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Berwickshire Area Partnership

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Meeting

| Date: | Thursday, 27 January 2022 |
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| Time: | 6.30pm |
| Location: | via Microsoft Teams |

AGENDA

| 1. | Welcome and Meeting Protocols |
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| 2. | Feedback from meetings of 2 September and 16 December |
| Section 1: Service and Partner Updates and Consultations | |
| 3. | Place Making Update Consider paper by Keith Dickinson. (Copy attached.) |
| 4. | SBC Common Good Consultation Hannah MacLeod, Principal Solicitor, to provide an overview of the Common Good consultation. Common Good Consultation 2022 |
| Section 2: Local Priorities | |
| 5. | Jim Clark Rally Brian Young, Network Manager, and the Jim Clark Rally Committee will present routes the rally will use in Berwickshire. |
| 6. | Community Assistance Hub Update |
| | Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding |
| 7. | Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund Applications Papers to follow. Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND OPEN 01 JUNE 2021 - 31 MAY 2022 |

| 8. | Group Evaluation - Coldstream Gateway Association |
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| | Section 4: Other |
| 9. | Next Meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership |
| | Next meeting: 3 March 2022; agenda issued 17 February 2022. |
| | Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? |
| | Please contact your local councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team. |
| 10. | Any Other Business |
| | - For information on current consultations, community information and useful links, see the additional Information document. (Copy attached.) |
| 11. | Meeting evaluation by Menti |

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Proposal for creation of a BAP Working Group on Place Making in Berwickshire

Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of this paper is to propose the formation of a BAP Place Making Working Group, charged with making recommendations on the way forward concerning the development and implementation of Place Planning in Berwickshire, to the BAP meeting on 3rd February 2022. It is envisaged that this Working Group will operate on a short-term basis, albeit it may subsequently prove appropriate to form a Sub-committee of the BAP to take responsibility for the oversight of place-making in Berwickshire over the coming years.

Background

This proposal fully recognises SBC's commitment to Place Planning, but concerns were raised during the discussion of the "Place Making -Next Steps" paper at the BAP meeting on 2nd September. A number of contributors commented on the absence of prior consultation with those communities whose contributions will be vital to the future success of place planning. Others spoke of what they believed to be flaws in the proposed methodology. Yet other community development organisations and community councils expressed difficulty interpreting the proposal due to the approach and language used. Overall, there was a feeling that there was insufficient time to discuss the paper in any meaningful way and therefore it was unclear how we could reach a well-considered view on the way forward.

Over the past year, the BAP has made significant strides in improving our effective operating arrangements. In many ways BAP is developing into a true partnership. These proposals aim to ensure that BAP continues to progress in this way. It is clear that, in relation to the vitally important area of Place Making in Berwickshire, that we avoid the danger of reverting to the former "top down" approach, adopted in the past.

Membership and operation of the Working Group

Recent working groups of the BAP have comprised 6-8 members with an additional 2/3 SBC councillors. To my knowledge there has always been a place for those who express a wish to be involved. They have been chaired by a non-SBC member of the BAP. The working groups have benefitted from the expertise and support of SBC officers during their deliberations.

There is clear evidence that working-groups can work successfully with all members from across the BAP having the time to debate issues in detail and deliver recommendations quickly and effectively. Past working group experience shows that within a timescale of 6 weeks, and following 2 or 3 well-structured 2-hour on-line meetings, it is possible to deliver recommendations that have subsequently been fully endorsed by BAP. It is suggested, therefore, that we implement this proven model of success.

Agenda for Working Group

Much of the agenda for a place-making working group will come from the Place Making – Next Steps paper presented at the last meeting. Amongst other topics it is likely that the following will be considered:

- Proposed Joint Principles
- The Proposed Target Place Making Framework
- The methodology for determining which communities to prioritise
- How to best allocate resources available for place planning in Berwickshire
- James Lamb's "Area Partnership Draft Place Making Role Agreement"

Recommendations

Agree to

- the setting up of a place planning working group
- a method of recruitment to the working group
- the initial Agenda outlined above
- provide officer support for the activity
- the proposed timescale for recommendations to the BAP meeting in February 2022

Keith Dickinson

Additional Information

Current consultations

• 2022/23 Budget Survey

SBC has launched a survey to understand the priorities of Borderers and give local people the opportunity to influence our next budget and a range of other important service areas for the future

A <u>short video</u> is available which provides more information about the survey and the questions being asked.

The <u>online survey</u> is live until 30 January.

• Common Good Consultation 2022

This consultation seeks your views on the Common Good registers for the former Burghs of the Scottish Borders.

All former Burghs have a 'Common Good' which comprises the land, buildings, art, artefacts and funds which were owned and managed by the Burgh Council on behalf of the residents of the Burgh. The Burgh system was extinguished in 1975 but the assets owned by the Burgh at that date continue to be owned by the Common Good, which is administered by Councillors who sit as Common Good Trustees.

Following an investigation of the assets held by Scottish Borders Council, we have prepared a draft asset register for each former Burgh. We have considered title deeds (for land and buildings), museum records and old Burgh minutes. Where an asset was donated to the town, prior to 1975; where it was purchased from Common Good funds; or where it has historically been used by the people of the town as a public asset , we have determined that the asset should form part of the Common Good.

However, SBC is seeking your views on whether you think any additional assets should be included on these registers, and if so, why. You may also have further information on the assets noted. Or you may think that an item on the register is not Common Good.

The <u>online survey</u> is live until 31 March 2022

Community Empowerment:

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Berwickshire area. SBC is working with two groups considering submitting asset transfer requests.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: <u>Parts of the Act</u> | <u>Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council</u> (scotborders.gov.uk)

20mph Trail in Scottish Borders: Evaluation



Berwickshire Roads Asset Programme Update



Eyemouth Gateway to Good Health – Junior Park Run



Area Partnerships' information pack:

Berwickshire Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)

<u>Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack |</u> <u>Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)</u>

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

Community Council News

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council (moderngov.co.uk)

Co-production week Scotland

<u>Co-production Week Scotland</u> are launching a new co-production animation.

Their <u>short animation</u> explains co-production in a fun and clear way. It's been developed by the SCN team, building on how we talk about co-production and explain it to others.

Explaining co-production isn't always easy, but using clear language to help people understand it is a big part of getting co-production right.

No definition is perfect, but we hope it will act as a helpful starting point to spark discussion, ideas and debate on what co-production means to you and the people you work with.

<u>Covid-19</u>:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus

Community Testing:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing/

Covid-19 vaccination programme

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/

NHS Borders website for current updates:

http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/

Business support

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business

https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/

Debt Advice:

Citizens Advice Bureau



Download the NHS Borders Money Worries App here

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

General Funding:

https://fundingscotland.com/

https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/

Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)

SBC Community Fund

SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/generalservices/wellbeing-service/

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/

Phone or email to access their support/advice