



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Development Sub Committee held via zoom on Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 4.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: J R Potts (Chair), A Cartie (Vice-Chair), K Nisbet, A Parsons, M Richardson, S Stanger, W Taylor

Officers:

J Hughes, Town Clerk
M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk
2	Disclosure of Interests Grant of Dispensations Councillor Nisbet declared an interest in the Waterloo Road development
3	Minutes of the Planning & Development Sub Committee held on 1 October 2020 The minutes were noted as a true record.
4	Actions Arising from previous Minutes
4.1	Minute No 5 – feedback re Seaton Valley Local Plan Feedback was sent to Seaton Valley. (Achieved)

4.2	<p>Minute No 6 – Closure of Telephone Boxes</p> <p>Response sent and acknowledgement received. (Achieved)</p>
4.3	<p>Minute No 7 – Local Transport Plan Feedback 2021/22</p> <p>Response sent and acknowledgement received. (Achieved)</p>
5	<p>Planning Application List</p> <p>Please see attached planning list with comments - this has been forwarded to NCC.</p>
6	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Rob Naples, Planning Officer, NCC to the meeting. He explained the BTC have previously discussed having a Neighbourhood Plan but have not progressed it.</p> <p>Rob provided the following information:</p> <p>There are 10 Neighbourhood Plans in Northumberland now in legal force with another 24/25 ongoing. It is not something that Parish Councils have to do and a plan should reflect what BTC wants to see happen in the area and it is important that the community buy into it.</p> <p>Rob confirmed that the plan could be formulated around one specific issue or several. Members discussed with Rob the benefits of a plan – for example determining where new development should be built, the need for social housing and whether restrictions could be placed on the type of independent shops opening in the town centre – Rob confirmed that businesses cannot be categorised and new legislation means change of use of a building does not require planning permission. The plan could stipulate that there is a need for affordable housing</p> <p>In looking at the resources required, this would depend on the scope of the plan. NCC has a dedicated team supporting Neighbourhood Plans and if the Council decides to go ahead there would be dedicated link officer. Most Councils have also engaged a Planning Consultant.</p>

	<p>Funding – there is a grant of between £7,000 and £9,000 available from Locality who administer funds on behalf of the Government. BTC have been identified as an area that would qualify for an additional £10,000 from Locality to pursue a plan.</p> <p>Steps in the process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation – need to decide on the topics that will be included in the plan • Write the plan • Submit • NCC advertise the plan • It is independently examined. • If it passed next step is a local referendum open to everyone who lives in Blyth. • A vote of 50% or over in favour of the plan means that NCC would have to adopt it. <p>Other questions asked were around S106 and CICLA funding and whether this would be more beneficial to Blyth if there was a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Rob for his input and proposed that members look at the plans from other Parish Councils to get some indication of what BTC might like to include in theirs. The plans can be accessed by following this link:</p> <p>www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Planning & Development Sub-Committee is topic dependent.</p>

Members of the Planning & Development Sub-Committee

Councillors:

J R Potts
D Carr
A Cartie

K Nisbet
A Parsons
M Richardson
S Stanger
W Taylor
G Thompson