

Meeting

Date: Thursday, 2 May 2019
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Location: Leet Room, Coldstream Community Centre, High Street, Coldstream

AGENDA

Doors open 6pm for tea and coffee – meeting starts at 6.30 pm

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Consumption of Alcohol in Public Spaces Consultation to help inform the Council in considering if there are areas in the Scottish Borders where drinking alcohol in a public place should not be allowed.
3.	Feedback from Meeting on 7 February 2019 (Pages 3 - 8) Copy Minute from meeting on 7 February 2019. (Copy attached)
4.	Draft Berwickshire Locality Plan (Pages 9 - 20) A facilitated discussion on the Locality Plan for Berwickshire. (Copy draft Plan attached). Discussion to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether you agree with the priorities you have raised through Area Partnership meetings? Has anything been missed? • What would success look like? • How can we work in partnership together to achieve this? • How do I get involved? <p>Further information on local data and statistics can be found at: local data and statistics</p>
5.	Localities Bid Fund Update
6.	Neighbourhood Small Schemes (Pages 21 - 22) Note by Service Director – Assets & Infrastructure to seek approval from Members for delegated powers for future applications for Small Schemes. (Copy attached).
7.	Open Forum
8.	Any Other Business

9.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6 June 2019, Whitsome Ark, Whitsome, Duns.

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE of Meeting of the BERWICKSHIRE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Eyemouth
Primary School, Eyemouth on Thursday, 7
February 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors D. Moffat, J. Greenwell, M. Rowley, together with 16
representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and
members of the public

Apologies:- Councillors J. A. Fullarton (Chair), C. Hamilton, H. Laing
In Attendance:- Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Locality Development Co-
ordinator, Clerk to the Council, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Moffat chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Berwickshire Area Partnership and thanked the Community Councils, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. He outlined the programme for the evening and introduced the speakers.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 6 DECEMBER 2018**

The Minute of the meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership held on 6 December 2019 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion attached as an appendix to the Minute. The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Mr C Banks gave some highlights from the feedback received at that meeting.

DECISION AGREED

3. **THEME: QUALITY OF LIFE**

3.1 The Chairman welcomed representatives from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Live Borders and the Council's Community Learning and Development Team. Further information on local data and statistics can be found at: [Berwickshire Area Partnership](#). The theme for the focus for debate for the remainder of the meeting was **Quality of Life**. The Chairman referred to the main item on the agenda – discussion around the theme 'Our Quality of Life' - and introduced the key speakers who each gave a brief summary of the work, relevant to the theme, being carried out by their organisation/section.

3.2 Inspector McGuigan highlighted the commitment of Police Scotland as identified in the Local Police Plan 2017-20 for Scottish Borders. Following a consultation process there were seven Local Police Priorities identified which linked to the themes within the Scottish Borders Community Plan: domestic abuse; road safety; violent crime; anti-social behaviour; drugs and alcohol misuse; protecting people (including child protection); and acquisitive crime (incorporating rural crime, doorstep crime, housebreakings and thefts). Police had strong links to the Council's Safer Communities team with proactive campaigns such as Drivewise Borders and Crucial Crew. Inspector McGuigan stressed that all resources were clearly focussed on the priorities and also drew attention to the work undertaken over the past year by the Community Action Team (CAT) who provided a dedicated community resource which would specifically target issues such as anti-social behaviour and on-street parking. Any matters to be resolved by CAT would be made

through elected representatives. A quarterly performance report on the activities of CAT was circulated.

