**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 485th Public Meeting held at 19.30 on Tuesday 18th October 2016**

**in The Fire Station, Station Road, North Berwick**

**Present:** ELC Cllr David Berry (in the Chair)

Cllrs L Cowie, L Kay, W Macnair, S Northrop, O Owen, H Smith, K Smith, T

Todd, E Wales & I Watson

**In attendance:** Jim Lamond & Lilian Pryde from ELC, local press & 4 members of the public.

**1 Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present. He paid tribute to Cllrs Kellock, Sinclair, Danks and Ellis who had not sought re-election and congratulated those who had been elected or re-elected. He commiserated with Cllrs Baker, Scott and Hamilton who had been unsuccessful in being re-elected and thanked the remaining candidates, Janet Allport, Robert Bryson, Edward Clark, Hilary Kennell and David McGregor who had put themselves forward and had not been successful.

**2 Apologies:**  Cllrs Gordon Moodie & Claire Mackenzie

**3 Roll call:** ELC Cllr Berry intimated that the persons elected on 6th October to serve as Community Councillors for North Berwick Community Council for the four year period to the next ordinary elections were – Lauren Cowie, Lesley Kay, Claire Mackenzie, William Macnair, Gordon Moodie, Susan Northrop, Olwyn Owen, Hilary Smith, Kathryn Smith, Tommy Todd, Eric Wales and Ian Watson.

**4 Election of Office bearers:** The following were elected –

Chairman – **Cllr** **Hilary Smith** proposed by Cllr Kay & seconded by Cllr Northrop

Secretary – **Cllr** **Kathryn Smith** proposed by Cllr H Smith & seconded by Cllr Macnair

Vice chairman – **Cllr Claire Mackenzie** proposed by Cllr Owen & seconded by Cllr H Smith after a vote with Cllr Ian Watson who had been proposed by Cllr Macnair & seconded by Cllr K Smith

Treasurer – to be confirmed

**5 Working groups:**

5.1 ***Christmas Lights:*** Cllr Macnair confirmed that the Christmas Lights subcommittee would be happy to complete the arrangements for the Christmas lights switch on due to take place on 19th November. This was agreed.

5.2 ***Remembrance Day:*** The Secretary confirmed that the past Chairman had put in hand the preparations for Remembrance Sunday which would be held in St Andrew Blackadder Church at 10.45 am on 13th November when councillors would be expected to attend and thereafter at the War Memorial at 12 noon.

5.3 ***Newsletter:*** Cllr Macnair confirmed that past Cllr Sinclair was undertaking preparation of the November edition of the newsletter which was much appreciated by those present.

5.4 ***Communications Group:*** The Chairman proposed a sub group to consider 2 way - communication between the community council and the community and also between community councillors. This was agreed. Cllrs Cowie, Owen, Todd and the Secretary offered to be part of the group.

5.5 ***Planning:*** As planning was felt to be too big a job for one person it was agreed to form a sub group with the convener reporting to the public meetings. Cllrs Owen & Todd volunteered to take on this task.

5.6 ***North Berwick Trust:*** All councillors indicated a wish to join the Trust. There were 4 vacancies with the Chairman being *ex officio*. The Secretary confirmed that she had arranged with Lyle Crawford, Secretary of the Trust, that he would give a presentation to members in the Old Council Chambers at 7.30 pm on 25th October.

5.7 ***Other Groups & Societies:*** Representatives for the various groups and societies were agreed.

**6 Any other competent business:**

6.1 ***East Lothian Draft Development Plan:*** Cllr Kay proposed that a new group consider the Development Plan again and this was agreed. The deadline for responses had been extended to 7th November.

6.2 ***SESplan:*** The Secretary had circulated notice of the publication of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan which was open for final consultation from 13th October to 24th November. ELC Cllr Goodfellow had pointed out that the new plan included the North Berwick rail corridor which, if adopted, could have significant implications for demands on infrastructure within our area. He had suggested requesting a short presentation from ELC’s strategic planning department. It was agreed that a presentation would be helpful and that Gullane & Area Community Council should be invited to join it. The proposed date for the presentation was 15th November.

6.3 ***Lime Grove Depot:*** Cllr Kay asked whether there had been any response from ELC regarding the proposed community buy-out of the site. The Secretary had only received a ‘holding’ response from the Chief Executive. Cllr Kay asked for clarification as to what the Community Council had requested as the Area Partnership had asked for a community asset transfer. The Secretary would circulate the letter sent to the Chief Executive.

**7 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at the Fire Station, Station Road, North Berwick on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.30 pm

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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Meetings held on (a) 4th October 2016

(b) 18th October 2016

1. Matters Arising
2. Police Report
3. Planning Matters
4. (i) East Lothian Development Plan

(ii) SESplan

1. Remembrance Sunday
2. Stella Moffat Trust

10. Reports from Groups & Societies

11. Correspondence

12. Any other competent business

13. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 6th December