

Bude Partnership Minutes



Meeting

Held on 23rd April 2008

At the Falcon Hotel, Bude

Present: Nicky Chopak (Chair), Alison Rowe (Community Coordinator), Simon Swale (MCTA) (ex-officio), Lucille Opie (Bude U3A) Nigel Pearce (Member Bryan Stamp (Atlantic Highway), Birgit Dell (BATB), John Gimson (Potential Film Society), Sian Flynn (PPC, North Cornwall), Val Newman (Member NCDC),

1 Apologies had been received from:

Brian Dixon, Dan Rogerson MP for North Cornwall, Phil Coop (Police), Vicki Morrison (Youth), Heather Bolitho, Jaqi Heard, David Barton (Budehaven Community School), David Chadwick (NCDC) (Ex officio), Anne Longley, Andrea Vaillancourt-Alder (Bude Canal regeneration Project), Nicky Newberry, Peter La Broy (Mayor in personal capacity), Barbara Simpson (Bude Concert Orchestra), Christine Bilsland (Bude Forum), Ian Rigby, Kevin Harris (BSTC), Neil Tibbitts (Bazeley Partnership), Mandy Jefferies (Bude Childrens' Centre), Jane Greatbatch, Daryl: Fire Officer, Sally Lewis (NCDC ex-officio), Lindsey Pooley (BARC), Dr Angus Macdonald GP, Ada McCormick (Learning Shop – Cornwall College), Week St Mary Parish Clerk.

2 Minutes: The minutes of the publication sub-committee meeting in March 2008 were considered and

Matters arising and up-date reports were as follows:

2.1 Town signage: Nicky reported that she is still awaiting a response from Lloyds Bank about the possibility of a sign with the Bude logo. .

2.2 Conservative Party PPC: Sian Flynn was welcomed to the meeting. She reported that she had met with Ali some months ago and is very impressed what has been achieved and what is happening in Bude, in terms of scale and influence. Glad to see Bude 'punching her weight'. She will attend meetings from time to time and would like to be kept informed and involved. She had also brought the Shadow Minister for Cornwall to meet members of the BP.

2.3 Bude Forum/Parish Plans: It was reported that the Forum closed on 28th March. Ali has written to all Parish Clerks with copies of the draft plan and has offered support to the parishes (similar to that previously provided by the Forum) from the Bude Partnership. It was also reported that the Bude Partnership will receive £1,500 from NCDC, to pay towards administration etc. Nicky reported that she is re-visiting the Constitution to ensure that parish councils/plans are incorporated. **Action: Nicky**

2.4 Crooklets: It was noted that Jolyon Sharpe had attended the last meeting. Lucille had also attended a meeting regarding possible development of land at Crooklets, although the 80 bedrooms are considered completely inappropriate, it was noted that development will take place and NCDC are negotiating to ensure community benefit from any development.

2.5 Play Equipment at Crooklets It was agreed that NCDC should be asked to spend the money remaining for use at Crooklets should be used to purchase play equipment as previously discussed. Agreed Ali to write: Nigel will inform Ali of who to contact to make this request. **Action: Nigel and Ali**

2.6 Strand Hotel: No further report. Ali to contact current owner for up-date on sale.

2.7 Bude Stratton Town Council: Nicky reported that she had been invited to a meeting of the Town Council; Properties Committee. They are negotiating to purchase the old cinema building for the people of Bude and the Bude Partnership has been asked to assist with funding bids etc. Nicky reported that she had informed the Sub Committee that it was unlikely that a cinema would be self sustaining and so she had suggested a community arts centre/theatre/cinema. It was agreed that the Bude Partnership would need to have certain aspects clarified ,e.g. the formal relationship between the BP and the Council, accountability etc, but the prospect of partnership working to achieve something so highly recommended from public consultation is potentially exciting.

2.8 One Cornwall / Unitary Authority. Cornwall Council: Nicky reported that several members of eth BP had met with Rob Andrew and Martin Eddy regarding the new Cornwall Council. It is possible that BP will be involved in setting up and coordinating the Community Network Are for Bude, and this may be one of four 'flagships' ahead of others in the Council. It is not yet clear how this will work but money would be available for full-time staff etc.

2.9 Cornish Culture Day: It was noted that there is to be a Cornish Culture Day at Gregson Centre on 17th May.

2.10 Funding/ Community Coordinator Contract: Nicky reported that she has received her first rejected funding application (Townscape Initiative). Sadly money is not available for administration, only for projects. Nicky is consulting with Anna Hoyle. Simon reported that the additional consultants, as discussed at the last meeting, would be notified to the Bude Partnership soon. Sian commented that funding for people can be attached to funding for projects and this was noted. Nicky had received a letter and the consultants will be asked to assist with getting projects into a form for funding bids and look at the mechanism for implementation. They could take the Theme Groups forward. It was reported that in previous years, Launceston and Camelford had received £2,000 funding for MCTi and Val and Nigel agreed to look into this, to see if Bude could also have £2,000.

