

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 06 October 2021 at 6.00pm in the William Elder Building, Castlegate,
Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Julian Smith, Projects Officer
Stephen Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cllr J Robertson
1 member of the public

PC048/21 1. OPEN SESSION

Cllr P Jackson made enquiries regarding lack of a 'Matters Arising' item on agendas and digital recordings, to which a response would be provided in due course.

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding the use of YouTube for the recording of meetings and expressed a preference for audio recordings only.

PC049/21 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Raybould.

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3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr A Bowlas, seconded by Cllr R Bruce, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

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5. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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6. SCHOOLS CONSULTATION

The representative of the Schools Consultation was unavailable to attend the meeting. During the following discussion, a desire was expressed that the Town Council be more proactive in major town projects and Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak. After which, the Committee **RESOLVED** that a representative of the Schools Consultation be invited to a future meeting.

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7. CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

After discussion, Councillors unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Neighbourhood Plan be updated to reflect the concerns of the Town Council and Northumberland County Council.

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8. FORWARD PLAN

Updates were received on the Jimmy Strength Project, the Tweed Estuary Protection Group and the current system and criteria used by the Town Council for its grant awarding system. The latter of which would be an item at the next meeting of this Committee.

On the motion of Cllr P Jackson, seconded by Cllr R Bruce, it was **RESOLVED** to remove the Boxing Day Dip from the Forward Plan.

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that nuisance drivers be added to the Forward Plan.

After which, it was **RESOLVED** to note the forward plan.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 02 November 2021 at 6.00 pm.