**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 522nd Public Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 12th November 2019**

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

**Present:**Cllrs Judy Lockhart – Chairman, Gordon Moodie – Vice Chairman, Cllr Kathryn Smith - Secretary, Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, Sue Northrop, Ian Watson, and Christiane Maher

**In attendance:**ELC Cllrs Jane Henderson, Jeremy Finlay & Jim Goodfellow, 2 members of the public, local press (Emma Duncan)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all to the 522nd meeting of the Community Council which immediately followed the AGM. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllr Kelly Evans |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Moodie and seconded by Cllr Maher |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 ***4.1 Resignation & vacancies:*** The applicants to fill the vacancies would be interviewed on 19th November.  4.2 ***11 Remembrance Day:*** Cllr Smith commented that everything seemed to go smoothly at the well attended event. She thanked those who had helped with marshalling with particular thanks to Jan Allport who had coordinated the manning of the barriers very efficiently. She felt that the wreath laying at the War Memorial had to be reviewed however as it had been rather haphazard but she had since been advised what had happened in the past and this would be taken on board by the Parade Marshal in future. She was grateful to Sgt Amanda Jack who had offered to continue as Parade Marshal for the foreseeable future. Cllr Macnair questioned the protocol for lowering flags at the War Memorial. Sgt Jack would be asked to clarify this. Cllr Watson was thanked for dealing with the poppy projection on the gable.  4.3 ***13 Reports from Groups & Societies-***  ***AELCC –*** The Chairman understood from e-mail conversations with the Association that community councils would not now have to pay the fees proposed by ELC.  ***Charrette Delivery Group-*** The next meeting would be on 4th December. ELC was preparing detailed plans which would include the Law Brae car park and the parking spaces in front of North Berwick Fry. Cllr Northrop emphasised that a balanced approach for parking for the disabled, carers etc had to be taken. The results of the parking and traffic surveys were awaited. Any trial would not be undertaken till the Spring.  ***Lime Grove –*** Cllr Watson reported that ELC had refused the appeal against the decision on the asset transfer request. When the letter with the reasons for refusal was received an appeal to the Scottish Government would be made.  4.4 ***15 AOCB: -*** Unfortunately, Cllrs Lockhart & Evans had to withdraw from the team for the RNLI Quiz and Cllr Maher’s car had broken down in Haddington that evening so there were only 3 in the Community Council team which managed to finish 6th out of over 30 teams. |  |
| **New business** |  |  |
| **5 Police Report:**  **(further details attached separately)** | 5.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  5.2 The date of the next CAPP meeting is scheduled for 20th  November 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](mailto:NorthBerwickCoastalCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk) or [john.paterson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:john.paterson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk) and  [peter.bamford@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.bamford@scotland.pnn.police.uk). |  |
| **6 Planning Matters** | 6.1 The October planning applications were led by Cllr Maher.  6.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no objections were raised –  ***Heugh Reservoir***  - alterations to tank  ***53 Westgate*** – minor alterations at rear of house  ***Marine Lodge, 21a Westgate*** – alterations to domestic garage (into bin storage), formation of dormer, erection of steps with handrails  ***16 Douglas Marches*** – extension to house  ***6 Glasclune Gardens*** – alterations to house, installation of flue and formation of hardstanding  ***1 Glasclune Gardens*** – alterations to house  ***Cala Bona, South Gait*** – extension to house and erection of garage  ***Dulnain, 6a St Margaret’s Road*** – erection of fence  ***23 Dundas Avenue*** – extension to house  6.