**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 517th Public Meeting held at 19.30 on Tuesday 4th June 2019**

**in The Hope Rooms, Forth Street, North Berwick**

**Present:**Cllr Gordon Moodie – Vice chairman, Cllr Kathryn Smith - Secretary, Cllrs Lewis Foster, Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, Sue Northrop, Ian Watson, Audrey Steel and Christiane Maher (late)

**In attendance:**ELC Cllrs Jane Henderson & Jeremy Findlay, 9 members of the public, Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell & PC Iain Paterson

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | 1.1 In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Gordon Moodie opened the meeting and welcomed all to the 517th meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Kelly Evans & Cllr Judy Lockhart |  |
| **3 Sex offender management protection** | 3.1 Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell, the recently appointed Area Commander for East Lothian, introduced himself before talking about the management protection of sex offenders.3.2 Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) is the framework which joins up the agencies who manage offenders, the fundamental purpose of which is public safety and the reduction of serious harm.3.3 People can be on the sex offenders register whether or not they receive a custodial sentence. A person receiving a fine can be on for 5 years and a custodial sentence for 7 years. Depending upon the severity of the offence it can be for life.3.4 When a registered sex offender is released a MAPPA meeting is held to discuss previous and current offences and a management plan is formed which is signed off by the Chief Inspector.3.5 When released discussions take place about where they should be re-homed. This is usually in B&Bs but an environment scan is carried out to assess risk.3.6 Those assessed as high risk are visited every week; medium risk every 3 months; and low risk every 6 months. Restrictions on behaviour can also be imposed such as no internet, no unsupervised contact with children and no phones. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes**  | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Macnair and seconded by Cllr Northrop. |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 ***5.2 Police Report:*** PC Paterson had confirmed that he was aware of the door to door salesmen in the town and was content that this was not a case of modern day slavery.5.2 ***6.4 Planning:*** The Chairman had written to the Enforcement Officer following up on concerns about the signage and painting of certain business premises in the Conservation Area.5.3 ***8.4 Budget 2019/20:*** A letter of thanks for the grant of £500 towards the annual firework display had been received from ELYC.5.4 ***10.1 Lease with Royal Mail:*** It was understood that the Lease had been signed by the North BerwickCommunity Development Company (NBCDC).5.5 ***12.1 Lime Grove – community asset transfer:*** Cllr Watson reported that the NBCDC had had an information desk at the Area Partnership ‘pop-up’ event in the police station which had resulted in 200 letters of support.5.6 ***14 Correspondence:**** Cllr Smith commented that, in light of the concerns expressed by members of the public about unruly dogs on the beaches, it had been decided at the last CAPP meeting to write to ELC’s legal department enquiring if it would be possible to impose a ban on dogs on the East Beach from April to October.
* Cllr Evans had attended the Reception at the Scottish Seabird Centre for the Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on behalf of the Community Council and had enjoyed the experience.

