Ideas from Consultations

Social Enterprise Acumen undertook a community development support project over 3 months during 2019 and presented the Partnership with a comprehensive report. New headings were suggested for the priorities but at this point they have not yet been agreed:-

- Heritage and Tourism
- Community and Social Enterprise
- Young people
- Environmental Improvements
- Community Activism

Information gathered from the local East Cleveland Villages Big Local Area were broken down into 3 distinct Headings:-

1. Ideas that can be taken forward by the community themselves i.e. village by village supported by small grants
2. Ideas that need some support
3. Ideas that need some support from institutions in the area

The headings mentioned above can be dealt with through other processes such as small grants and other funding pots, influencing other organisations to deliver on these by supporting them to draw down funding from other sources and lastly by getting local voices heard particularly on the statutory organisations agenda and decision making vehicles.

To develop a Big Local Plan (or any plan) and implement it there needs to be capacity in the community. We know that people live in communities but to have a vibrant and healthy community individuals and groups need to develop ways and means to care for each other, to identify and nurture the talents and leadership that enhance the quality of community life, and to tackle the problems that threaten the community and the opportunities that can help it. When this happens communities become healthy; when they don't, communities deteriorate. Communities that have the ways and means to undertake challenges demonstrate what we call

"capacity." Without this, communities are merely collections of individuals acting without concern for the common good; they are without the necessary ingredients required to develop a healthier community. The Neighbourhood Support Initiative is one such organisation which is building capacity and as has been mentioned in another paper Indeed the Big Local initially looked for areas where there was little local activity or community groups/self-help groups/community activity and as mentioned previously although there is a history of self-help and community action locally, environmentally and socially, East Cleveland has suffered a lack of capacity and confidence relating to its ability to capitalise on the opportunities available regionally and nationally. So in developing these workshops we have taken only the ideas that sit across the whole area for the moment, to enable villages to work together on their development and implementation building local relationships and capacity which will serve as a legacy for the future.

	Ideas for development across the ECV Area	How do we start?/Suggested Solutions
Communities Together	Scarecrow Festival/Carnival/ Welcome to the Area Packs Community Pub Shared equipment/Timebank Learning and support offers for individuals More volunteers Increase Local Voice	
Local Business Development	Derelict/Abandoned/For sale buildings Alternative Energy Development e.g. wind turbines Mobile Shops/Community Pub Social Enterprise/local entrepreneurs Support Dog Friendly Café's Later running bus services/inter village buses	
Tourism	Klondike Cycle Race Certified Caravan and Camping Site Carnival Heritage Trails Dog Friendly Café's	

Regeneration	Community Led Housing Klondike Cycle Race Better Access to services e.g. health/dental and medical. Safer Roads Build Local capacity and share skills	
Young People	Locally Based youth offer	

It may be helpful to consider some of the solutions you identify in response to the suggestions gathered.

- How will it help you achieve your vision?
- Who is responsible for delivery or managing this work? Who is responsible for decision making?
- Who is involved? How are local residents involved? How are other stakeholders involved, such as local agencies, voluntary organisations and local businesses?
- Why are you planning to do these things? Why not something else?
- What resources are needed? Where will the resources come from? Resources including money, networks, professional support and people should be described.
- How will you know if the plan is working?
- What risks and challenges do you expect?
- How will you use or build local skills, confidence and strengths to deliver and manage the plan?
- How will the money be administered and accounted for?

- How will you share information about the process and projects? Who will receive this information?

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