

## Minutes

Meeting	<b>Borderlands</b>
Date	<b>14 April 2022</b>
Times	<b>2.30pm</b>
Venue	<b>VIA TEAMS</b>



<p><b>Attendees:</b>          Cllr Kevin Hamilton          Cllr. Bill McEwan          Garry Ronson          Tracey Ingham          Alison Meadows          Sam Ronson          Helen Houston          Barry Doughty          Eleanor Farrell          Cllr. Ben Shirley          Cllr Des English</p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b>          Nick Perie          Adele Fitzsimmons</p>
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Discussion / Action
<p><b>1. Welcome Introductions, Apologies</b></p> <p>All of the above were present.</p> <p>An apology of absence was received from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Perie</li> <li>• Adele Fitzsimmons</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Notes from the previous meeting (6 March 2022)</b></p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed.</p> <p><b>To follow up</b> - Adele to develop an invite proposal to be circulated to the suggested membership of the working groups to:</p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p> <p><b>3. Place Programme Update</b></p> <p>Eleanor updated on the overall work that has been taking place across all of the town teams. she noted that draft working group Terms of Reference have been produced and will be circulated to the Town Team for Consideration.</p> <p>Eleanor has the feedback from the Place Programme Board meeting which she will circulate to the town Team after this meeting. She noted that the feedback picked up the best practice from each of the Town Teams, for Dalton for example they flagged the consultation that had been carried out and how this could be disaggregated to the other towns.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Eleanor to circulate the feedback after this meeting</p> <p>Eleanor noted that there has been a lot of background work in terms of documentation, processes and timescales carried out for the tender to be put out in the next few weeks.</p>

Barry noted that he was advised to look at the Borderlands Board meeting. He felt from this that we were doing well in Cumbria in that we are progressing ahead of other areas. However he felt that the Borderlands newsletter doesn't reflect this and there is very little reference to Cumbria in this except the Citadels etc. He feels that positive news re the Place Programme would be helpful in this newsletter. The group agreed with this and highlighted the need to get more input in relation to Place and in particular Dalton in this.

**Action:** Eleanor to feedback re the Newsletter.

Garry queried progress on getting chairs for the working groups. Eleanor noted that this is being worked on at present in terms of looking at potential lead organisations. The draft terms of reference will also assist with this.

#### **4. Communications & Engagement**

Alison noted that the Comms and Engagement Plan has been updated as per the last meeting. She has been doing some further thinking about this and suggested that once the working groups are set up and meeting, it could be valuable to hold a drop in session at Dalton Community Centre as part of the wider engagement. This would enable people from the community to come in, meet the groups and discuss ideas, as well as increase understanding of the programme.

The Town Team supported this proposal.

#### **5. Community Partnership Group update & matters arising**

Ben noted that in the minutes of the partnership there was a reference to the castle. He queried whether the partnership or the Town Team could reach out to National Trust to see if the opening hours of the castle could be extended. Alison advised that the opening hours have already been discussed, there were issues re staffing etc. at the time, but Alison will reach out to look at where this is up to.

**Action:** Alison to follow up re the potential to review the castle opening hours

Ben noted the wayfinding and improved signage at the station which has led to improvements. He noted that in Barrow the Business Improvement District were putting up improved wayfinding signage in the town and this would be beneficial for Dalton. He asked whether this could be picked up as part of this programme. Eleanor noted that there is the potential to bring this into one of the work groups, potentially the cycling and walking one.

Garry noted that there is a need to progress the comms around Borderlands before the drop in day so that people are more aware of the programme and potential, for example having leaflets / information in the shops etc. Alison will pick this up as part of the Comms and Engagement Plan

The group discussed the need to promote what is happening in Dalton and queried if there is a comms budget that would support this.

**Action:** Eleanor will arrange a meeting with Comms and Alison to progress what comms / signs etc can be produced for Dalton and the other towns that form part of Borderlands Place.

Barry drew the group's attention to the notes of the Community Partnership meeting and spoke about some of the key points and the strong partnership working that is taking place.

The group also noted the fact that the Place Programme in Dalton has a defined area that it covers as agreed at an early meeting of the Town Team - this focusses on the centre of Dalton.

#### **6. Next Steps**

- Commission for external support to go out.
- Further work to establish working groups
- Discussion with Barrow Borough re Levelling Up Fund 2.

## **7. AOB**

Ben queried whether any of the potential aspirational projects could be put forward to the Borough Council for potential inclusion in any Levelling Up 2 bid. Helen noted that timescales are tight and the Borough hasn't made any decision re applications into this fund at this stage.

The Town Team agreed that an ask be made of the Director People and Place to include any Dalton Borderlands projects as part of any bid into Levelling Up 2.

**Action:** Letter to be sent from the Chair to the Director of People and Place seeking inclusion of any Borderlands projects into any Levelling Up 2 bids or Shared Prosperity Fund.

**Action:** Eleanor to pick up a conversation with Helen re Levelling Up 2 and Shared Prosperity.