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***11 Victoria Road*** - after discussion it was decided to  make no comment on the application for formation of a dormer and alteration to the building but to suggest making the extension of the dormers more symmetrical and therefore less obtrusive  ***Laverockbank, Abbotsford Road*** – after discussion it was decided to make no comment on the application for the extension of the house, installation of a vent and erection of a gate but to query the need for a CAC in respect of the demolition of the fence    6.4 The following planning decisions had been made during the last month –  ***Westerlea, Abbotsford Road*** -alterations to house andgates as changes to planning permission 18/00868/P – **granted**  ***Glenorchy House*** - alterations to building, alterations and change of use from office to form additional domestic rooms – **granted** with minor conditions  ***90e High Street*** – extension to top floor flat - **granted**  ***47 High Street (Bone&Barker)*** - erection of signage - **granted**  ***39 McLeod Green*** – extension to house – **granted**  ***6 Dirleton Avenue*** areas, steps & walls – **granted** subject to a condition on tree protection  ***NBHS*** – extension to building and associated works – **granted** subject to conditions relating to safety and impact during construction  ***Glenburn House, 6 Marine Parade***  - alterations, extension to house (including formation of external staircase with 2nd floor roof terrace) and associated hardstanding – **granted** conditional upon using obscure glazing  6.5 (a) ***12 Westgate*** – an appeal had been lodged with DPEA against the decision to refuse planning permission for the alterations, extension and change of use to the former bank building  (b) ***Castleton -*** the application had been withdrawn | CM |
| **7 Treasurer’s Report** | 7.1. It was confirmed that during the last month the following payments had been made - £38 to Cllr Smith for taking the Minutes; £688.50 to Scorpio Safety System for checking the Christmas light fittings; £50 to Signman for Christmas lights sponsorship stickers. |  |
| **8 AEDs** | 8.1 There was nothing further to report. |  |
| **9 Area Partnership** | 9.1 The next meeting was in Aberlady on 19th November. As Cllr Evans was unable to attend now and as it clashed with the mid month business meeting, apologies would be sent. |  |
| **10 Christmas Lights** | The Chairman was pleased to report that -  10.1 The Area Partnership had granted £4,000 for the Christmas Lights. The outcome of applications to the North Berwick Trust & NBGC was awaited.  10.2 A fundraising page had been opened on Facebook and £685 had been received to date. Sponsorship letters had been delivered to local businesses. £240 had been donated from the Raft Race and a donation of £50 had been received from a resident.  10.3 The presents from Santa had been purchased and everything was booked and ready for the switch-on on 30th November.  10.4 Work on replacing the lights on the two trees in Quality Street would start on 18th November. |  |
| **11 Reports from Groups & Societies** | * *Resilience –* Cllrs Lockhart & Smith had attended the annual resilience seminar in the Brunton Hall and had found it both interesting and informative. Hi-vis vests had been ordered. * *Harbour Trust –* Cllr Macnair commented that a lot of work was being carried out with regard to repairing the harbour wall. * *Lime Grove Residents & Tenants Association –* Their AGM would be held at 7.00 pm on 26th November in the Lighthouse. * *Health & Wellbeing Association –* Cllr Northrop commented that with the new Hospital now open the re-provisioning would be kicking off in January. * *Coastal Communities Museum –* It was noted tha*t* 234 adults and 87 children had visited the museum in October [open 8 days]*.* |  |
| **12 Correspondence** | The following communications had been received –   * Letter from ELC regarding the proposed installation of electric charging points in the Imperial car park (2) and at the Sports Centre car park (1). * Invitation from NBiB to attend a Reception in the Scottish Seabird Centre on 18th November to celebrate the 2019 Beautiful Scotland Awards and to thank Elma Danks for her service as founder member, past Chairman and Treasurer for many years. Cllrs Smith & Macnair would attend. |  |
| **13 Any other competent business** | * At a recent On the Move meeting it had been pointed out that as North Berwick was a major tourist destination there should be toilets and a café at the station. Harry Barker, Chairman of the Community Rail Partnership indicated that when the new franchise came up this issue would be addressed. * Cllr Macnair commented that coastal defenses had to be addressed as erosion would be very destructive to the coastline. |  |
| **14 Date of Next Meeting** | Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Hope Rooms, Forth Street |  |