officer	Assistant Director - Regeneration, Ashfield District Council	

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- 5. Consultation Update, Phase 2 Survey - Hollie Maxwell-Smith**
- 6. Project Prioritisation - Sarah Daniel**
- 7. Comfort break - 10 mins**
- 8. Funding allocations - Sarah Daniel**
- 9. Capacity Funding & Funding Subgroup - Sarah Daniel**
- 10. Any Other Business - All**
- 11. Date of Next Meeting - Friday 19th July**

Kirkby Town Board Meeting

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Olivia Bestwick	Observer	HR Advisor, Van Elle	√
Pauline Stojanovic	Sub for Angie Peppard	Our Centre	√
Paul Dobson	Board Member	Training and Assessment Manager, Van Elle	√
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Agenda Item	
1	Welcome / Introductions / Apologies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made by all attendees. • Apologies from Lee Anderson, Chris Baron, John Bennett, Paul Crawford, Tracey Bird, Simon Martin, Peter Gaw, Louise Knott and Fiona Johnson.
2	Reflections of Previous Meeting – Martin Rigley
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Lewis commented that at the previous meeting Helen Davis proposed the decision for funding to be used for community and voluntary groups to undertake face-to-face consultation however Helen is not listed as a board member and is an observer. • Martin thanked Roy for this observation and proposed the decision, Cllr Relf seconded. • All other minutes agreed.
	Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board agreed inviting the Council’s Community Safety Manager to the next board meeting to understand the safety and security projects further.
3	Chair & Vice-Chair role – Martin Rigley
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin explained there would need to be an election of a Chair and Vice-Chair as he stands as the interim currently. • He expressed an interest in being the Chair of the board and asked if there were any other board members wanting to be considered.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollie asked the board if anyone else wanted to put themselves forward.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf endorsed Martin in the role of chair as he has been successful in steering the Discover Ashfield board.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin asked if there was an interest in being Vice-Chair.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete Edwards expressed an interest in being Vice-Chair.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollie asked the board to propose Martin as the Chair.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Fox proposed, and Stewart Nublely seconded.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollie asked the board to propose Pete as Vice-Chair.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf proposed, and Dianne Holmes seconded.
4	Engagement Update – Sarah Daniel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah explained she would go through the presentation received by Iceni on the residents’ survey conducted (attached).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 344 responses to the public survey, and there was also a consultation at Outwood Academy with students.
	Stage 1 Survey: Key Takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and green spaces are valued but people would like to see improvements. • A strong desire to see a wider variety of shops, including local independent shops. • Regenerating the high street seen as key. • A more visible police presence would make people feel safer. • Resurfacing the roads (potholes) was felt important.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you love about Kirkby question top three responses were parks / green spaces, the leisure centre and the sense of community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How proud do you feel to live/work/learn/visit Kirkby question with 0 being not at all and 10 very proud - 51.5% scored Kirkby 5 or below, 48.5% 6 or above. • For high street, heritage and regeneration the key themes included: • Town centre feels run down and neglected. • Suggestions of a better variety and quality of shops including independent shops. • Kirkby has a strong sense of community and is a nice place to live and work. • Poor quality roads. • There's little for young people to do. • Traffic and congestion.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah continued with what would benefit Kirkby's Town Centre the most - with the responses including regenerating the high street, improved environment and funding to support the establishment and ongoing running of a specialist market. • What do you think would benefit Kirkby's community assets and activity - the most responses were new or improvements to existing community and neighbourhood buildings, programmes, exhibitions, events for community spaces, funding for local new and existing volunteering and social action groups, music and theatre performances, support for cultural and heritage network to share knowledge and investment and support for digital infrastructure.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think would benefit Kirkby's parks and outdoor sports the most - responses were improvements to parks and green spaces, improvements to outdoor sport facilities, support for community sports leagues and tree planting.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents were asked if they had any other ideas for Kirkby high street, its heritage or regeneration, with the responses being to improve maintenance to town centre, encourage local businesses and independent shops to open, improve parks and green spaces, stop anti-social behaviour, lower rents to encourage independent shops and a new outdoor market.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How safe do you feel in Kirkby, with 0 being not at all and 10 very safe, half scoring 5 or below and half scoring 6 or above.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For safety and security the key themes included: • Feeling intimidated by large groups of young people. • Electric scooters and mopeds speeding through town centre. • Not enough visible policing on the streets. • Anti-social behaviour. • Street lighting needs improving. • Feeling safe because of the friendly and close community.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas were listed in order of highest to lowest priority: • Problem oriented policing, hotspot policing, improvements to streetlights, more CCTV, activity programmes and mentoring for young people, neighbourhood watch, help with increasing security of your home and alley gating. • Other ideas on safety and security in Kirkby included better police presence, stop e-scooters, park wardens and better management of parks, breakup large groups of young people, better maintenance of estates and town, improve CCTV.