

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday, 08 June 2021 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	A Bowlas (in the Chair until item 3)	M Greener
	C Bruce (in the Chair from item 4 onwards)	H Lindsay
	J Bowden	C Raybould
	R Bruce	G Smith
	R Driver	A Williams
	A Forbes	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr C Seymour
1 member of the public

PC001/21 1. OPEN SESSION

There were no contributions by members of the public present.

PC002/21 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Brown, A Forbes, A Gibson and L Stephenson.

PC003/21 3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

On the motion of Cllr R Bruce, seconded by Cllr A Forbes, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr C Bruce be appointed Chair of the People and Communities Committee for the year 2021/2022.

PC004/21

4. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr R Bruce, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr R Driver be appointed Vice-Chair of the People and Communities Committee for the year 2021/2022.

PC005/21

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

PC006/21

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

PC007/21

7. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

PC008/21

8. POTENTIAL EDUCATION CHANGES WITHIN THE TOWN

Apologies were received from the member of public who wished to speak on this subject, after which the Committee **RESOLVED** that they be invited to a future meeting of Council.

PC009/21

9. SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020-21

Members asked a number of questions, after which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the report.

PC010/21

10. GRANT SCHEMES

Members asked a number of questions, after which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the report.

PC011/21

11. FESTIVALS

The Town Clerk updated the meeting that all festivals are expected to provide a programme with a focus on events and Officers are awaiting further information so that further feed-back can be provided. After which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update.

PC012/21

12. FUTURE OF THE HIGH STREET

The item was introduced by the Town Clerk on the work required with partners and the need for a public consultation. After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that a working group/committee be set-up whose brief would be the town centre, and further **RESOLVED** to note the update of the Town Clerk.

PC013/21

13. OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr R Driver, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk that a public survey asking for preferred location and desirability of outdoor gym equipment be brought to a future meeting of Council for approval.

PC014/21

14. REFLECTIONS ON COVID-19 AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY

The Town Clerk introduced the item, and an assessment of need and capacity was discussed. After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to prepare a report, including examples of other parish council's plans, to be brought to a future meeting of this Committee.

PC015/21

15. SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

The item was introduced by the Town Clerk who explained ways in which the Town Council can offer support to voluntary organisations, after which the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update.

PC016/21

16. LEVELLING UP FUND

The Town Clerk introduced the item which had been partly discussed during previous items and it was the hope of Officers that a further update would be available at June's meeting of Council. Members asked a number of questions, after which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update.

PC017/21

17. FORWARD PLAN

Members expressed the desire that jet skies be kept on the Forward Plan and unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk that a 1-day conference on the estuary be organised. After which, it was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan.

PC018/21

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 06 July 2021 at 6.00 pm.