

Resolution for Council
Prepared by Eric Goodyer
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Coastal Community Teams CCT

CCT's are a new initiative established by the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG). Their purpose is to support local communities to come together and develop a common vision and plans for their area.

The CCT guidance states

“A Coastal Community Team is a local partnership consisting of the local authority and a range of people and business interests from a coastal community who have an understanding of the issues facing that area and can develop an effective forward strategy for that place. The Team should include a range of local stakeholders and have broad support.”

Whilst the actual make-up of CCTs varies throughout the country, they are usually based within a 3rd sector organisation such as a development or community trust.

To date two CCTs have been set-up in Northumberland, one is based in Amble and the other in Blyth. The Amble CCT led the bid that secured almost £2 Million grant aid from the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) that developed the highly successful coastal Amble Harbour Village, known as the PODS. Other grants such as the Coastal Revival Fund (CRF) as also aimed at active CCTs, and it is apparent to those involved in trying to secure Government support for Coastal Communities that having a CCT is an advantage.

Significantly Berwick Town Council together with the Berwick Archive and Museum Action Group (BAMAG), won a substantial grant from the CRF without the assistance of a CCT. As a result of that success Berwick is now known to the DCLG team that run CCTs, and they have recently contacted the Berwick Community Trust to request that they consider taking on the coordination of a CCT for Berwick, Spittal & Tweedmouth. The purpose of this resolution is to request that Berwick Town Council support the bid for the establishment of a CCT, and request that we have representation on the management committee as a Local Authority partner.

RESOLUTION:

It is agreed the Berwick Town Council supports the creation of a Coastal Community Team for Berwick, Spittal & Tweedmouth.

Berwick Town Council requests that two Town Councillors be invited to join the Management Team; these appointments to be made now, and to be reviewed at or within 1 month of the Council's Annual General Meeting.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implication for the Council. If established then the CCT will be entitled to receive a grant of £10,000 for the purpose of developing an economic plan to support economic growth in their area. Going forward coastal areas that have CCTs do have an advantage when applying for DCLG and similar funds that are targeted at Coastal Communities. For our area the two largest projects that are currently being developed are

The Harbour Commission
The Barracks Reawakening Project

Securing either will be of great benefit to the Town. Having an active CCT will increase the chance of Berwick securing inward investment for both projects.

7th September 2016

Berwick Town Council
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Dear Councillors

Re Westfield play area, Berwick upon Tweed

Following my meeting on 12th August 2016 with Cllrs. McClean and Gibson I am now in a position to set out Four Housing's position regarding the play area and to give a time line for any decisions / actions that may need to be taken.

As I have previously explained Four Housing is not in a position to continue to take on the responsibility of the play area. Previous budget announcements by the Government have meant that from this year onwards our resources have been substantially reduced and, coupled with the fact that we have no means of raising income from non tenants, we are not in a position to continue managing the play area.

At our meeting we discussed the possibility of Berwick Town Council leasing the play area and having given this more thought I can now confirm that Four Housing would consider leasing the play area to the council for potentially 25 years subject to:

Four Housing obtaining lenders consent

Berwick Town Council:

- meeting all liability for the play area including insurance
- looking after the area, and
- ensuring it was safe and fit for use at all times

If you decide to proceed along these lines then we would need a firm decision in writing from yourselves by 11th November 2016 so that solicitors can be instructed. This date is important as we need to be able to fully resolve the matter in this financial year which ends on 31st March 2017.

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If either party, at any point, believe that it is not possible to meet these deadlines then Four Housing will need to revert to our original position which is to remove the play area and this would have to happen before the end of this financial year.

I look forward to hearing from you no later than the 11th November 2016. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, I can be contacted on 01289 333 259 and my email address is bernadette.hogg@fourhousing.co.uk.

Yours sincerely


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Neighbourhood Plan Report To Full Council 10th October
Prepared By Eric Goodyer

1 Grants and Awards

So far we have received 3 grants as follows

£1500 for the initial consultation

£4280 to assist with evidence gathering and stakeholder input

£1500 for a second informal consultation based on the draft Vision statement

We have been awarded 3 support packages

Establishing a Neighbourhood Forum (complete)

Housing Advice and Assessment

Heritage and Character Assessment

The remaining packages available are listed below

Site options and assessment

Urban Design and Masterplanning

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Viability of proposals

Evidence Base and Policy Reviews

Facilitation Support

Technical Facilitation

Healthcheck prior to examination

There was a discussion about which package to apply for next and the Steering Group have agreed that this will be the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in order to identify early on areas of significant environmental importance. This will also policies to be developed that take account of the environmental issues.