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah moved onto the transport and connectivity theme with what would benefit Kirkby's roads, footpaths and cycle paths the most with responses being highway maintenance, improvements to road network to relieve congestion, bus infrastructure to speed up journeys, new or upgrading of footpaths and cycle paths, improved road safety and electric vehicle charging facilities. • Other ideas were resurfacing of the roads, investing in public transport, traffic light system review and tackling congestion.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overall question to ask what would benefit Kirkby the most had results of: • Better overall maintenance • Encourage local businesses and independent shops to open. • New community facilities such as public markets. • Improve road surfaces and traffic management. • Activities for young people. • Improve safety. • Better police presence.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah went through the young people's consultation work.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Jackson asked how the survey results compare with projects which are currently being developed and how can these be linked with priorities which are already happening, and if funding will be added to these existing projects to expand them. • She also commented that the issue with the potholes should fall under Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) however it has obviously been highlighted as a priority by residents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah explained there is a longlist of projects to review later in the meeting where this will be discussed and that there are discussions with NCC to have more investment into the roads.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf agreed on bolstering already established projects with extra funding to enhance them. • He also recommended not using the Kirkby funding to go towards the roads as this funding can go elsewhere and we should be able to secure funding from NCC as expected.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea asked engagement partners if there were any other projects ideas that they had had discussions around that have not been captured on the survey.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners confirmed the survey results reflected conversations they had.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Cawar commented that surveys can sometimes be leading in their answers and if there were any other ideas which we feel should have been included which weren't.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollie explained there were sections within the survey to put ideas into a preference order but also there was space per theme where we asked for any other ideas from residents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa added that she had visited Annesley Woodhouse and Village and the Parish Hall is closed a lot of the time, despite the building being relatively new. She also visited All Saints Parish Church and the hall, which is a good space however dated, and is also underused. Compare these to places such as Acacia Centre which is always full and need more space. • Teresa wondered how we can link the churches into this work.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She added that the timeframe to gain responses for the survey was quite short and it would have been beneficial to have longer to interact with residents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Fox wanted to gain some more insight into the people who completed the survey. • She added she felt mental health had not been represented much throughout the survey, as people suffering with their mental health need additional support.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Callingham wanted to confirm if the villages Teresa mentioned were part of Gedling or Ashfield.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollie confirmed Annesley Village is part of Ashfield district.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf followed on from Teresa to explain he felt it was the people within the community halls and centres who were able to get these thriving rather than the building itself, and he is keen to invest in the people organising these activities for the community. • He reiterated this is similar for shop also, we have ample shop spaces however need business owners to utilise these.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah confirmed that community assets were included within the longlist and thanked Teresa for visiting the residents in Annesley. • Sarah ran through the demographics of the survey: • 63% of respondents were female. • 22.5% of respondents were aged between 51-60, 20% between 41-50, 19% between 31-40 15% between 61-70, 12% 70+, 7.5% between 22-30 and 1.9% 18-21 • 65% of respondents identified as 'Non-Disabled', 19% identified with having Physical disability/ Long Term Health Condition, 11% identified as having Mental Health and 5% as both above • 60% of respondents were Employed, 21% Retired, 11% Unemployed, 10% said 'Other' and 4% were Students. • 74% of respondents are Kirkby residents, 9% work in Kirkby, 8% wrote 'Other', 4% are part of a community group, 3% are business owners and 1.5% are education providers.
5	Local Challenges and Benefits – Mark Bandalli
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark went through the updated challenges and benefits presentation (attached). • He explained the requirement is to develop a 10-year strategy and vision that identifies local challenges and the intended benefits of the Long-term Plan For Towns (LTPFT). • The progress to date includes place diagnostic with data, review of various consultations, engagement with Council officers, discussion at May Town Board and outputs from public engagement. • Beginning with the safety and security theme, Mark went through the local challenges and opportunities, the impact and the intended benefits from these.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin commented that the underperformance in social trust compared to the national average was mirrored by other Chairs of Towns Board he spoke to when he attended the Chair's meeting and they also did not feel this was reflected within the community.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark agreed and expressed that from the residents' survey there is more data to be seen.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin asked board member for comments, and if the intended benefits output looked correct.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Jackson expressed that an intended benefit is a reduction in levels of reported crime however Ashfield is below the national average for this, however there is also unreported crime happening and how can this be tackled.