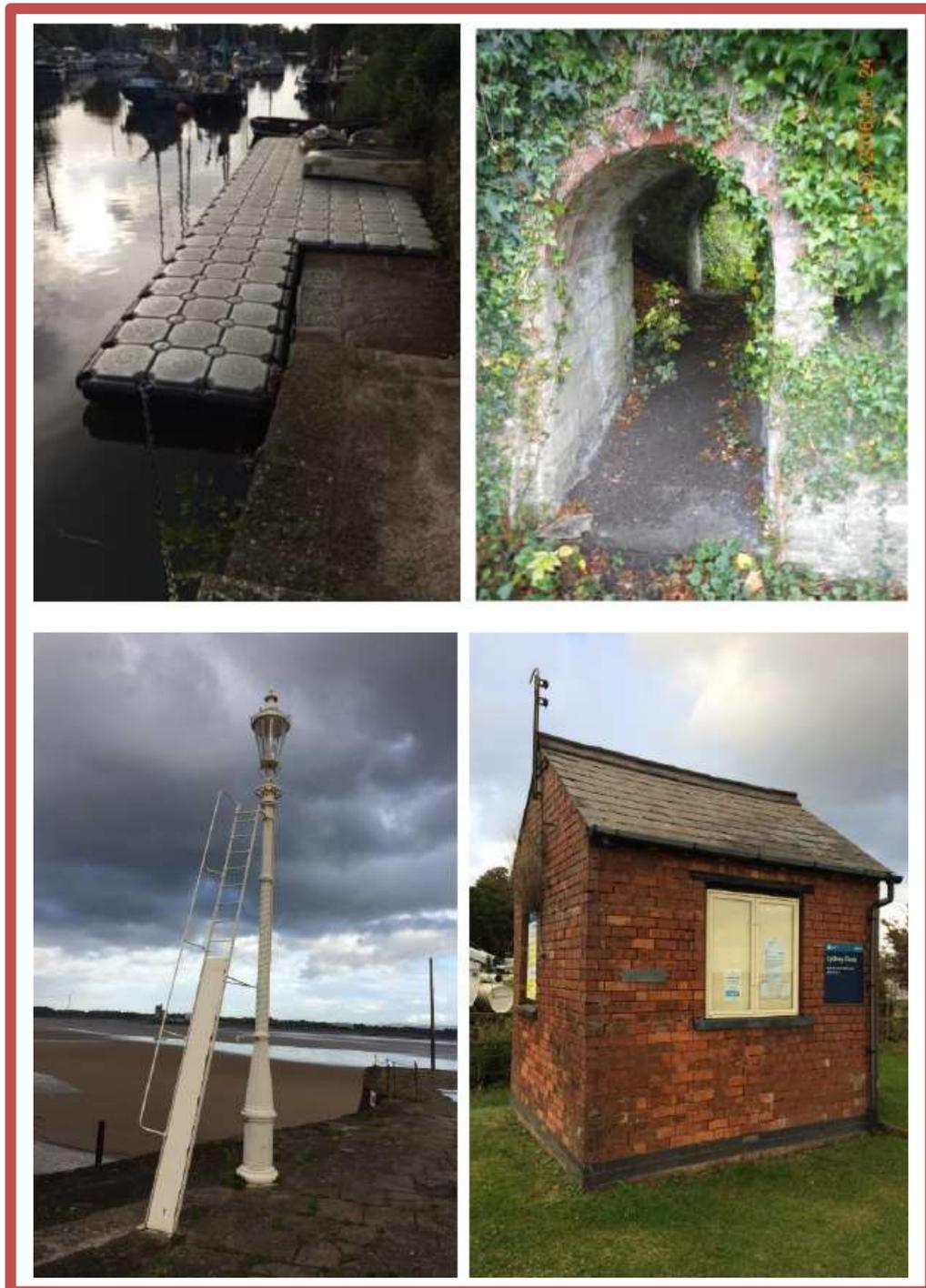


**LYDNEY COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM
ECONOMIC PLAN UPDATE MARCH 2018**



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| Key Information | | | |
| 1 | Name of CCT | N/A | Lydney Coastal Community Team |
| 2 | Single Point of Contact (SPOC) | Name Address Tel no Email | Wendy Jackson Regeneration Manager Forest of Dean District Council (FoDDC) High Street Coleford Gloucestershire GL16 8HG T. 01594 812 645 M. 07837 287035 E. wendy.jackson@fdean.gov.uk |
| 3 (a) | CCT Membership | Names and position, e.g. resident, Local Councillor | Executive Group Dane Broomfield – Environment Agency (Chair) Cllr Brian Pearman – Lydney Town Council Cllr Bob Berryman – Lydney Town Council/Lydney Area in Partnership Cllr Richard Leppington - FoDDC Cllr Chris McFarling - FoDDC Wendy Jackson – Publica (Ex officio) Jayne Smailes – LTC (Ex officio) |
| 3 (b) | CCT Membership | Other partners and/or stakeholders to be involved. | Stakeholder Group Gloucestershire County Council, Historic England, Harbour Master, Gloucester Harbour Trustees, Inland Waterways Association, Lydney Yacht Club, Canal & Rivers Trust, Lydney Area in Partnership, Wye Dean Tourism, Dean Forest Railway, Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, Severn & Wye Smokery, Lydney Harbour Estate, Lydney Skiff Project, Natural England, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Forest of Dean Local History Society, Forest of Dean Buildings Preservation Trust. |
| Delivering the Plan | | | |
| 4 | Short term goals/actions | What has the team achieved in the past 15 | Key projects - The team's first successful project was to refurbish the historic swing bridge and bring this back |

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| | | <p>months? (Jan 2017- March 2018)</p> <p>What actions are planned for 2018-19?</p> | <p>into operational use. Forest of Dean District Council secured the required Scheduled Ancient Monument Consent from Historic England and ran a competitive procurement exercise to identify a contractor to undertake the works. The Environment Agency working with the National Offender Management Service completed the vegetation clearance, site clean-up and minor repair works to bridge base. The refurbished structure was re-installed in May 2017. Lydney Sea Cadets joined the formal opening ceremony and rowed boats from the inner basin to the canal and back to mark the occasion.</p> <p>The team prepared a £151,538 bid submission to the Rural Development Programme England for the <i>Destination Lydney Harbour</i> project. An expression of interest was submitted in May 2017 and a Full Application was submitted in March 2018. The bid is designed to enable the sympathetic refurbishment and conversion of the existing Store and Mortuary buildings at the harbour. These works will provide a heritage information point and public toilet facilities. The project aims to provide an improved sense of arrival for visitors and a base from which to explore the surrounding area. New heritage and environment information materials will allow locals and visitors alike to learn more about the site. Planning approval for the building conversion works, a new area of hardstanding and a temporary café facility was secured in February 2018.</p> <p>Dean Forest Railway (DFR) secured Listed Building Consent and prepared a £166,000 bid submission to the Rural Development Programme England for the <i>St Mary's Footbridge Restoration</i> project. A Full Application was submitted in October 2017 and funding secured in February 2018. DFR has identified a local contractor to begin work after the 2018 visitor season. The Listed structure will be lifted out of position and taken off site to be restored. This project will also include repairs to the train platform and improvements to the existing pedestrian footpath links into Church Road.</p> |
