

Bude Coastal Community Team

Copy of Update email – 10 April 2021

To all those on the BCCT group mail list

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In normal times, the regular monthly BCCT steering group meeting would be next Monday 12 April.

However, with the Covid pandemic, the local elections, and the announcement yesterday of the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, this meeting has been cancelled.

Instead, here is a further bulletin covering two issues:-

1. Firstly, information about a new initiative – the recently launched Community Renewal Fund
2. Updates to the information provided in my email of 7 March. A copy of this email follows, to which comments have been added (in red) with details of changes/developments.

1. Community Renewal Fund (CRF).

The BCCT Board, jointly with Tim Bagshaw, has been exploring funding opportunities, specifically the Community Renewal Fund, launched last month

Key points about the CRF:

- a) Gov.uk website says "*The UK Community Renewal Fund will provide £220 million additional funding to help places across the UK prepare for the introduction of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.*"
- b) 100 'Places and Lead Authorities' have been selected as priority places – Cornwall is one of them, and £3m is available.
- c) There is positive encouragement for bids to be for £500k or more.
- d) The deadline for bids is 7 May, with an expectation that successful applicants will hear by the end of July.
- e) The funding is 90% revenue funding – and it must be spent by March 2022.

Tim has drawn up a draft submission and is engaging in urgent consultation with a range of potential stakeholders/partners.

Cornwall Council have told us that "*Projects will have to demonstrate they support one of the two priority areas of 'town centre, rural and coastal vitality' and 'reducing the digital divide'.*"

The Council will also host a webinar at 10am on Monday 19 April to provide more information and answer questions about the fund. Anyone interested can register at <mailto:economicdevelopment@cornwall.gov.uk>

While the forthcoming local elections (and purdah) has limited discussions with the Town Council, there is an extraordinary meeting of BSTC on Thursday 15 April (7 pm) which includes the following agenda item - 9. To consider the outline Community Renewal Fund bid that has been drafted by Bude Coastal Community Team and give it the Town Council's endorsement

[If you have any ideas or suggestions that should be included in the CRF bid by BCCT, please contact Tim as soon as possible \(development@budecoastalteam.org.uk\).](mailto:development@budecoastalteam.org.uk)

For more information about the CRF, including the prospectus, FAQs and more, go to the gov.uk website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-community-renewal-fund-prospectus>

Looking ahead

- At this stage, we do not know when the outcome of the election of BSTC will be known.
- No decision has been made about a BCCT steering group meeting in May, which ordinarily would have been scheduled for Mon 10 May.
- More to follow in due course.

With best wishes, JohnG

2. UPDATE on BCCT matters – email dated 7 March 2021 – with comments added in red 10 April 2021

From: contact@budecoastalteam.org.uk <contact@budecoastalteam.org.uk>

Sent: 07 March 2021 20:55

To: Contact at BCCT <contact@budecoastalteam.org.uk>

Subject: BCCT Update - 7 March 2021

There's a lot going on, but not a lot to discuss. With the agreement of the BCCT Chair, this email is to inform you that the meeting scheduled for Mon 8 March is cancelled.

Apologies for short notice. Regard it as a gift of time perhaps – to read the various attachments.

Brief update

1. Tripos building.

- a) Some progress at last. It has been agreed in principle with the NHS commissioning group that Stratton Medical Centre and Neetside Surgery will relocate to the Tripos building, with a provisional target date around mid-2022. As you might imagine, many issues have still to be resolved – but the process of public consultation is the first step.
- b) Three local Cornwall Councillors (Peter La Broy, David Parsons and Nicky Chopak) have been informed, and BSTC was advised at their full council meeting last Thursday.
- c) The next step is to await a formal press statement and there is a meeting involving the developers and the surgeries on Tuesday.

Update: We learnt this week that due to an issue regarding the lease on existing premises, there are doubts about the timing of any relocation. More when we know more.

2. Bude Business Voice (BBV) project

- a) The project is going forward as planned and Tim Bagshaw and Celli Moriarty have now held well-attended and three successful Focus Group meetings.
- b) All details are on the BBV website (www.budebusinessvoice.co.uk) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BudeBusinessVoice).
- c) Next step is for Tim to prepare a report outlining the next stages.

Update: Further discussions have been held about the idea of establishing a BID (Business Improvement District) for the wider economic area. A further report to follow in due course.

3. BCCT Economic Plan (EP)

- a) As you know, delivery of the EP, along with the BSTC Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), forms the basis for the BSSP (Bude-Stratton Strategic Programme). BSTC's review of their NDP has been deferred while awaiting information about central government's planning policies, and we have been aware that our EP, although drafted only in 2018, is in need of updating.
- b) It was agreed at the last BSSP meeting that an integrated three-tier Economic Development Plan should be prepared covering the Bude CNP area, Bude-Stratton and the Bude Town team. BSTC confirmed that BCCT had been commissioned to do this work.

Update: Work is well under way. We will have to wait until after the local elections before further consultation will be possible with BSTC and the Parishes within the Area Community Network.

4. BSSP

- a) We have now received the updated project table – and this is attached.
- b) At the request of BCCT the **Bude Creative Economy project (BCE)** has been added to the BSSP. The update schedule was approved by BSTC at their March council meeting.
- c) The small BCE project team will be pursuing how the project (based on CC's 5-year strategy in the Creative Manifesto) will advance.

d) The Facebook Groups set up to provide a virtual showcase of local businesses in the creative industries now has over 90 members (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/343533516611348>)

Update: As you may know, the Creative Manifesto includes four 'ambitions'. Two workshops have been announced for later this month (23 and 29 April) covering Ambition 1 (How can culture and creativity re-energise our towns and communities?) and Ambition 2 (Creative Hubs/Workspace in Cornwall).

5. Localism Strategy

- a) Full details of the launch are now available on the CC website ([Localism Vision and Strategy 2020 - Cornwall Council](#)) and attached is a PDF which lists the questions raised by attendees at the launch, with answers from CC.
- b) We recognise that most of the discussions about implementing Localism will be between CC and BSTC, and little is expected to happen until after the local elections.

Update: We have been advised that Cornwall Council intend to hold four workshops covering the principles of the Localism strategy and how they may be implemented. Further information is awaited.

6. Bude Area Community Network Panel

- a) The quarterly meeting took place last Monday 1 March. Action notes have not yet been published.
- b) There was an additional CNP meeting (as advised) to discuss Cross Border Health issues on 22 February. Notes of this meeting are awaited.

Update: The Actions notes from this meeting were circulated via email on 20 March

7. Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund.

The Crowdfunder appeal remains open and applications for funding support are being reviewed by a volunteer group involving Neetside Community Centre, BSTC, and Bude Christians Together.

Update: Around 15 applications were received and grants are being made to 13. A press release with details will be issued shortly.

Two other important projects in which BCCT has an involvement – **Bude Climate Partnership** and **Bude Town Team** - are both going forward under their own steam. Relevant information will be passed on as appropriate.

Pre-election purdah. Finally, with local elections scheduled for 6 May, we will soon be entering a period known as pre-election purdah where there are some limitations on decision making. This period is expected to start around the end of this month. A decision is yet to be taken about whether to hold a BCCT steering group meeting in April

Please let me know if any further information is required on any of these matters, or anything else.

With best wishes, JohnG