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark agreed that crime rates in Kirkby are lower than average, however there is still a perception of crime which has come from surveys and data and there is a strong feeling there is too much crime. Mark accepts Teresa's point on unreported crime however finds challenges in monitoring this.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Cawar put forward using the measure of increase in pride in place as a way of seeing reduction of reported crime as well.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark agreed this would be a way of recording, as well as an increase in residents reporting they feel safe in the town centre and their neighbourhood.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Fox put forward altering the terminology on the benefits as there are numerous focusing on young people and this could be changed to incorporate everyone.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf agreed with Amy, as he wants people to be satisfied with the town centre and not just young people. • He commented on the point of reduction of reported crime, he understands that perceptions of Kirkby can be negative, however Ashfield is a very good place to live and residents can sometimes be negative so the perception is a key focus.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark asked Cllr Relf if increasing residents reporting they feel safe in the town centre and neighbourhood should replace the reduction in levels of reported crime within the intended benefits or if they both should have a place on there.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf understands the challenge of reducing crime and the only way of validating this is the reporting of crime, he does not want to lose the aspiration of reducing crime.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark put forward putting residents feeling safe in the town and neighbourhood as more of a priority.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin commented that in previous years an auditor came to Ashfield and they came with a preconceived idea of the area and were very pleasantly surprised when they arrived, which again relates back to the perception.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewart Nublely noted that Ashfield Spartans Boxing Academy had recently won four gold medals and this was publicised in the Chad however nobody seems to know about this. He wondered how there could be an increase in the number of young people accessing youth provision when it is difficult to get the message out of provisions in the area.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah agreed that communication is an ongoing issue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hollie explained there had been work done with young people to consult on how they know about events or offers in the area and offered to share this with Stewart.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin agreed that different groups need to use different outlets for marketing to hit their intended audiences and felt there is some work to do on this to identify these communication links.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pete Edwards raised that in the recent meetings he has been to where crime, and deprivation have been discussed. Pete has been an Ashfield resident for over 20 years and gets frustrated hearing the word 'deprivation' as there have been positive changes and there have been steps to improve the area. He believes it is the board's role to promote our assets and to understand how we can communicate provisions. This is a ten-year project where the young people will be in their 20s, so working with children and young people are a priority but all residents need to be included.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teresa added that there is a polarisation of target groups and there is a need for an integrated society of mixed generations working together. There could be a reporting of good citizens doing great work and celebrating them.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Sarris agreed with comments made and would like a more focussed approach on the intended benefits such as asking groups of people where and when they do not feel safe in town centres and tackling these. By getting more people in the town centre it in effect makes it self-policing.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Relf commented on the communication issues, and related that the council publicise in newspapers, on social media, use booklets posted to all Ashfield residents and they still are unaware of projects or events happening. He feels there is a piece of work more widely to get audiences to engage in communications.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Cooke expressed that having local people visit businesses and high street shops came across better than council officers.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin expressed this is council wide and again is perception of officers, which the board can help change whilst working together.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board discussed communication barriers from their organisations and the perception of council workers.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark moved onto theme two High streets, heritage and regeneration running through local challenges, impact and intended benefits.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Fox agreed with the intended benefits but wanted to highlight the root cause of these as around 21% of respondents to the survey are unemployed and if we tackle their mental health this can be a key challenge to helping their employability, spending in towns etc and felt mental health support was being missed in areas.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hollie expressed that giving people opportunities, events, and support all support people's mental health in them having a happy and healthier life.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dianne Holmes agreed that giving residents events in town centres has a knock-on effect for consumer spend and dwell time which benefits the town. She has found that having community hubs in Sutton town centre has brought more footfall into the town and spend.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roy Lewis added that there are no specific intended benefits for heritage and felt there could be more towards the enhancement of heritage assets.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hollie explained the longlist of projects does include some more specific heritage focuses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah asked Mark to include a reference to heritage within the intended benefits.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark moved onto theme three, transport and connectivity and the local challenges, impact and intended benefits.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin noted that potholes are an issue however if we spend the full funding over the ten years on these improvements there will be no longevity to the funding and benefits we could use it for.