

Full BCCT Meeting

Monday 11 May 2020 – at 2:30 pm. Video-meeting via Google MEET

Invitees:

BCCT steering group: Paul Tilzey (PT), Adrian Bennett (AB), Miranda Clarke (MC), Pam Cole (PC), Sean Collins-Powell (SCP), John Gimson (JG), Peter La Broy (PLB), Ian Mason (IM), Jacky Maynard (JM), Ian Saltern (IS), Robert Uhlig (RU), Ben Wood (BW), Zoe Bernard-John (ZBJ).

Plus: Tim Bagshaw (TB), Keith Cornwell (KC), Vicky Yaxley (VY), Celli Moriarty (CM)

Important note. As you will see, this agenda is much wordier than usual. The intention is to augment the brief information in the Project list and related updates – to enable all BCCT members to be more actively engaged, if they have the time, knowledge, expertise, and interest.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. To agree the minutes of the meeting on the 16 March 2020

(Minutes to follow in due course)

3. Email update of 22 April 2020

This email was in lieu of the meeting 20 April, cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Proposal: To adopt this email as part of the record of meetings.

4. Covid-19 Action

For information only. To confirm that a statement of BCCT position (to press on where possible) was added to the BCCT website and Facebook and Twitter accounts on 25 March 2020, together with an article written for Bude & Beyond Community website. BCCT members were informed by email on the same day.

5. Notice of cancellation of other meetings

The quarterly meetings of Bude-Stratton Strategic Programme (BSSP) and the Bude Area Community Network Panel (CNP) have been cancelled. The CNP Health/Care Forum meetings have also been cancelled.

Further information awaited from Cornwall Council.

6. Review of Projects – and activity updates

Projects are listed in two documents:

- BCCT Project List. A copy of the latest version (March 2020) was sent by VY to BCCT members on 11 March.
- Projects that fall within the BSSP are set out in the document prepared by ZBJ after the meeting on 13 Feb 2020. Copies were sent to BCCT members on 24 Feb 2020.

NB. While information about most of these projects is in the public domain, there are some aspects that involve commercially sensitive information which should be treated as confidential.

Recent developments:

- a) Grant to support BSTC's **Climate Action Plan** (BSSP item 4). As advised in the Update email of 22 April, the second stage application has now been submitted.
- b) **Cycle paths.** (Project list item 17 and BSSP item 7). While CC have set aside funds for some cycle path improvements, this did not include the link from Crooklets to Summerleaze. BCCT's expression of interest to the Rural Payments Agency for a grant was approved a few days ago, and IS will now be working on the full application.
- c) **Business Engagement** (Project list item 10 a)). The Expression of interest to CLLD has been approved and the second stage application has been submitted. The aim is to secure funding to ensure Bude businesses are represented, bearing in mind the limited activity locally by FSB and Bude Chamber.

- d) **wAVE project** (Item 32 on Project list and BSSP item 20). Cornwall Museums Partnership, jointly with Falmouth University has almost completed the work on the VR game for The Bude Castle, but it cannot be installed yet due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- e) **Social Media, Mailing list etc** (Item 4 on Project list). A programme of social media posts via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram is being developed. This will run in conjunction with our mailing list as soon as a Pricy policy has been finalised.

7. BCCT structure and future development

Since formation in 2015, BCCT has evolved - re-shaping to meet changing circumstances and opportunities. We are now facing further change – though we see no diminution in our role to bring socio-economic benefits to Bude via a three-way partnership with local authorities, businesses, and community organisations.

Main factors are:

- a) Current government policy is for 'levelling up' - with a strong focus on the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine. There has not been a formal policy statement about the future of CCTs though we have been advised that the Westminster-based coastal communities team (of 3) has been assimilated into the Cities & Local Growth Unit of MHCLG.
- b) Government investment and regeneration activity is being channelled through the My Town scheme announced a few months ago - where 101 selected locations became eligible for 'capacity funding' as a step towards accessing further grants up to £25m. Of the 101 Town Deal places, 80% are in the Midlands and the North, and there are four in Cornwall.
- c) The Business & Community Partnership event planned for 17 March was to help Bude position itself to become eligible for funding support when the scheme is extended into 2020/21.
- d) Some of the planning for the 17 March event was influenced by the visit to Bude by Cornwall Councillor Tim Dwelly on 28 February, arranged by Peter La Broy. An invitation to this meeting was sent to BCCT members on 27 Jan 2020. Tim Dwelly is Cllr for Penzance (East), one of the four Cornish places in the My Town scheme.
- e) To become eligible for the My Town scheme requires the 'lead council' (ie Cornwall Council) to start the process, and it is one of the topics to be advanced by CC and BSTC as soon as the Covid-19 priorities allow. BCCT has asked to be involved in future developments.

For further information about the scheme, here is the link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/843843/20191031_Towns_Fund_prospectus.pdf

8. BCCT Board activity

Recent activity includes:

- a) Maintaining contact where possible, with key partners, businesses, community groups and agencies.
- b) Exploring, jointly with Bude Stratton Community Project (the charity that operates Neetside Community Centre) the possibility of creating a Social Action Fund to help alleviate financial hardship from Covid-19.
- c) Finalising various policy documents to ensure BCCT complies with requirements of funding organisations, and our own activities, etc eg Safeguarding, Privacy, Statement re Environmental Sustainability.
- d) In-house arrangements for document filing and sharing via 'Cloud' storage.

9. Any other business

Subject to the agreement of the Chairman

10. Date of next meeting

Subject to agreement, it is suggested that the next meeting – via video conferencing – should be at 2:30 pm on Monday 8 June, the date of our next scheduled meeting.