

COUNCIL 10 FEBRUARY 2016

1 Newbiggin Town Plan – Consultation

- 1.1 As part of the review of the Town Plan a Newsletter was published and distributed throughout the town referring to the mission statement, aims and objectives as well as setting out a way forward with suggested project development over the next 10 years. A response sheet was incorporated so that residents could tell the Town Council of their views and priorities.
- 1.2 The responses received have been very positive and the collated results are set out below.
- 1.3 Regarding the mission statement “Sustainability through Collaboration” 66.6% of respondents agreed.
- 1.4 The 5 current main aims were well supported with 77.7% in agreement.

To raise the aspirations and prosperity of all our constituents, especially the young;
 To improve our environment, providing a clean, tidy and aesthetically pleasing place to live, work and visit;
 To encourage and support an increase in tourism;
 To increase the skills base within the town, supporting adults into work;
 To support an aging population.

- 1.4 The following specific schemes were very well supported:

Environmental Improvement Schemes	98%
Enhanced Partnership with Neighbourhood Services	94%
Newbiggin Nipper Transport Scheme	93%
Young People’s Activity and Development Schemes	78%

- 1.5 The responses show that all 11 suggested schemes are supported by the community with every scheme being someone’s first priority. Future project priorities have been recorded as shown in Appendix 1 then scored and analysed to produce the following results:

Scheme	No 1 Priority
Alcan Lagoon Area	5
Woodhorn Church	4
Visitor Attraction Trail	7
Rocket House Restoration	5
Coastal Route	1
Genealogy Research Facility	3
Storyboard Trail	4
Car Parking	12
Events	10
Starter Business Units	11
Improved Health Centre	17

- 1.6 All positive indications have been included in the scoring which accords 11 to the highest priority and 1 to the lowest to produce an overall total:

	Scheme	Total Score
1	Events	343
2	Improved Health Centre	301
3	Visitor Attraction Trail	290
4	Starter Business Units	276
5	Car Parking	265
6	Coastal Route	239
7	Rocket House Restoration	220
8	Storyboard Trail	204
9	Woodhorn Church	181
10	Alcan Lagoon Area	170
11	Genealogy Research Facility	106

- 1.7 An opportunity was given for respondents to indicate other options and comments and these are included in Appendix 2.

- 1.8 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that:

- (i) Members agree the retention of the mission statement; aims and objectives; the specific existing scheme arrangements in a new edition of the Town Plan all of which are well supported;
- (ii) Include all 11 new priority projects as above; and
- (iii) Consider the inclusion of any other matters.

2	Traffic Calming North Seaton Road	25	Bungalows/apartments to downsize
3	Keep shops on high street	26	Regeneration of Newbiggin. Sustainability – college annex increasing students & building skills apprenticeships. Improved Health Centre. Swimming Pool.
4, 20	Stop dog poo on street & promenade	27	• More information required
4	Support Trader small business events	28	Memorial at Colliery plus flowerbed keeping heritage*
5	Flatten lagoon area & create woodland for the town	30	Potential huge beach biggest asset encourage hotels/later opening *
6	Visible, effective street/prom cleaners	30	Development on school site
7	Infrastructure for extra visitors	31	Vintage Easter event very good
7	Dog fouling – fine local owners	32 33	Listen & consult residents *** Put online.
8	Prosecute dog owners	35	Railway to Newbiggin
12	Create bigger car park at library site	36	***
13	Large Supermarket	37	Parking major issue derelict land in town centre. Open & increase public awareness.
14, 17	Health facilities at library site. Poor wheelchair access to shops & health centre *	39	Do something about derelict land. Art centre an eyesore.
14	Toilets with Radar Key Lock	40, 43	Post office urgent. Health Centre at library. Bank & new supermarket. Keep free parking.
15	Support working with young people	41	Replace wheelie bins on promenade; satisfy core responsibilities first; list of important buildings; needs of aging population; adoption of Neighbourhood Plan; commit to Quality Council status. Plus ***
17	Congratulations for most impressive publication, ideas & plans	43	Notices as dog fouling disgusting put CCTV rear Sports Centre
21	Combat urban blight	45	Support established community projects work with; listen & collaborate with residents; enhance promenade; protect conservation area & heritage
21	Combat pavement parking	46	Simonside Terrace parking problem
23	Work together with county to sort beach & prom our greatest asset	47	Neighbourhood Plan; Join Quality Council Scheme
23	Plant trees on lagoon coast & country	48	Town footpaths; library site for heritage project; leave lagoon site; not TC remit ***
23	Thank you for work as a Town Council & banish EH & cronies	52	Clean streets; more for older people
24	Clean prom, sand and blocked drains	54	Re-profile beach for tidal movement of sand; concerns over affordable bungalows
25	Car parks urgent Development of beautiful bay	54	Need effective web site; sleeping policemen for speeding cars on main street