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark added that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) are keen for councils to identify areas that cannot be addressed within the long-term funding but can be addressed in other ways.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf agreed with the points made and he is aware of the issues of traffic congestion getting through the town centre. • He is keen to use some of the funding to have a review of the traffic flow and use this as an avenue for further funding to address this.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Lewis commented that the intended benefits on the presentation look quite broad and it would be beneficial to have a more specific measure. • One of the benefits of Kirkby is the relationship with the train station and the town centre and there is a potential to improve the linkage to improve the use of public transport to reduce the number of cars coming through Kirkby. • This could include linking the bus routes with the train station, and links on the green route to Portland Park and Kirkby Woodhouse. • He felt a potential benefit would be to make use of the position of the train station in the town centre.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Jackson raised that the traffic coming into Kirkby meets at the Nags Head which affects the flow of traffic. She noted there are many right hand turns within the town centre which causes flow issues. • If there is a review of Kirkby traffic, the road running from Annesley Woodhouse through to the bottom of Kirkby hill is a diversion for many people and this could be improved.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Relf understood Teresa's points but is keen not to bypass Kirkby too much as businesses gain shoppers from this visibility.
The Board then had a 10-minute break.	
6	Project Prioritisation Criteria – Gill Callingham
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill presented on the Long-Term plan for towns and project prioritisation framework for this (attached).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah added that we will not be focusing on costing at this point as there is also the potential of match funding so we do not want to reject some project ideas due to funding. • She noted that the initial consultation was short and there will be a phase two consultation with the shortlisted projects put forward to the public to prioritise these in order of importance to them. • From this there will be a clearer picture of what residents and businesses in Kirkby want.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa added that the revenue funding we can give straight away, if these can continue as groups in the voluntary sector get funding which is short term and projects aren't able to continue.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah confirmed this is one of the main concepts for this funding as it is a ten-year plan and creates sustainability.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete Edwards noted that he is keen for the projects in Kirkby to all be accessible to everyone. • As an example, Pete must go into Nottingham if he wants to access the train due to accessibility issues in Kirkby.
7	Discussion of Potential Longlist of Projects – Gill Callingham
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill presented the longlist of project to the board (attached). • It was noted that this longlist to shortlist was not to confirm projects which would be agreed, but which projects will be taken to the second consultation. • Some projects may be highlighted in this exercise however do not fall under this funding.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board discussed the list: • Safety and Security • Issues of street lighting around the town centre and some streets. • Neighbourhood watch. • Littering and dog fouling better than it used to be. • Youth worker support and outreach project. • The board agreed inviting the Council’s Community Safety Manager to the next board meeting to understand the safety and security projects further.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Streets, Heritage and Regeneration • Community Hub encompassing partners and support, including activities and events. • Shop front grants, this is currently underfunded by UKSPF which is ending this year. Including enhanced support for businesses to apply for these grants. • Developing the plaza, including shelter, and utilising the space more with events, markets etc. • Street furniture and planters along high street and pedestrianised area in the town, add vibrancy. • Further investment in our parks – refurbishment, LED floodlighting, play zones, 3G sports pitches, BMX tracks. • More arts and culture provision, raised by young people. • More events and community activities. • Public toilets – the council is no longer allowed to provide these due to vandalism. • Better information within town centres such as notice boards or digital boards. Using the Discover Ashfield website and app. • Funding local new and existing volunteering special interest and social action groups, and local sports clubs. • Buying buildings for local community sports groups. • Upgrades / refurbishment of community centres and church halls. • Bins outside shops on the high street fall under enforcement, not funding. • ATMs on the street, there will be a banking hub in Kirkby shortly. • Mental health and counselling. • Feasibility of enhancement to area around Kirkby Cross. • Funding for the NHS Hub in Ashfield Health & Wellbeing Building – this is due to open following purdah.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and Connectivity • Improvement of walking / wheels networks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of linear park / green route linking areas around Kirkby. • Review parking provision and signposting in town. • Disabled access at Kirkby Railway. • There are plans for EV charging points already within the council's plans.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final list of 39 projects was shortlisted, with 11 still to be reviewed with community safety and with further evidence (attached). The Council to review and summarise for the phase 2 consultation which is due to run from 19th June to 3rd July.
7	Any other business – All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah updated the board that Nicola from Boyes has stepped down from the board due to workload.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ZenCity consultation results will be received after the elections.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin mentioned he spoke to Coalfield Community Trust who can assist in funding community assets. • Also a contact in Onside Youth Zones. • Martin will share their details with Sarah.
9	Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 10th July