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| | | | <p>The Environment Agency continued their efforts to transfer land ownership at Lydney harbour to Mr Richard Cook. A process of legal and due diligence work is underway to conclude this important transfer. The Agency also successfully completed the de-silting and inner gate repair works in February 2018. The lock and time exclusion gates are now fully operational again. However, the outer gates still await essential repair work.</p> <p>As the Local Planning Authority, Forest of Dean District Council is keen to support development in the Lydney harbour area consistent with both the Local Plan and the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan. To prepare for new mixed-use investment, the Council commissioned the <i>Lydney Severn Estuary Recreational Study</i>. This study was completed last year and will provide baseline surveys and identify any measures necessary to avoid/mitigate disturbance to bird life. The Severn Estuary qualifies as a Special Protection Area & RAMSAR site for its wintering birds and is a Special Area of Conservation for a range of estuary habitats and fish species. A Working Group has been established to work through the study's recommendations.</p> <p>Related initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lydney Railway Station Improvements. Gloucestershire County Council completed works in February 2017 to provide an additional 100 car parking spaces at the station to support rail travel. This project was funded by Gloucestershire LEP's Single Local Growth Fund. In 2018, GCC, Lydney Town Council and Network Rail are working together to explore the scope for installing a new pedestrian footbridge over the main line to enhance passenger safety and improve access for pedestrians when the safety barriers are closed at the level crossing. • Links Lydney - Lydney Town Council and Gloucestershire Council confirm proposals to |
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| | | | <p>improve cycle links in Lydney including a route from the town centre to the station; and a route from the station to the swing bridge at the harbour. This project is seeking funding in 2018-19 from Gloucestershire LEP's Growth Fund.</p> |
| 5 | Performance measures | Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance - Stakeholder Group meetings held on a quarterly basis & Executive Group meetings arranged as required when decisions have been needed to be taken. • Docks land transfer: Environment Agency working with the future custodian of the docks & harbour – heads of terms completed Mar 2018. • Swing bridge restoration project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bridge re-installed May 2017 ❖ Press release issued 23.05.17 ❖ Re-opening ceremony 23.05.17 • CCF Round 4 – Lydney “Eyes Right” Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stage 2 submission not successful Apr 2017 • Lydney Severn Estuary Recreational Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Study completed June 2017 • Planning application P1648/17/FUL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Submission Oct 2017 ❖ Approval Feb 2018 • RDPE “Destination Lydney Harbour” Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Full Application submission Mar 2018 • CCF5 – “Destination Lydney Harbour” Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Expression of Interest submission Apr 2018 |
| 6 | Medium term goals/actions | Where is the team currently against these? Have they been amended? | <p>A good number of the medium term goals listed in the first LCCT Economic Plan (Mar 2016) have already been achieved and are listed as short term performance measures in section 5 above.</p> <p>The team's research & design work to</p> |

