



Northumberland County Council

Haltwhistle Borderlands Place Programme Board Minutes

9th November 2022

10:30 Mechanics Institute

Attendees

Clr Marie Bowes	Haltwhistle Town Council
Stuart Wilkie	Killfrost
Julie Gibbon	Haltwhistle Partnership
Maxine Wilson	Haltwhistle Swimming and Leisure Centre
Sheila Cadge	Young & Sweet
Ian Dommett	Haltwhistle Chamber of Trade
Officers	Role
Peter Mawer (Town Lead)	Senior Programme Officer (Town Regeneration)
Chris Walker (Acting Chair)	Senior Programme Officer (Town Regeneration)

Apologies

Name	Representing
John Taylor	Agma
Anne Lawson (Chair)	NCC
Clr Ian Hutchinson	NCC
Clr Alan Sharp	Haltwhistle Town Council
John Scott	Hadrian's Wall Partnership
Eric Taylor	Berry Global

Minutes (Action points in red)

Item	Details	Actions
1	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Members were asked to confirm that their Declarations of Interest remain extant. No changes were required to the summary which is hosted on the town’s webpage at: (https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Economy-Regeneration/Programmes/Borderlands-Place-Programme/Borderlands-Place-Programme.aspx)</p> <p>Declarations of Interest will be reviewed at every board meeting and the online version updated as changes occur.</p>	AL/PM
2	<p>Place Plan development</p> <p>It was explained that PM would continue to develop the Place Plan using the information gathered in the meeting and additional context from various sources.</p> <p>PM informed the meeting that he would be sharing with them the drafts of the subjective Haltwhistle specific elements of the Place Plan (Introduction to the town, role of the town etc) to give them the opportunity to make the sections reflect the opinions of those who live in the town.</p>	PM
3	<p>Identifying investment priorities with Themes</p> <p>At the previous board meeting, three investment themes were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the tourist offer • Skills development and retention of young people • Business innovation including diversification of the retail/hospitality offer <p>Board members were tasked with defining investment priorities within each theme.</p> <p>Suggestions are:</p> <p>Developing the tourist offer Projects that will ... Give people things to do whatever the weather Provide good quality experiences across the board (food, hospitality, service – aim for 5*) Increase spend Make Haltwhistle the ‘Active Centre of Britain’ Improve existing attractions (car parking etc) Improve the look of Haltwhistle Provide tourist information Provide tourist shopping</p>	

	<p>Improve outdoor play areas Improve indoor adventure areas</p> <p>Skills Development and Retention of Young People Projects that will Provide good quality apprenticeships Make Haltwhistle the centre of all aspects of hospitality Develop skills in retrofitting and Green Industries Develop trade skills Make Haltwhistle the training centre of Britain Provide a training centre Provide a youth skills centre – vocational and life skills Provide a local job centre function Raise aspirations</p> <p>Business Innovation including the diversification of the retail/hospitality offer Projects that will Make use of Hadrian Industrial Park Provide flexible workspace Attract people to visit and spend</p>	
4	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Officers will consolidate the proposed investment priorities for inclusion in the Place Plan.</p> <p>The Haltwhistle Place Plan will continue to be developed for submission to the NCC board.</p>	PM
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was declared</p>	
6	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	