5.7 ***15 Any other competent business:*** * ***Speed re-active signs***  - the ELC Roads Officer had been informed of the preferred option but nothing further had been heard from him;
* ***Law Primary Fair –*** the Community Council had had a presence at this event.
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| **New business** |  |  |
| **6 Police Report:** **(further details attached separately)**  | 6.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was read out by PC Paterson.6.2 PC Paterson commented that on 22nd May Roads Policing had issued 2 speeding tickets in Lochbridge Road.6.3 CI Mitchell commented that to combat anti social behaviour which tends to increase during warm weather, a plan was being introduced to improve resources with additional patrols to reassure the public.6.4 Statistics prove that the pop up policemen, one of which was on display, are a good tool in the right place. ELC Cllr Findlay indicated that Gullane may be interested in sharing.6.5 The cost was higher than originally quoted viz £440 + VAT, the VAT element not having been taken into account as previously it could be claimed back through ELC. 6.6 The date of the next CAPP meeting is scheduled for 26th June in the Old Council Chambers. [*These meetings are now held on a 6 weekly basis to tie in with the police* *shift* *patterns.*] Feedback welcome to -NorthBerwickCoastalCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk or john.paterson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk andpeter.bamford@scotland.pnn.police.uk. |  |
| **7 Planning Matters** | 7.1 The May planning applications were led by Cllr Maher.7.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no objections were raised – ***18 Clifford Road*** – extension to house, formation of raised decked and terraced areas with balustrade***58 High Street*** – alterations to building/flat***Leuchie Gardens*** – extension to house to form ancillary residential accommodation***8 Fidra Court*** – alterations, extensions to house, formation of dormer & hardstanding areas***1 Kings Knoll*** – demolition of part of wall***The Lorimers, Fidra Road*** – demolition of gates, formation of hard standing area, erection of gates, walls, fencing & shed***Cotgreen, Dirleton Avenue*** – extension to house and formation of raised terraced area***West Gate Lodge, Congalton*** – change of use of grass verge to form vehicular access [out with CC area]***11 Victoria Road*** – replacement windows***15D Balfour Street*** – replacement windows***Tantallon Road (Dandara)*** – substitution of house types on plots 53-56, 58 & 59, changes to landscaping & road layout7.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –***1 Kings Knoll* –** Afterdiscussion it was agreed not toobject to **the** application to erect 4 flats & associated works.***Glenburn House, 6 Marine Parade*** – After discussion it was agreed not to object to the application for alterations, extension to the house including formation of external staircase with 2nd floor terrace & associated hardstanding area. ***Site at Dundas Road*** – After discussion it was agreed to object to the application for the erection of a telecoms monopole & associated works on the same grounds as previously indicated to WHP Telecoms Ltd. In addition it was understood that the Parent Council of Law Primary had concerns about the installation. ***12 Westgate*** – After detailed discussion it was agreed to object to the application for alterations, extension and change of use of the bank building to form 1 house, erection of office (Class 2), formation of vehicular access & associated works on the grounds of loss of visual amenity and privacy and considerable loss of office space.7.4 The following planning decisions had been made during the last month –***21 St Andrew Street* –** resurfacing & formation of hardstanding area erection of fencing, gate, walls & steps – **granted** – subject to the timber fence & gate being painted or stained within a month of their erection in a colour to be submitted & approved by the planning authority.***27 Quality Street* –** display of advertisements (retro) – **granted** – subject to grant of express consent expiring on 31st May 2024***13 Westgate* –** extension to house, formation of hardstanding area & steps - **granted*****7 Tantallon Road* –** erection of care home (class 8), hotel (class 7) & associated works – **granted** - subject to 22 conditions***42 St Baldred’s Road* –** erection of one house & associated works – **granted** - subject to 11 conditions***12 Warrender Court* –** part change of use of domestic garden ground & erection of shed for dog grooming business (class 2) & associated parking – **granted** – subject to 3 conditions regarding operating times & car parking [*note:* *neighbours not happy with this decision.*] | KESCM |
| **8 Castleton proposal** | 8.1 The PAN Consultation had taken place in the Community Centre on Monday 20th May from 2.00 pm – 8.00 pm and those attending were encouraged to complete and return the comments questionnaire.8.2 The detailed plans now had to be validated by the planning department before the process is started and comments can be submitted. This was now likely to be later in the summer. |  |
| **9 Treasurer’s Report**  | 9.1 Completion of the appropriate paperwork with the Bank for Cllr Maher to become a signatory was still awaited.9.2. It was confirmed that the only payments during the last month had been £38 to Cllr Smith for taking the Minutes and £75.42 for paint for the Cat’s Close murals.  |  |
| **10 Charrette proposals for North Berwick High Street** | 10.1 An informative meeting with Peter Forsyth, Head of Transportation and Hilary Smith, Chair of the Area Partnership, to update and clarify the position regarding delivery of the charrette proposals for the High Street had taken place. 10.2 Cllrs Maher and Evans had volunteered to join the Delivery Group as had local business man, David Turnbull.10.3 The Area Partnership’s ‘pop up’ event in the police station from 29th to 31st May had been attended by over 600 people, with the parking proposals being the main concern.10.4 Cllr Maher had been analysing the parking comments. She explained that traffic and parking surveys would need to be completed before any further action could be taken. In the meantime businesses had been invited to a meeting as there had been no engagement with the community affected by the proposals to date. |  |
| **11 Re-provisioning of health & social care services in North Berwick –update** | Cllr Northrop commented as follows –11.1 There had been a recent meeting but there was no evidence of the various organisations working together.11.2 Iain Gray, MSP had taken on board the disconnect between planning, health and social care and community planning. 11.3 Carol Stobie, Project Officer for North Berwick Community Connections would be giving a presentation on isolation at the August meeting.11.4 This is Dementia Awareness Week; next week is Carers’ Week. |  |
| **12 Reports from Groups & Societies** | * *Christmas Lights –* The Chairman had submitted a request for funding to the Area Partnership. At their Annual Public Meeting on 21st May applications from the various groups were considered and voted on. Although Christmas Lights was well ‘stickered’ the result of the application would not be known for some time.
* *Friends of the Edington –* More information on the defibrillators for which they are responsible is being sought.
* *NBHS Parent Council –* Cllr Maher had attended her first Parent Council meeting earlier that evening at which the proposed extension to the school was discussed. 12 additional classrooms and a sports hall are planned but concern was expressed about the loss of rugby pitches.
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| **13 Correspondence** | The following e-mails or communications had been received –* Draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 Consultation on Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – deadline Thursday 18th July.
* Letter from the Scottish Flag Trust about flags and flagpoles audit with questionnaire.
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| **14 Any other competent business** | There was none. |  |
| **15 Date of Next Meeting** | Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Hope Rooms, Forth Street. |  |