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| | | | <p>progress the building refurbishment work and the temporary café has identified project elements that will require further partner input and project development. The team has identified that some elements could usefully fit into an RDPE funding application and others into a CCF5 funding application.</p> <p>The medium term focus will be to complete the building refurbishment works and bring two existing buildings back into productive use at the harbour to provide long needed public toilet and information facilities. A new pop-up café will be trialled at the harbour for a 5 year period to test business viability. If the trail is successful, the Team will want to explore options for a more permanent solution. This will need to complement the investment proposals being planned for the redevelopment of the Pine End Works site which is aiming to transform the former employment site into a major visitor attraction which will encourage people to visit the area for 3-4 hours.</p> <p>The CCF round 5 bid will be seeking £2M funding to enhance safe public access to Lydney Harbour and places of work along Harbour Road by improving road, cycle routes, footpath, parking, lighting and access to the canal by boat alongside public realm enhancements along the harbour corridor from the A48 roundabout to the harbourside. The CCF5 bid is also seeking to support a Skiff Rowing Boat Building skills project to bring boat building back to Lydney. CCF5 will be seeking a Project Leader to help co-ordinate and deliver projects within the 2 year delivery period.</p> <p>Other LCCT projects will require help from alternative funding sources eg. Lydney Station Improvements, Severnside Haulage Tourist Trail and new public art installations and events.</p> |
| 7 | Performance measures | Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCT Key Messages to support external communication work to be refreshed – August 2018 • New community owned trust/Community Interest Company/Charity Incorporated |

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| | | | <p>Organisation/Trust to be researched – 2018/19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If successful, commence implementation of the RDPE “Destination Lydney Harbour” Project – Sep 2018 to Dec 2019. • Prepare Coastal Community Fund Round 5 – bid submission – June to Oct 2018. If successful commence implementation in Jan 2019 to Dec 2020. • Continue to scan the horizon for any new funding opportunities to support the delivery of the LCCT Economic Plan. • Undertake baseline footfall survey – to monitor pedestrian & cycle use from A48 roundabout to the harbour – 2018/19. |
| 8 | Long term goals and actions | <p>Are these still relevant? Changes? If not previously stated, what are the team’s long term goals now?</p> | <p>The team’s long term vision is taken from the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan and remains unchanged:</p> <p><i>“The vision is to develop Lydney over the next 10 years and beyond as a thriving, prosperous, safe, integrated and attractive market town, serving its rural hinterland and as a centre from which to visit the area’s attractions.”</i></p> |
| 9 | Costs | <p>Description of spend, revenue raised, resources, etc (including time for volunteers, social/virtual banking – i.e. swapping/sharing resources, skills, time, etc.)</p> | <p>FoDDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-kind contribution towards design & survey work needed to support planning application process for the Destination Lydney Harbour project £12,680. <p>Dean Forest Railway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-kind contribution towards the St Mary’s Footbridge refurbishment project £2,000. <p>Team Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-kind venue hire £120 <p>TOTAL Jan 2016 - Mar 2017 <u>£14,800</u></p> |
| 10 | Value | <p>What value to the local economy has been realised by the team?</p> | <p>The team’s first project used the local supply chain to support delivery. Mabey Bridge Limited a Lydney based engineering business secured the</p> |

