

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 03 April 2018 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	K Graham	(Chair)
	H Bettison	
	R Bruce	
	G Roughead	
	L Stephenson	B Parkin not apologies

IN ATTENDANCE:

G Davies, Town Clerk

3 members of the public.

OPEN SESSION

A member of the public expressed concern about the Town Council's capacity to undertake a survey of the LGBT population, and further expressed concern about the lack of co-operation between East Ord Parish and Berwick Town Council in relation to planning matters.

PC046/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from: Cllrs I Dixon, B Douglas, H Nichols and B Parkin.

PC047/17 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 5 February 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

PC048/17 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

PC049/17 4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

PC050/17 5. LAUNCH OF LGBT+ SURVEY

The Town Clerk provided an update to elected members and confirmed that consideration would be given once the survey was completed to the writing of any new policies required.

PC051/17 6. HOMELESSNESS IN THE AREA

Members explored the issues with care, and noted the advice of the Town Clerk that this was also an issue that was amenable to scrutiny by NCC's own scrutiny committees. It was **RESOLVED** to continue to explore the topic.

PC052/17 7. PREPARATION OF A TOWN PLAN

Members **RESOLVED** to note the proposals from the Town Clerk for the preparation of a Town Plan.

PC053/17 8. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- i. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cllr Bettison seconded by Cllr Graham to approve the grant application from Berwick Old Age Pensioners Association.
- ii. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to support the grant application from Royal British Legion – North Northumberland Branch from civic funds if other sources of income were not available.

PC054/17 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 5 June 2018 at 6.30 pm.

At the Annual Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 16 May 2018 it was **RESOLVED** to amend the draft minutes of the People and Communities Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 03 April 2018 as follows:

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