

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 January 2022 at 6.00pm in the Northern View, Highcliffe, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk

Julian Smith, Projects Officer

2 members of the public

PC067/21 1. REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Chloe Smith, locally based artist, made a request for funding to the committee for an art installation she will be touring nationally later in the year. On the motion of Cllr R Bruce, seconded by Cllr H Lindsay, the committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that a grant of £1000 be awarded for the work.

PC068/21 2. OPEN SESSION

There were no contributions by members of the public.

PC069/21 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Stephenson.

PC070/21 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr R Driver, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 02 November 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

PC071/21 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

PC072/21 **6. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

PC073/21 **7. BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Town Clerk introduced the report and outlined the process by which the precept from the Freeman of Berwick has been estimated. He noted that changes to the Freeman of Berwick's practice of work has made predicting the precept difficult. On the motion of Cllr C Raybould, seconded by Cllr R Driver, the committee **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to meet with the Freeman to develop a closer working relationship to better estimate the precept. It was further **RESOLVED** that Cllr P Jackson be invited to the meeting.

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr R Bruce, the committee **RESOLVED** to recommend that Council make the appropriate statutory resolution to enable borrowing to be undertaken from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and further **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to undertake consultation on the specific proposals for borrowing from the PWLB.

PC074/21 **8. PALACE GREEN SCOUT HUT**

The Town Clerk updated the committee on a meeting held with organisers of the Palace Green Pavillion (Scout Hut). On the motion of Cllr P Jackson, seconded by Cllr R Bruce, the committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to council that an application be made to make the building an Asset of Community Value and further **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to research the ownership of the building and to facilitate discussions of future funding.

PC075/21 **9. GRANT AWARDING SYSTEM**

The committee considered the report on grant awards made by the Council. On the motion of Cllr C Raybould, seconded by Cllr R Driver, the committee **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk and Projects Officer to develop new grant guidelines to consider arts organisations, volunteer organisations and support micro-grants for the next meeting. It was further **RESOLVED** that the committee instruct the Projects Officer, in conjunction with Cllr C Raybould, to reassess the quality of the grant application forms.

PC076/21

10. JET SKIS IN THE TWEED ESTUARY

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to invite a representative of the Tweed Estuary Protection Group to attend committee.

PC077/21

11. NUISANCE DRIVERS

The Town Clerk reported on developments. On the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr C Raybould, the committee **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to approach the Crime Commissioner for guidance as to how best enforce the law.

PC078/21

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY

After discussion of appropriate action arising from the Council's declaration of an emergency, on the motion of Cllr C Bruce, seconded by Cllr G Smith, the committee **RESOLVED** to instruct the officers to prepare a document containing the points of consideration raised for the next meeting.

PC079/21

13. FORWARD PLAN

After discussion of the Forward Plan, the committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Projects Officer to provide an update of the Jimmy Strength Project and it was further **RESOLVED** to include the Queen's upcoming anniversary in the Forward Plan. After which, it was **RESOLVED** to note the forward plan.

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14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 08 February 2022 at 6.00 pm.