

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 6.00pm in the William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors:	C Bruce (Chair)	M Greener
	J Bowden	P Jackson
	A Bowlas	G Smith
	R Bruce	A Williams
	R Driver	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Julian Smith, Projects Officer  
Stephen Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk  
Cty Cllr G Hill  
1 member of the public

**PC039/21 1. OPEN SESSION**

Cty Cllr G Hill raised awareness of a consultation regarding future plans for Berwick Academy and the middle schools. After which, on the motion of Cllr R Driver, seconded by Cllr P Jackson, the Committee **RESOLVED** that a representative of the meetings be invited to the next meeting of this Committee, and further **RESOLVED** that the Town Council liaise with Northumberland County Council (NCC).

**PC040/21 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Bowden, H Lindsay, C Raybould and L Stephenson.

**PC041/21**

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr R Bruce, seconded by Cllr R Driver, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 04 August 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**PC042/21**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interests.

**PC043/21**

**5. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**PC044/21**

**6. CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

The Committee discussed the correspondence received and the point was made that NCC has priority action areas. After which, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that this item be brought back to the next meeting of this Committee, to make recommendations to Council.

**PC045/21**

**7. THE JIMMY STRENGTH PROJECT**

The Projects Officer provided an update to the meeting, and, during the discussion, Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow a member of the public to speak. After which, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the project be re-instated and further **RESOLVED** that an update be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

**PC046/21**

**8. FORWARD PLAN**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the schools consultation, climate emergency declarations and the Jimmy Strength Project be added to the Forward Plan.

It was further unanimously **RESOLVED** that, during discussion of the 'Jet Skis in the Tweed Estuary' that a request be made for a Town Council representative to be appointed to the Tweed Commissioners.

During these discussions Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow a member of the public to speak.

It was then **RESOLVED** to note the forward plan.

**PC047/21**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday, 06 October 2021 at 6.00 pm.