- 3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Group Manager, Michael Jaffray, made reference to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the Scottish Borders which was included in the paperwork provided on the tables. In particular, he drew attention to the focus on the key local priorities on helping people feel safer in their homes by giving access to appropriate assistance on broader safety in the home. The service would work with local communities and the Eyemouth response team to promote community resilience to contribute to improved outcomes for people to be involved in non-fire emergencies such as extreme weather events. He further went on to explain that work was being carried out with community partners on making roads safer and to challenge anti-social behaviour. Mr Jaffray referred, in particular, to the aim to reduce unwanted fire alarm signals, where there was no fire but an automated fire alarm system was activated. This currently accounted for over 65% of emergency response activity across the Scottish Borders. Mr Jaffray explained that a full time Watch Manager had been employed in Eyemouth to reduce the non-fire emergencies and to support the local area partnership to take forward awareness aimed at high risk groups in the community. Police Scotland were currently working closely with schools to improve existing preventative strategies as there was often a close link between deliberate fires and anti-social behaviour. Mr Jaffray concluded by emphasising that the service wanted to work closely with communities and would welcome comments from local residents.
- 3.4 Community Learning and Development Manager, Mark Smith from Scottish Borders Council was in attendance to talk about the work of the Community Learning and Development Service and in particular the work being carried out with 11-25 year olds. The learning activity focused in the Borders Youth Programme to work with young people who were at risk of offending in the community or not reaching their full potential had been a great success. The anti-social behaviour problem in Eyemouth was based on young people having nothing to do. He confirmed that work was being carried out in schools to target and accommodate young people and carers to address issues like mental health with the development of youth clubs, adult and family learning centres in Eyemouth. Partners and members of community groups worked together to co-produce an approach and information resource to support emotional wellbeing. This would be co-ordinated within the Berwickshire area wide partnership looking at the highlighted priorities and to share resources and further develop and support learners, partners, families and young people.
- 3.5 Assistant Curator, Andrew Tulloch from Live Borders gave an update on the cultural side of the area and work being carried out alongside libraries and museums to increase the number of tourists to the area to visit places like the Jim Clark Museum, parks, the castle and any exhibitions being held and to be aware of all the civic week events that take place. Mr Tulloch reported that many volunteers contribute to the promotion of the delivery of the service to gain public engagement with the local activities.
- 3.6 Following the introductory talks, officers joined Elected Members, partners and members of the public at their tables for a discussion on the main issues relating to "Our Quality of Life" in the Berwickshire Area. A pack of information was provided at each table to aid the discussion as were feedback sheets to record the emerging points. Following this first discussion period and a short break each group returned to their tables where they were asked by the Chairman to focus on prioritising the key issues raised and to discuss and identify ways of taking these forward within the Berwickshire Area. A summary of the output of the discussions was provided as an Appendix to this minute.

**DECISION
NOTED**

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the action plan and timescales for Reston Station was April 2019 to 2024. In response to a question on the locality plan, Mr Rowley responded that the budget priorities would be identified and a draft plan would be shared with the local area partnership in due course.

**DECISION
NOTED**

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership was scheduled for Thursday 2 May 2019. It was suggested that the venue for the next meeting could be Coldstream Community Centre. Councillor Moffat thanked all those who had attended the meeting for their participation and input.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 am

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Topic: Quality of Life				
Issue / Challenge	Solution	Play #yourpart		Priority rating
		Lead for action	Who else?	
<p>Police Scotland/Community Action Team (CAT) What steps could be taken to address anti-social behaviours? How could the CAT team work with the community to tackle local issues?</p>	<p>Was anti-social behaviour an issue in Berwickshire? Is it based on perception(s)?</p> <p>Awareness raising, community engagement, peer support Ensure the Community Action Team (CAT) are visible and communicate how best to get in touch with them. Advertise that local councillors are the gateway to CAT. Issue around 101 calls not being answered – staff don't know the local area. Understanding of how 101 calls are 'weighted'.</p> <p>Appears to be misuse of social media by young people. There are separate Youth Community Officers working with Primary and Secondary schools, they work closely with the Community Officers.</p> <p>Local issues identified and dealt with promptly. Focus on community engagement, prevention, peer support and local groups.</p>	<p>Police Scotland Scottish Borders Council</p>	<p>General public Local groups Community Councils Sports clubs/organisations Men's Shed / Enhancement Groups</p>	
<p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) What measures could be taken to raise awareness and address safety in the home?</p>	<p>Most voluntary referrals are the worried well. More people want to live longer at home.</p> <p>More community engagement, two-way communication/information channel Online information sharing Home fire safety visits Focus on prevention, including slips, trips and falls (accidents in the home). Mirror the Cheviot Health & Social Work Team model.</p> <p>Creating more/better referral partnerships and pathways into the SFRS. For example Borders Community Transport, good neighbour schemes. How about SB Cares as a referral partner? Work through the High Schools and school children – online videos which are designed for school teachers to use.</p>	<p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</p>	<p>Key partners, stakeholders (e.g. SB Cares, Community Transport schemes, Community Council etc.) General public, community groups, neighbourhood schemes etc.</p>	
<p>Live Borders How do we make leisure and culture services and facilities accessible to all? How do we encourage participation in</p>	<p>Transport links and connections Timings of services / activities – esp. evenings Improve services Transport to access services required More events/classes to more local/rural venues e.g. village halls (as is happening in the Highlands) Engage/co-produce what they want/how to engage with them – ask groups e.g. young people Service redesign Groups need to join up</p>	<p>Live Borders Community Centres All (change in mind set required)</p>	<p>Scottish Borders Council, incl. Schools/Education Other local community groups and people e.g. churches</p>	

