

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 08 June 2021 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors:	A Bowlas (in the Chair until item 3)	M Greener
	C Bruce (in the Chair from item 4 onwards)	H Lindsay
	J Bowden	C Raybould
	R Bruce	G Smith
	R Driver	A Williams
	A Forbes	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk  
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk  
Cty Cllr C Seymour  
1 member of the public

**PC001/21      1. OPEN SESSION**

There were no contributions by members of the public present.

**PC002/21      2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Brown, A Forbes, A Gibson and L Stephenson.

**PC003/21      3. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

On the motion of Cllr R Bruce, seconded by Cllr A Forbes, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr C Bruce be appointed Chair of the People and Communities Committee for the year 2021/2022.

**PC004/21**

**4. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR**

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr R Bruce, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr R Driver be appointed Vice-Chair of the People and Communities Committee for the year 2021/2022.

**PC005/21**

**5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**PC006/21**

**6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interests.

**PC007/21**

**7. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**PC008/21**

**8. POTENTIAL EDUCATION CHANGES WITHIN THE TOWN**

Apologies were received from the member of public who wished to speak on this subject, after which the Committee **RESOLVED** that they be invited to a future meeting of Council.

**PC009/21**

**9. SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020-21**

Members asked a number of questions, after which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**PC010/21**

**10. GRANT SCHEMES**

Members asked a number of questions, after which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**PC011/21**

**11. FESTIVALS**

The Town Clerk updated the meeting that all festivals are expected to provide a programme with a focus on events and Officers are awaiting further information so that further feed-back can be provided. After which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update.

**PC012/21**

**12. FUTURE OF THE HIGH STREET**

The item was introduced by the Town Clerk on the work required with partners and the need for a public consultation. After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that a working group/committee be set-up whose brief would be the town centre, and further **RESOLVED** to note the update of the Town Clerk.

**PC013/21**

**13. OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT**

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr R Driver, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk that a public survey asking for preferred location and desirability of outdoor gym equipment be brought to a future meeting of Council for approval.

**PC014/21**

**14. REFLECTIONS ON COVID-19 AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY**

The Town Clerk introduced the item, and an assessment of need and capacity was discussed. After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to prepare a report, including examples of other parish council's plans, to be brought to a future meeting of this Committee.

**PC015/21**

**15. SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

The item was introduced by the Town Clerk who explained ways in which the Town Council can offer support to voluntary organisations, after which the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update.

**PC016/21**

**16. LEVELLING UP FUND**

The Town Clerk introduced the item which had been partly discussed during previous items and it was the hope of Officers that a further update would be available at June's meeting of Council. Members asked a number of questions, after which it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update.

**PC017/21**

**17. FORWARD PLAN**

Members expressed the desire that jet skis be kept on the Forward Plan and unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk that a 1-day conference on the estuary be organised. After which, it was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan.

**PC018/21**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 06 July 2021 at 6.00 pm.