

Monthly report	
Subject:	Climate and Community Proposal
Meeting date:	8th March 2021
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Background

I am now keen to set this on a secure footing and make proper progress. For that purpose, CCC is asked to:

1. In preparation please explore the online presence for The Sill, Northumberland “National Landscape Discovery Centre” for inspiration. The website is here: <https://www.thesill.org.uk/> & look at this video: <https://youtu.be/I9MZIJAG56c> which was taken at the Sill. They also post frequently on FaceBook and on Twitter.
2. At the meeting I will ask that CCC:
 - 2.1. Discuss the vision (Appendix 1)
 - 2.2. Approve the proposal for the next steps (Appendix 2)
 - 2.3. Identify any particular expertise in the community that may be relevant and discuss how relevant expertise within the community might be found.

Appendix 1: The Vision

The community life of Callander is very much governed by the climate and the landscape. The vision is to build a visitor offering that focuses on the ways in which climate affects our community: human habitation and human activity. It is intended that this offering will be an engaging and educational experience offering an in depth insight into why climate matters in this specific location.

The vision is built from a set of component facilities:

- i. Trails and Tours. GPS linked augmented reality to visualize key aspects of weather, landscape and climate change factors. There is a natural and easy link to the eco-museum concept and story-maps being developed by CLP.
- ii. Observatories. Specific locations from which different themes can be experienced. One or more wooden towers lifting visitors high above the tree canopy
 - to experience weather and understand how it affects the area
 - to observe human activity within the area (past and present) and understand how it is limited by landscape and climate
 - to see how previous climates and possible future climates have shaped the landscape.
- iii. The Climate and Community Centre. A central building to house a visitor experience related to the landscape and climate. The vision is for this to have an emphasis on water courses and ideally a way of experiencing what lies under the surface of the river. A location next to the river would be ideal. This is where The Sill offers a model for what might be possible.
- iv. A lift of some futuristic type to get visitors to the top of the Craggs and a shelter at or close to the top.

Appendix 2: The Next Steps

This vision needs to be developed into a firm project. A project is an agreed statement about what will be built/created/developed, how it might be funded and over what timescale. That project will only even partially succeed if it has as broad a basis as possible. With this in mind, it is proposed that:

- i. RJW lead on developing a final version of the vision – initially with input from CCC, CCDT, CLP.
- ii. In order to move the vision on to a project, a wider group be established to include CYP, the schools and McLaren. We will ask Town Co-ordinator to manage this and RJW will lead this in the short-term until leadership with more project-specific skills are required.
- iii. Simultaneously, through the Callander Partnership other possible large-scale tourism developments are monitored closely. The position of CCC and CCDT at present is that this Climate and Community concept is the only acceptable one on the table.