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| | | | <p>contract to refurbish the Lydney Harbour Swing Bridge – contract value £32,685.</p> <p>As an LCCT member, the Environment Agency continues to work with the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) to protect the public and reduce re-offending by delivering the punishment and orders of the courts and supporting rehabilitation by helping offenders reform their lives. The NOMS New Leaf project is a valuable resource that has helped with vegetation clearance and general site maintenance at Lydney Harbour entrance and specifically in remediating the Swing Bridge site in readiness for the restored bridge to be returned.</p> <p>The New Leaf project is run by Arbour Training (CIC) a not for profit social enterprise. The New Leaf project is currently anticipating substantial investment which will increase their capacity to work with the EA to maintain and develop the harbour site.</p> |
| 11 | Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) | <p>What is the relationship between the CCT and the local LEP?</p> <p>Does the CCT have a LEP coastal contact?</p> | <p>Gloucestershire LEP and the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) are both aware of the Lydney CCT which is the only CCT in the County. The LEP has been invited to join the Stakeholder Group but due to limited staff resources cannot attend the meetings. FoDDC's Head of Paid Service attends GEGJC and updates this meeting (which includes LEP) and reports on the status of the various Forest of Dean components within the Gloucestershire Infrastructure Improvements Plan.</p> |
| Communications | | | |
| 12 | Consultation Exercises | <p>Describe recent results of consultations or other feedback – please include outcomes, use of flyers, etc.</p> | <p>Presentation of the <i>Destination Lydney Harbour</i> project seeking RDPE funding support and general LCCT update to the Lydney Yacht Club's Committee Meeting on 6th September 2017.</p> <p>Planning application P1648/17/FUL to enable the proposed building refurbishment, hardstanding and temporary café was validated in October 2017 and approved by FoDDC Planning Committee in February 2018.</p> |

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| 13 | Communication with community | How has the community and stakeholders been involved and informed of progress and outcomes through all forms of media | <p>On behalf of the team, FoDDC has issued a number of press releases related to the team's work. Around the time of the Lydney Swing Bridge re-opening ceremony and a number of stakeholders gave live interviews to BBC Radio Gloucestershire about the work of the team.</p> <p>LCCT Stakeholders are also kept informed of progress at the regular stakeholder meetings and meeting notes are distributed to everyone who has expressed an interest to be involved with the team – whether they can make the meetings or not.</p> |
| 14 | GBC Logo | How has the team made use locally of the Great British Coast logo? Please provide examples. | <p>The GBC logo is used on all LCCT Executive Group & Stakeholder Group meeting papers, briefing notes, exhibition materials, press releases, PowerPoint presentations and within evidence base documents used to apply for external funding support.</p> <p>The Lydney Harbour Eyes Right project provides a good example where the logo features in the concept design work prepared by Roberts Limbrick Architects, Amey and Morgan Henshaw the three specialist consultants engaged to provide concept proposals and preliminary cost estimates to support the bid submission to Coastal Community Fund (round 4). Extracts from each of these three inputs were then used in our community engagement work and all featured the GBC logo.</p> <p>LCCT Executive Group members all have GBC logo lanyards and have been encouraged to wear these at public events to help raise awareness about the work of the team.</p> |
| 15 | Comms Contacts | Details of local contacts for comms, media, etc | <p>Rachel McQuilliam – Head of Communications T. 01993 861715 E. rachel.mcquilliam@publicagroup.uk</p> |
| CCT Logistics | | | |
| 16 | Costs | Average running costs of CCT itself | <p>The running costs of the Lydney CCT are provided in-kind and in 2018/19 will continue to be shared in terms of: staff time from EA, FoDDC & LTC; venue hire,</p> |

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| | | | equipment, refreshments, photo-copying for meetings from LTC and financial management from FoDDC as the accountable body. |
| 17 | Sustainability | How will the team continue to sustain itself? | The LCCT Executive Group organisations (EA, FoDDC, LTC) will continue to provide staff resources to administer the team until a new organisation is established post transfer of land ownership at Lydney Harbour. The new organisation is likely to be some form of non-for-profit Community Interest Company, Charity Incorporated Organisation or Community Land Trust. |