<p>leisure and culture opportunities?</p>	<p>Make access easier / more convenient, affordability More/better marketing and promotion – of the offer, how to sell in, not just through social media; look beyond your museum, facility Open to public participation, devolve power to local areas More ownership to local communities, local people have the knowledge to lead on actions Different service providers working together Capacity to work with volunteers, including the volunteer’s capacity</p>			
<p>Community Learning and Development (CLD) How do we improve the well-being and life chances of our most vulnerable children and young people?</p>	<p>Safeguarding on social media (for young people) 30% of young people identify with mental health issues Transport/connections into the vulnerable support groups – what technological solutions could help here; how can tech opportunities create better connections?; what about networks? More space for young people to get together- attractive area for youth work Move from Community Plan to implementation More support from SBC to local groups to lead on action and responses Recognise the skills/expertise of organisations and individuals Cool down crew (adapted from national model) – identify vocational solutions Reward children who are achieving rather than just those who “play up”</p>	<p>Scottish Borders Council (Education)</p>	<p>Borders College Health & Social Care Partnerships Learning Community Partnership SFRS Youth work in Berwickshire</p>	
<p>Communication How do we ensure communities and individuals know what is happening in their area? How do we engage with those who are socially isolated?</p>	<p>Tapping into community groups / networks Knocking on the door from groups/neighbours Overstretched volunteers – 4-5 people doing a lot of things Lack of communication How best to join/look things up – what opportunities to promote/communicate activities, e.g. SB Connect, word of mouth, notice boards, newsletters, printed copies, facebook pages, effective media Electronic noticeboard being developed by Duns Community Council/A Heart for Duns Need effective communication media Investment – look at good examples elsewhere e.g. biking in Tweeddale. Increase spend on early intervention Access pupil equity fund – spend on early intervention work – socially prescribe (NHS Borders & buy in from everyone) Different perspectives between young and old on what social isolation looks like. Tech solutions can help but also isolate. Education piece required. PlaceCal.org – community events calendar, age friendly website collects hyperlinks re. events in community</p>	<p>Scottish Borders Council Community Learning Partnership</p>	<p>Area Partnership</p>	
<p>Other: Shared communal spaces</p>	<p>How do we create communal spaces for all? Open and inclusive to get away from cliques Solution - Local groups have an “open day/come and try” to break down barriers</p>	<p>Everyone</p>		

Scottish Borders

Berwickshire Locality Plan

April 2019 *Draft*

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Introduction

Welcome to the Berwickshire Locality Plan. This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The actions that will be carried out
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resourcesⁱ in the most effective way to reduce inequality

ⁱ **Resources** – this could be: funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan will help those who are in greatest need, and focuses on what action can be taken to improve the quality of life for those who live in Berwickshire.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Berwickshire what would make the area better.

This plan is structured around four themes:

- Economy, Skills & Learning
- Health, Care & Wellbeing
- Quality of Life
- Environment & Place

ⁱ **Area Partnership** – bringing together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

From the Area Partnershipⁱ meetings to date we have gathered all the comments and feedback which you gave and prioritised what you told us is important to you and what will make a difference to the lives of people in the Berwickshire area.

Communities, community planning partnersⁱ and local service providersⁱ will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership. The key actions are detailed at the end of this plan.

At a Locality level this is done through the Berwickshire Locality Plan and the Berwickshire Area Partnership.

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans, are referenced at the end of this plan.

Berwickshire Locality Area Profile 2018

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Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Berwickshire Area Partnership meetings over the past year. Going forward, our aim is to reach out to a wider range of people within the community as we recognise the importance of engaging with everyone in our community.

We will continue to build on this draft plan, and gain further understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities.

