

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the
BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP
held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 14
December 2023 at 5.30 pm

Present:- Councillors J. Anderson, J. Greenwell, D. Moffat, A. Orr and M. Rowley

Apologies:- Councillor C. Hamilton

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator, Community Engagement Officer (A. Boyle) and Democratic Services Officer (W. Mohieddeen).

1. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 30 August 2023.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minute for signature by the Chair.

2. **BAP PLACE MAKING WORKING GROUP**

There had been circulated copies of a report by Keith Dickinson, Chair of the Berwickshire Area Partnership Place Making Working Group that reported on the progress of the working group and made recommendations for future Place Making activity. The working group proposed that their activity was to be succeeded by a community-led peer support network which would provide a space for shared learning, support and guidance to communities that were developing plans for their area. The network would be open to all interested communities who would benefit from participation in the network and not restricted to Berwickshire. The network would be convened by Beth Landon from Borders Community Action in her role as Capacity Building Lead for Berwickshire and Cheviot. A standing item at Berwickshire Area Partnership meetings was suggested so that time was made available to hear from the proposed network and that community-led developments were discussed. Ms Landon advised she would be happy to speak on behalf of the Network and that a peer support meeting was scheduled for 1 February 2023.

DECISION

(a) **NOTED the achievements of the working group;**

(b) **AGREED:**

(i) **To establish a community-led peer support network to support communities with ambitions to develop a plan for their area;**

(ii) **A standing agenda item should be introduced to the Berwickshire Area Partnership so that time is available at each meeting to hear from the network and discuss community-led developments within the Berwickshire community, with time also given for updates on local place plans and to consider themes and actions which could be incorporated into wider Berwickshire/Borders wide-plans; and,**

- (iii) **Support the flexibility to reconvene the Berwickshire Area Partnership Place Making Working Group if there was a need to reactivate its activity in the future.**

3. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership would be held on Wednesday 7 February. The meeting was to be moved to a Wednesday to allow people to attend who may normally have other commitments such as community council meetings.

The meeting concluded at 5.45 pm.