

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday, 03 July 2017 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: K Graham (Chair)
H Bettison
R Bruce
I Dixon
B Parkin
G Roughead

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr Hill
Cllr Smith
Cllr Thompson
G Davies, Town Clerk
S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
5 members of the public approx.

OPEN SESSION

The issue of highway improvements / road safety on Bankhill was raised. Mr Blackburn made a number of assertions concerning previous proposals, and the Town Clerk agreed to add the matter to the agenda for Local Services Committee.

PC008/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors B Douglas, H Nichols and L Stephenson.

PC009/17 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2017 were agreed and

signed as a correct record.

PC010/17 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

PC011/17 4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

PC012/17 5. 1000 YEARS OF BORDER BERWICK

Mr D Blackburn made his presentation, referring members to a document he had circulated on the day of the meeting. After a full discussion it was **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to prepare a report for the next council meeting.

PC013/17 6. GRANTS

After considering the report it was **RESOLVED**, on the motion of Cllr Bettison seconded by Cllr Dixon that

1. The committee recommends council recognise the current unworkable situation and instructs staff to undertake a review of grant criteria and prepare a report proposing categories of events based on their impact on tourism or regeneration, as well as their contribution to the communities of Berwick upon Tweed.
2. That committee recommends to council that, in the interim, Council should suspend the guidelines adopted in November 2015 and agree to consider applications on an ad hoc basis, and
3. That council delegate to the committee the power to devise a new scheme of grant funding for events and community organizations, on the basis of the proposed reports from officers.

PC014/17 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Monday, 4 September 2017 at 6.30 pm.