Longlist of Projects

Increase street lighting luminescence - Around town centre, problematic streets, parks, train station - draw down on hotspot areas. Reduce anti-social behaviour and increase feeling of safety. Train Station - Improve Lighting etc, to feel safer at night

Improvements to CCTV - additional streetlighting and CCTV columns in Kirkby/Annersley

CCTV in bus shelters - up to 10 cameras in bus shelters at key bus stops, £2k per install plus £10k to cover set up and connection to Ashfield CCTV control. Increased perception of safety for passengers, deterrence against vandalism, additional coverage for CCTV control in monitoring, additional footage for Police investigating incidents.

Policing generally on streets as deterrent particularly kids on bikes, scooters

Wardens for public parks and areas to reduce ASB, better management of the area to make adults and children feel safer. Potential use of Churches Together Street Pastors - to support use of parks (example from Hinckley)

Fly tipping project - project lead (45k), signage (15k), CCTV equipment (25k), alleyway closures (35k), targeted operations.

Weaponised Enabled Crime. Launch a weapon enabled crime prevention project aimed at reducing knife crime and possession of knives by young people, Operation SABRE

More deterrents/enforcement to stop anti-social behaviour (littering, dog-fouling, chewing gum, spitting)

Rat on a rat targeted campaigns (Fly tipping, ASB)

Substance abuse support - drop-ins and peer support group - Public health commission services - adult and children

Vulnerable Adult Support - support people with Drug and Alcohol issues causing violence with/without injury.

Community Cohesion - Protection officer lead (45k), funding for community groups (25k), Commissioned project funding (20k), build community cohesion such as LBHFQ, map minority communities in Ashfield, map community infrastructures.

Targeted bespoke service to work with children/families over med to long term to reduce offending

Introduce Mini police and Cadets into more schools and have community offer for the children and young people who are not in school

Equation Ashfield Proposal - project to be suitable and appropriate for young people to address domestic abuse in their intimate relationship.

