

Due to Covid-19, the meeting scheduled for 20 April 2020 was cancelled

Below is a copy of an email sent to Steering Group members on 22 April

### **BCCT Update - April 2020**

The purpose of this email is to provide a brief update since the last meeting of the steering group on 16 March.

You are aware that our Business & Community Partnership event planned for 17 March was postponed – and that a statement re Covid-19 has been added to our website, published via Facebook and Twitter, and a brief article released via Bude & Beyond community website.

Understandably, with the lockdown much of our project work is being deferred – particularly as CC and BSTC have other priorities, many businesses are closed and most community groups aren't able to operate. However, progress is being made on some topics.

#### **Updates:**

1. **Board meetings.** The Board has held three video conference meetings recently (via the Google 'Meet' app).
2. **Climate Action Plan grant application.** Ian Saltern has completed the second stage grant application to the National Lottery Community Fund in support of the Climate Action Plan for the Bude area. The application is for about £200k, with activity spread over about 18 months, starting in September 2020, subject to any restrictions due to Covid-19. Ian emphasised the significant contribution by Rob Uhlig in completing this application on time, particularly when he (Ian) wasn't 100% well.
3. **CLLD application.** Tim Bagshaw has completed the second stage application to CLLD in connection with BCCT's 'Business Engagement' project. Again, the timescale for advancing this work will be subject to any Covid-19 related lockdown.
4. **Other Meetings.** The meeting scheduled for 28 April for those involved with the Bude-Stratton Strategic Plan has been cancelled – as have the quarterly meetings of the Bude Area Community Network Panel (including the Health/Care Forum).
5. **BCCT housekeeping.** Work is continuing with BCCT's own admin such as Cloud storage and file sharing, as well as hoping to get our Mailing List up and running, but this is dependent on finalising a privacy policy, which in turn relies on other people.

Celli Moriarty is helping with the document sharing procedures and involved with our social media presence including setting up an Instagram Account.

Other policies are being drafted on Safeguarding and Sustainability/Climate Change which are important to have in place when making grant applications

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you feel that there are other matters that we need to consider, or if you need more information on any of the projects.

Stay safe.

ATB John  
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