



Bellingham
Borderlands Place Programme Board
Minutes

8th June 2022

18:00 – 19:30 Bellingham Town Hall

Attendees

Board Members	Organisation
Anne Lawson (Chair) Cllr Martin Dickson-Green Cllr Anthony Kirkbride Ben Dickson-Green Lindsay Davidson Peter Loyd	NCC Bellingham Parish Council Bellingham Parish Council N. Tyne and Redesdale Community Partnership Bellingham Schools Partnership Churches Together
Officers	Role
Chris Walker	Community Regeneration Officer (NCC)
Apologies	Organisation
Cllr John Riddle Vince Walsh Brian Tilley Steve Gibbon	Northumberland County Council Karbon Homes Bellingham Town Hall Bellingham Heritage Centre

Agenda

1. Declarations of Interests
2. Previous Meeting report
3. Consultation Review – Chris Walker
4. Next Steps

Minutes (Action points in red)

Item	Details	Actions
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1	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The summary of DOIs was briefly discussed with no changes required to be made.</p> <p>Any changes or updates to the summary should be sent to CW or AL by 17th June 2022. Declarations of Interest will be reviewed at every board meeting and the online version updated as changes occur.</p> <p>The DOI summary to be amended with School Governor added for AK.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p>
2	<p>Consultation Review – Chris Walker</p> <p>A review of the consultation was presented by CW. The presentation aimed to demonstrate the key findings from the public consultation. These findings would then be used to review the vision and strategic objectives agreed by the board at the previous meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the consultation report would be shared with board members for their review. Comments to CW by COP 17th June 2022.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>All</p>
3	<p>Review of Vision</p> <p>The vision was reviewed considering public opinion from the consultation.</p> <p>82% of all respondents from the public consultation agreed broadly with the vision as developed by the board at previous meetings.</p> <p><i>"By 2031 Bellingham will be a thriving environment for business startup, growth and retention across all sectors with access to local mentoring and skills development. Bellingham will have grown its visitor economy, increasing high quality jobs in the sector and the economic impact of visitors on the village.</i></p> <p><i>Capitalising on its strong retail offer and rich heritage, the town environment will be improved, and parking arrangements made fit for purpose. Cycling and public transport connectivity will be reviewed and developed while recreational, fitness and wellbeing facilities for both residents and visitors will be enhanced."</i></p> <p>Following feedback from the consultation the board discussed the vision, highlighting the importance of the physical environment (including parking), leisure facilities and the retail offer to both residents and visitors. The vision was therefore amended to reflect the thoughts of those engaging with the consultation:</p> <p>"Capitalising on Bellingham's strong retail offer and rich heritage, the town environment will be improved, and parking arrangements made fit for purpose. Cycling and public transport connectivity will be reviewed and developed while recreational, fitness and wellbeing facilities for both residents and visitors will be enhanced.</p> <p>Bellingham will be a thriving environment for business startup, growth and retention across all sectors with access to local mentoring and skills</p>	

	development. Bellingham will have grown its visitor economy, increasing high quality jobs in the sector and the economic impact of visitors on the village”	
4	<p>Review of Strategic Objectives</p> <p>The strategic objectives were reviewed considering public opinion from the consultation. Over 93% of respondents agreed with the objectives broadly which demonstrated support for all four existing strategic objectives and underpinning values. The board felt that the strategic objectives should remain unchanged given the support received at consultation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance existing businesses and attract new businesses into Bellingham. 2. Maintain and raise the quality of the physical environment in Bellingham. 3. Support existing employment and deliver quality new jobs and opportunities for economic and social participation for Bellingham residents. 4. Maintain and increase the number of visitors spending money in Bellingham <p>The board to review the vision and strategic objectives by 17th June 2022 at which point the vision and strategic objectives will be published on the Borderlands web page.</p>	CW/ALL
5	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Board to review the consultation report and vision/strategic objectives and provide any comments to CW by 17th June 2022</p> <p>Consultation report, vision and strategic objectives to be published on website week commencing 20th June 2022</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CW</p>
7	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>24th August 2022 – 18:00pm. Venue to be confirmed</p>	CW/ALL