A vital part of this will be ongoing engagement and communication with the people of Berwickshire, and to create further opportunities for people to talk to us in person, to take part in surveys or online. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

We have gathered the feedback that you gave us to help shape this plan, and it is really important that you continue to give us your views and thoughts as this plan will have an impact on the community that you live in.

We want the people in Berwickshire to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

For information on how to get involved, join a local community group or community council, take part in local volunteering opportunities, please contact XXXXXX.

Berwickshire Wards



Mid Berwickshire

Population - 10,387

Duns - 2,756

Coldstream - 1,871

Greenlaw - 629



East Berwickshire

Population - 10,558

Eyemouth - 3,557

Chirside - 1,444

Ayton - 607

Coldingham - 514

Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Berwickshire is:

- Improve the connectivity within and out with Berwickshire, including
 - Transport (infrastructure and service provision (see p10))
 - Digital (mobile and broadband coverage)

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Support and make the most of existing Tourism opportunities, for example
 - Coastline, including marine reserve and harbour
 - Heritage
- Widen the opportunity and availability of modern apprenticeships and vocational training
- Improve the access to further and higher education and the opportunity for lifelong learning
- Protect and retain traditional skills unique to Berwickshire (e.g. sea skills)
- Encourage business start-ups & investment in the area, for example with the availability of suitable (and flexible) business spaces
- Encourage further partnership working to support the area in managing the economic and social impact of current and future demographic changes (i.e. increasing older population, young people moving away)

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Berwickshire is:

- Better service planning (incl. cross border) that recognises and reflects the demands and challenges of rural communities

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas and town across Berwickshire
- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality
- Improve support for unpaid carers
- Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Focus on rural isolation and social inclusion and the impacts on mental health
- Understand the future care requirements for the area and how best to incentivise people to work in the sector

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Quality of Life

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Berwickshire is:

- Continue to support (multi-agency) partnership working opportunities, promoting referrals/pathways to those local initiatives and sharing good practice

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Invest in and create community facilities/spaces (for all ages/intergenerational)
- Support local community capacity building, in particular local volunteers (utilising their skills and expertise)
- Encourage leisure/cultural facilities to be as accessible as possible (convenient, affordable, time of day)
- Improve communication across communities and between public agencies, including promotion / marketing of specific activities (e.g. men's shed, walking football)

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Berwickshire is:

- Investment in transport infrastructure and service provision, including
 - Reston Station / A1
 - Cross-border, North-South services
 - Community Transport
 - Enabling people to be where they need to be (for work, education, health appointments etc.), i.e. more flexible provision

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Work with local communities on regenerating and reimagining their local places (town centres, village halls, play areas etc.)
- Understand the housing needs of the area and ensure the right developments are being considered to meet those needs, including affordable housing and housing for all stages and ages of life
- Promote environmentally friendly home energy solutions to local residents

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

How we will measure success

The Berwickshire Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities. Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

Local Plans for Berwickshire

Local Community Action Plans

- Coldstream Community Action Plan
- Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston Community Action Plan

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Berwickshire Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Eyemouth Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Berwickshire are:

- East Berwickshire and Eyemouth Economic Regeneration Action Plan
- >list to be drafted<

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Neighbourhood Small Schemes

Note by Service Director - Asset & Infrastructure

Berwickshire Area Partnership

2 May 2019

1 PURPOSE

This note seeks approval from Members for delegated powers for future applications for Small Schemes.

2 BACKGROUND

Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Small Scheme by contacting the Berwickshire Neighbourhood Area Manager direct.

3 PROPOSED FUTURE APPROVAL PROCESS

To ensure applications for Small Scheme are dealt with timeously - it is recommended that Members agree to delegate authority to the Service Director Assets & Infrastructure to approve future applications in 2019/20, subject to the following:

- (a) Application(s) for projects to be carried out from Small Schemes are received, assessed and costed by Council Officers;
- (b) Officers will then send details of the project(s) to Elected Members along with a recommendation for their consideration;
- (c) Elected Members will advise appropriate Council Officers of their support or otherwise for a particular project – support will be required from a majority of Elected Members for a project to proceed;
- (d) Should support by the majority of Members not be given for a project, this application will be refused; and
- (e) Details of projects funded from the Small Schemes budget will be presented to the Berwickshire Area Partnership as part of any future updates on Grants and Funding.
- (f) Any application for Community Fund funded projects should be directed to the Communities and Partnership Team.

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