Big sister project - Women and girls (Healthy relationships, personal Safety, aspirations, activities, building connection, etc)

Increased youth provision particularly in schools holidays to deal with low level ASB for 10 to 18yrs.

Youth worker support and outreach project - Kirkby town centre detached youth work team, delivering 6 sessions a week during the evenings and daytime, a variety of focused youth work projects throughout the year, presence and support at community events, working closely with police and Ashfield ASB team to identify young people requiring additional support and diversionary activities.

Inspire Learning to deliver 16 to 18 Study Programmes for the most disadvantaged young people who would otherwise be NEET from Kirkby. This would be an offer developed in partnership with both Portland College and ATTFE

Burglary Reduction programme. Identify hot spot areas through current Police Crime Data and Intelligence.

Introduce neighbourhood watch.

Introduce alley gating scheme

Mediation Officers x 2

Young people fear of homeless people

Library Innovation Centre/Community Hub as part of North Kirkby Gateway, Ellis Street , releasing space in the Leisure Centre for sporting activities, Incorporate Portland Pathways Hub. Potential Maker Space.

Empty shop scheme - using new powers to require owners to take action/subsidise rents to encourage occupation of empty units.

Shop Front grants enhanced support scheme

Utilise Plaza space to increase activity, seating, markets, farmer markets, food festivals, events programme such as big beach, urban play, street art, QR trail. Film screening, theatre and music performances.

Develop frontage on to Plaza using arches adjacent to Boyes to provide natural surveillance and consider use to shelter when raining. Consider Murals/Graffiti art on public buildings

Street furniture/ planters along high street and pedestrianised (e.g. concept near Nottingham city college)

Redevelopment of NHS health and wellbeing site - work with NHS to develop

Development of public toilets (changing places).

Alley Way Greening project (example Manchester) creating community green space

Titchfield Park - new sports pavilion, refurbishment of ball courts, including LED floodlighting

Playzone Morven Park and general improvements, including Scooter ramp and additional play provision

Playzone into Acacia Park

BMX/Bike track for young people

Improvements to Holidays Hill

Improvements to Portland Park, including enclosed area behind the café for school and community use/ forest schools

More arts and culture provision - we have a lack of theatres, live music and arts related festivals. Also raised by young people.

Community Events in parks and public spaces

Better information community notice board within the town centre or support local shops to have a community notice board/ Digital bill board advertising whats happening in Kirkby. Better signagefor visitor attractions/places of interest
Funding for local new and existing volunteering special interest (e.g. heritage) and social action groups.
Funding for sports clubs that are registered to Sport England/ governing bodies
Kingsway Park - replace Parkour area, extend scooter ramps
Ashfield School - leisure offer for community - use of athletics track etc.
Buy buildings for sports clubs to own as community assets to remain in Kirkby providing longevity
3G sports pitch
Acre Youth Centre - creation of outdoor space, potential shared space with Outwood Academy for small MUGA
Cricketing heritage and the lack of cricket facilities in the town, especially a suitable ground capable of first class cricket.
Community Buildings (upgrades/refurbishment), Coxmoor Community Centre, Evergreens, Acre Centre, St John's Church Hall, Annesley, Ashwood and Felley Church Hall
Digital Infrastructure in community facilities
Bins outside shops all week
Develop night-time economy (also afternoon economy - thinking about Nottingham and how many people go out in the afternoon for meals, drinks and to meet friends)
More ATMs off the street and inside buildings
More for older people such as outside seating for cafes and pubs.
Quality pubs and restaurants, many people fear the loud and youth centred establishments in the town centre and wish for more ambient places.
Quality and bespoke / artisan shops, including essential clothing items.
Enhancement of the area around Kirkby Cross (e.g. repair and re-opening of the Waggon & Horses pub and sensitive redevelopment of the two former garage sites).
NHS property services community hub in Ashfield Health & WB building - no funding to manage the facility.
Portland Park - provider/ranger for forest schools programme/ support volunteering
Provide park rangers - creating safe space for children and young people (also train up young people to become involved - Guides, brownies, scouts etc)
Portland Park - youth hostel type facility for overnight school trips etc.
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Annesley School swimming pool - pool is used as part of curriculum learning and for community swimming lesson.
Improve Cycle and Wheels Network
Cycle Hubs (this needs to be part of the proposed Community hub)

