

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council People and Communities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 April 2023 at 6.00pm in The Meeting Room, Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors:	A Williams (Chair)	M Greener
	J Bowden	H Lindsay
	R Bruce	G Smith
	R Driver	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gareth Davies, Town Clerk  
Stephen Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk  
Cllr T Stewart  
Alistair Cochrane, The Tweed Salmon Centre  
Keith Siseman, The Tweed Salmon Centre  
Becci Murray, Berwick Community Trust  
Freya Herriott, Berwick Community Trust  
Ros Lamont, The Maltings  
Karen Lounton, Northumberland County Council  
James Fell, English Heritage  
Andrea Selley, English Heritage  
1 member of the public

**PC083/22      1. THE TWEED SALMON CENTRE: AN EXCITING PROSPECT FOR BERWICK**

Alistair Cochrane introduced himself and Keith Siseman and gave a verbal explanation of a presentation explaining the vision for a Tweed Salmon Centre.

After which, Councillors asked questions including numbers of salmon travelling up the River Tweed.

**PC084/22**

## **2. TOURISM OFFICER / VISITBERWICK**

Becci Murray introduced herself and Freya Herriott, after which Freya Herriott provided a presentation and gave a verbal explanation of the visitberwick.com website. Councillors then asked a number of questions including regarding the lack of content for Spittal and Tweedmouth and the Lowry Trail.

**PC085/22**

## **3. LIVING BARRACKS**

Andrea Selley updated the meeting on exhibition space, artists, archives and grant funding. Uses for the east block are to be investigated whilst the Gymnasium Gallery is another piece of work to be looked at.

Ros Lamont updated the meeting on having a museum, an education programme, family activities, an exhibition space, a 100 seat cinema which will become the archives, café / toilet facilities and that the Parade Square will be available for all its existing uses.

Karen Lounton updated the meeting on the Berwick Archives with the point of contact currently being in the Walkergate Building whilst the repository is located elsewhere. Location in the Barracks would rectify that situation and allow for expansion of opening from the current 2 days a week.

Councillors then asked a number of questions including on residential space, a military tattoo and the Burrell Collection.

**PC086/22**

## **4. OPEN SESSION**

Cllr R Bruce enquired about the Jimmy Strength Statue project to which the Town Clerk provided a response including that updates would be provided in the new municipal year.

**PC087/22**

## **5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Jackson and L Stephenson.

**PC088/22**

## **6. MINUTES**

On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr R Bruce, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 07 March 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**PC089/22**

## **7. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

- i. There were no disclosures of interests.
- ii. There were no requests for dispensation.

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## **8. CORONATION**

Councillors were updated that lamp post sign have been purchased and that the bunting installed by the Berwick Riders Association for Riding of the Bounds will be left in situ for the Coronation. There will be a focus on volunteering and household projects, ownership of land at Etal Road will be investigated for a big clean-up project whilst the Town Council is committed to the planting of trees later in the year.

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## **9. NOTICE BOARDS**

The Town Clerk updated the meeting that the Town Council's legal duties for notices are satisfied by use of the website and window space at the office. Currently there haven't been any approaches from the community to take on responsibility for any of the notice boards. The Committee then **RESOLVED** to agree that the notice boards at Spittal and Tweedmouth are made available to be used by Councillors within those wards. Further discussions would take place regarding the remaining notice boards.

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## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 02 May 2023 at 6.00 pm.