

At a MEETING of the **DUNDEE CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROJECT PARTNERSHIP BOARD** held at Dundee on 23rd March, 2009.

Present:-

Councillor Kevin KEENAN, Dundee City Council  
Councillor Fraser MACPHERSON, Dundee City Council  
Mr Mike GALLOWAY, Director of Planning and Transportation, Dundee City Council  
Ms Jill FARRELL, Scottish Enterprise Tayside (SET)

Also Present:-

Mr David DORWARD, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Dundee City Council  
Mr Les BANKS, Project Co-ordinator, Dundee City Council  
Mr Alan WATT, Director of Business Environment, SET

Councillor Kevin KEENAN, in the Chair.

Apologies were intimated from Mr Doug Grimmond.

## **I MINUTE OF MEETING OF 1ST DECEMBER, 2008**

The minute of the above meeting was submitted and approved.

## **II MATTERS ARISING**

### **(a) HM FRIGATE UNICORN**

It was reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund had rejected the application for major funding to restore the Unicorn. The Board, whilst supportive of the proposals, was unable to commit any funding to it, and discussions were taking place to consider other options.

### **(b) STATION STUDY**

The final report from the consultants was awaited.

### **(c) MARINA**

It was reported that Forth Ports did not appear to be willing to incur the capital cost of a new lock; however they had indicated that they might be willing to forego the revenue therefrom if another party financed the works. Various funding options were being explored.

## **III PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE**

It was reported that the revised Partnership Agreement had been signed on 20th March 2009. A report relative to changes to the sub-structure of the project would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

## **IV 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.

It was noted that the demolition of Tayside House and Olympia were dependant on completion of the new Olympia and Dundee House but these were at present on schedule.

With reference to the Stormwater Tank Project and replacement of the Tay Road Bridge ramps, it was noted that noise would be monitored on an ongoing basis and different methods/timing of works would be explored to minimise problems

It was further noted that an update report would be submitted to Council's Policy and Resources Committee on 27th April 2009.

## **V FUNDING AND FINANCIAL MONITORING**

There was submitted and noted an updated financial statement. It was noted that Scottish Enterprise had now confirmed its £33.01m contribution.

The Board also noted the proposed new layout of the spreadsheets for monitoring financial planning in response to concerns expressed by Audit Scotland.

## **VII WATERFRONT MARKETING UPDATE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Economic Development detailing progress to date with regard to marketing.

Activity in this connection included:-

- proposals to put Dundee Waterfront implementation on road work signage/construction site;
- USB which is now available with latest animation and new brochure outlining the development sites;
- significant press coverage in the last few months;
- development of new six month PR plan;
- attendance at MIPIM in Cannes;
- significant increase in web traffic.

## **VI VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM PROPOSAL**

A recent event at Dundee University had been very successful and had attracted considerable media coverage. The project was likely to be developed as a joint venture involving the V & A, the University of Dundee, Dundee City Council, and the private sector. Discussions were ongoing regarding the governance of the project, thereafter funding proposals/design work could be progressed.

There were also submitted details of possible sites including proposals to build out over the river, but more detailed work would be required before a decision was made.

Considerable interest had been expressed by a number of architects but the project was at present at an early stage.

It was noted that a proposal for funding the legal team was being submitted to the City Council's Policy & Resources Committee later that day and a project manager would be required within the near future. Consideration of possible funding sources eg Heritage Lottery Funding, fundraising by the Trust, should be explored as soon as possible.

## **VIII AOCB**

The Director of Planning and Transportation advised that he was attempting to make the Waterfront Development as sustainable as possible, whilst not compromising its economic viability. There were possibly business/marketing advantages in this, as well as adding to the positive image of the City.

## **IX DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 15th June 2009 at 12.30 pm.