Pedestrian/Cycling bridge over railway line at Lane End
Creation of a linear park/green route linking Lane End and Portland Park, to connect with the Nuncargate area, utilising existing statutory footpaths - safer walking and cycling route to both the town centre and the railway station.
Expansion of real time information displays at key bus stops in KIA, Up to 30 real time info displays costing £10k each to improve information, increased confidence for passengers travelling, promotion of bus as viable alternative to car.
Review parking provision in Town to ensure sufficient
Provide signposting to car parks
Patco Site (Lowmoor Road) develop for new housing including new 'link' road between Portland Street and Lowmoor Road
Highway Network - develop route to deal with congestion and traffic flow. Road infrastructure improvements to reduce traffic at entry points, shoulder of mutton, diamond ave, low moor rd, lane end/urban road, pond street mini roundabout (Morrisons).
Purchase new pothole repair machine, worked with 2 people to prepare and fill potholes to create a lasting repair rather than the stop gap temporary measures that are currently used and do not last. Costs £167,000 for the vehicle/machine. Alternatively discuss issue with County Council.
Kirkby Railway Station Disabled Access
Support public EV charging points for vehicles including community transport and assist with purchasing Electric vehicles to complement existing Electric public transport.
Upgrading of Maid Marian line (upgrade freight line between Kirkby and Toton to passenger service)
Upgrade Lane End to access land
Inspire Learning and our partners to provide Community and Family Learning interventions that can raise the public's understanding of the benefits of cycling, walking and the use of public transport.
Portland Mental Health courses and counselling

Shortlist of Projects following the board meeting:

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Policing generally on streets as deterrent particularly kids on bikes, scooters	1
Wardens for public parks and areas to reduce ASB, better management of the area to make adults and children feel safer. Potential use of Churches Together Street Pastors - to support use of parks (example from Hinckley)	1
Weaponised Enabled Crime. Launch a weapon enabled crime prevention project aimed at reducing knife crime and possession of knives by young people, Operation SABRE	1
More deterrents/enforcement to stop anti-social behaviour (littering, dog-fouling, chewing gum, spitting)	1
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Mediation Officers x 2	1
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Shop Front grants enhanced support scheme - including enhanced support to businesses to apply for support.	2

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BMX/Bike track for young people	2
Improvements to Holidays Hill Park - refurbishment/new play equipment	2
Improvements to Portland Park, including enclosed area behind the café for school and community use/ forest schools	2
More arts and culture provision - we have a lack of theatres, live music and arts related festivals. Also raised by young people.	2
Community Events in parks and public spaces	2
Better information community notice board within the town centre or support local shops to have a community notice board/ Digital bill board advertising whats happening in Kirkby. Better signage for visitor attractions/places of interest How want to be communicated with?	2
Funding for local new and existing volunteering special interest (e.g. heritage) and social action groups.	2
Funding for sports clubs that are registered to Sport England/ governing bodies	2
Kingsway Park - replace Parkour area, extend scooter ramps	2
Buy buildings for sports clubs to own as community assets to remain in Kirkby providing longevity	2
3G sports pitch	2
Community Buildings (upgrades/refurbishment), Coxmoor Community Centre, Evergreens, Acre Centre, St John's Church Hall, Annesley, Ashwood and Felley Church Hall	2
Prepare feasibility to enhance area around Kirkby Cross	2
Improve Cycle and Wheels Network	3
Creation of a linear park/green route linking Lane End and Portland Park, to connect with the Nuncargate area, utilising existing statutory footpaths - safer walking and cycling route to both the town centre and the railway station.	3
Review parking provision/circulation around Town to ensure sufficient , consider EV chargers	3
Provide signposting to car parks	3
Kirkby Railway Station Disabled Access	3