We did ask if there were support packages to cover employment land allocations and parking, but neither are available. AECOM, who deliver the support, have suggested that parking and other traffic issues can be considered where relevant as part of an Urban Design & Master Planning study

3 Public realm

There was considerable debate as to whether there are limit son our ability to develop Public Realm concepts. This has arisen because Public Realm proposals from other NP areas have been rejected at Inspection following objections raised by NCC. It was the view of the SG that we should pre-empt such conflicts by identifying early on key sites that would benefit from Public realm consideration, and to determine if NCC has any interest in those sites.

4 Informal Consultation

It was agreed that as our Vision document is a 'Living Document', which was a decision also approved by this Council, then a formal consultation was not appropriate at this time. Instead we will prepare a flyer to go to all households and stakeholders in the Plan Area with a copy of our Draft Vision statement. Residents will be asked to submit comments for consideration, which will be used to help further refine the Vision, and to support the current phase of work of the Working Groups.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 9 August 2016
at 6.30pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Roughead (Chair)
A Forbes
C Seymour

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
1 member of the public

OPEN SESSION

It was brought to the Committee's attention that there were concerns over the new development on the old playhouse cinema site. The concerns, it was believed, were due to parking and the closure of Drivers Lane and the effect it would have on local traders and residents. Unfortunately, there was no representation at the meeting to confirm this.

P020/16 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors I Dixon, G Hill and G Smith.

P021/16 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was noted at the previous meeting that the sale of the Sandstell Road car park had the condition STPP. This abbreviation represents Subject To Planning Permission.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 July 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

P022/16 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

P023/16 4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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5. LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting will hopefully be arranged for the Youth Working Group within the next couple of weeks. A video has been produced and a questionnaire will be compiled.

The Steering Group will next meet on Friday, 12 August 2016 at 5pm in the Town Council office when the consultant, for which funding has been received, will be selected. The consultant will then help the working groups for a day.

The Built Environment and Heritage Group have been filming.

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6. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

16/02193/FUL

Removal of 8 No. Existing timber windows to the front, side and rear elevations of the property and the replacement with new purpose-made timber sliding sash windows with slimlight glazing to match.

65A Ravensdowne, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1DQ

Single glazing preferable but welcomed the appearance of the traditional wood sash case.

16/02343/FUL

Proposed shower room/porch extension and conversion of garage to bedroom.

11 Cleet Court, Ness Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1HH

Members had no objection in principle but were concerned the application could set a precedent in a conservation area.

16/02367/FUL

Refurbishment of an existing NHS property which includes: a) A new HVAC system with the requirement of 3no. new AC condensing units to the front of the property and 3no. 450x450mm extract grilles to the rear of the property. The condensing units are to be mounted on an external wall within the site boundary. b) As part of the ventilation strategy we are required to change 2no. windows at the rear of the property from fixed to openable sliding sash, the windows are to remain the same in appearance

as close as possible.

Anderson Court, 51 Hide Hill, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1EQ

No objections in principle but agree with the Conservation Officers concerns regarding the full details to be submitted about the windows.

16/02467/SCOPE

Scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment to be submitted in conjunction with the demolition and redevelopment of Berwick Infirmary to a new integrated healthcare facility at the existing Berwick Infirmary Site. Berwick Infirmary, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Members would agree with the concerns that the consultants have raised.

16/00241/PREAPP

Proposed demolition of building and erection of dwelling houses - Number to be discussed/agreed.

The Engine Shed, Billendean Road, Spittal, Northumberland.

Whilst the possible number of dwellings was stated, Members would like to reiterate their previous concerns that there may be a large increase in traffic flow in the area.

16/02611/ADE

A- Arched entrance feature, B - Item removal, C - 1500x 300mm wall mounted customer parking sign, D - 1500 x 300mm wall mounted MOT sign, E - Item removal F - Ford Oval - item relocation.

Maxwell Motors, Windmill Way West, Ramparts Business Park, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 1TB

No objections.

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7. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION LIST

The Assistant to the Clerk would obtain and distribute Decision Notices for Planning Applications 16/02078/MISC and 16/01514/FUL and find out what the decision 'Application Disposed' means.

When comments for Planning Applications had been received via email (instead of at a Planning Committee Meeting) this would be stated on the decision list. The remaining decisions provided in the attachment were noted.

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8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 20 September 2016 at 6.30 pm.