2.11 TRAC (Local Action Group: LAG): Ali reported on the progress with the funding application for the major cycle tracks project (off-road, connecting Tarka trail to Camel Trail, and spur to Bude) It has been agreed to combine the bid with one from NCDC and from Caradon to make an East Cornwall bid. Other money will also be sought from SW Tourism. Nicky and Ali had presented the first draft of the summary plan to the Town Council and this appeared to be well received. Council members had suggested other projects etc that might be included in the plan. Kevin Harris is still the council rep on the Partnership; he has been unwell and so unable to attend for a while. It was suggested that Tim Dingle should be approached to see if he might be interested.

Bryan requested that he should attend the next TRAC meeting on 7th May and Ali will pick him up for this.

3 Draft Strategic Plan Fourth Draft (tabled)

Ali presented a fourth draft of the full plan (and a third draft of the summary plan that had been amended following feedback from members of the Partnership. The full plan now is much shorter with vast amounts in appendices. It was agreed that this was an improvement, the appendices could be on CD at the back of the plan, provided people without access to computers can get a hard copy. The SWOT Analysis from the last workshop has now been added.

The new 'news-sheet' format for the summary was welcomed. John offered to assist with the wording and semantics of the final draft before printing and this was welcomed.

It was agreed that the plan should also reflect the need for developers (like that at Binhamy and Crooklets) should be encouraged to be involved with the community process and the Bude Plan. Planners would get their planning permission more easily and there would be less need for public enquiries etc. Could the BP meet the Crooklets developers. They should understand that while we do not approve, we would like to be involved. **Action: Ali**

It was agreed that there should be a new objective concerning a 'Sense of Belonging'. **Action: Ali** There was a suggestion that there should be a competition 'Belonging in Bude'

It was agreed that Ali should seek a cheap way to publish the plan and summary, to save money for other things. **Action: Ali**

Launch: Ali circulated further copies of the Project Plan for the publication of the Plan. Sally had reported that it was not possible to 'piggy-back' the publication onto an NCDC publication. Members were reminded that the Classroom at the Castle is to be used for the launch **from Thursday 26th June to Saturday 28th June.** It was agreed that the exhibition associated with the launch should be taken around to parishes. Ali agreed to develop a Roadshow.

It was agreed that members would take send any further comments, amendments etc to Ali by mid May at the very latest. **Action: Everyone**

4 The Future

Ali reminded members that the nature of the BP will now change. Up until now we have been in control of our own agenda, developing the plan. As we move into implementation, we will be in a more influencing role. We must be careful not to become a single issue talking shop and must remain aware of things that we must accept and can have no influence over. It may be necessary to review membership and co-opt people with special skills etc to offer.

The Theme Groups will have to start meeting soon, to lead implementation, but Ali cannot facilitate these until the Plan is with the designers/printers, agreed that meetings should be set up from week of 26th May.

4.1 Chamber of Commerce:

Nicky reported that the Chamber has dissolved in name and will now operate as the Bude Business Forum, an informal group with no committee. Members of the old Chamber are joining the BP. Nicky still represents the new Business Forum at the BP. Birgit also attends both.

5 Any Other Business

Film Society: John Gimson reported that following articles in the previous week's Cornish and Devon Post, he had been contacted by people eager to assist with the setting up and running of the Film Society (using school facilities). John reported that David Barton is appointing a new business manager who will be involved in the development of the film society from the school. It was agreed that he should continue with this and set up a meeting of those interested.

Technology

Bodmin Futures: There was a report on a SWERDA presentation on new ways of working to lessen isolation through new technology.

Convergence: Diane Monopoloky had also done a presentation on Convergence; it is not clear how Bude should/would proceed as it has not been identified as a key town and it was agreed that she should be invited to a BP meeting. . **Action: Ali**

Logo Harry McConville who designed the logo has asked for agreement to market it on mugs etc. It was agreed that there should be a commercial agreement, since BP owns the copyright, BP should get a percentage of profits.

CCTV The Bude Partnership is represented on the CCTV Group, which is looking for funding and volunteers.

PACT Nicky is to attend the PACT (Police) meeting tonight on behalf of BP.

Next meeting: SWOT Analysis Workshop: Tuesday 13th May : 9.30 Venue to be agreed. NOT at Falcon – they have no room that day.