**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 523rd Public Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 3rd December 2019**

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

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

**In attendance:**ELC Cllrs Jane Henderson & 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 523rd meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | PC Paterson |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Hamilton and seconded by Cllr Northrop |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 ***4.1 Resignation & vacancies:*** The Chairman was pleased to welcome Ingrid Gibson to the Community Council. The other applicant had withdrawn due to personal circumstances.  4.2 ***4.3 AELCC:*** The Chairman confirmed that contrary to what she had been led to believe, ELC did charge for the TRRO (£200) and the barriers (£180.50) for the switch-on of the Christmas lights. The police had indicated they would help in future with cones. ELC Cllr Goodfellow suggested that the cones in future should not be placed on the road till 2.30 pm and that the traffic attendant should be in attendance from then.  4.3 ***8******AEDs:*** Cllr Kelly confirmed that a new battery and pads were required for the defibrillator outside WhyNot? She was looking into the costs involved. Cllr Watson had been approached by a Westerdunes Park resident asking about AEDs as there had been an incident on the golf course and no defibrillator was nearby. Funding and where it would be situated, as an electricity supply would be required, were questioned. | KE |
| **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 22nd  January in the Old Council Chambers. [*These meetings are now held on a 6 weekly basis to tie in with the police* *shift* *patterns.*]  5.3 The priorities from the last meeting were –   1. Christmas & New Year celebrations in and around the High Street - 4 police officers had been put on New Year detail 2. Speeding in Lochbridge Road 3. Pop-up police deployment at several identified hot spots   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 November 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 –  ***Wall of steps to public toilets, the Harbour, Victoria* *Road*** – installation of defibrillator cabinet  ***Marly Lodge & 5 Marly Knowe* –** replacement windows (retrospective)  ***The Studio, Grange Road* –** repainting parts of building, gate & canopy  ***22 McLeod Green* –** extension to house, erection of shed & garden room  6.3 The following new application was viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –    ***23 St Andrew Street* –** although some concern was expressed about the size of the windows of the extension, after discussion it was decided to make no comment on the application for alterations, the extension to the house and formation of a hardstanding area with steps    6.4 The following planning decisions had been made during the last month –  ***16 Douglas Marches*** – extension to house – **granted**  ***Flat 4, 28 Dirleton Avenue*** – alterations to building – **granted**  ***53 Westgate*** – alterations to house – **granted**  ***Little Wamphray, Kingston*** – extension to house – **granted**  ***Quality Street*** – installation of water bottle refill station – **granted**  ***18-26 High Street (Nisa)*** – alterations to building – **granted**  ***18-26 High Street (Nisa)*** – display of advertisements – **granted**  ***31 Rhodes Park*** – renewal of planning permission to extend house - **granted** |  |
| **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; and £150 to Scorpio Safety System for fitting a new hook for the Christmas lights. |  |
| **8 Area Partnership** | 8.1 Cllr Macnair had attended the meeting held in Aberlady on 19th November.  8.2 The meeting had been well attended but it was obvious that a lot of people did not understand what the Area Partnership is about. This was to be addressed in the New Year when NBCC’s role would be looked at also.  8.3 It would be interesting to find out how the other Area Partnerships work together as it is important for them all to be working well together for the re-provisioning discussions. |  |
| **9 Christmas Lights** | 9.1 The Chairman was pleased to report that there had been positive feedback from the switch-on of the lights on the previous Saturday which had been well attended.  9.2 She was also pleased to report that in addition to successful applications to the Area Partnership (£4,000), North Berwick Trust (£5,000), the Stella Moffat Trust (£1,000) & NBGC’s Community Fund (£2,000) the following sums had been received - £589.10 from the Rotary collection; £823 from the gofundme Facebook page; and £800 from business sponsorship.  9.3 The tree at the entrance to the Lodge was to be repaired in mid- December, weather permitting.  9.4 Turnbull’s Home Hardware had won the best window display competition. The trophy would be presented once it had been engraved. |  |
| **10 Reports from Groups & Societies** | 1. *Health & Wellbeing Association –*   1) Cllr Kelly had attended the meeting on 3rd December. There had not been an IJB since the last public meeting due to time constraints with the new hospital. There would be a meeting in January of the South East Hub. Questions were to be submitted before the meeting so that definite answers could be given.  2) The social isolation and loneliness group – Community Connections – had received funding from North Berwick Trust and the Lottery. The Scone Café meets on Monday afternoons. There had been 44 referrals this year.  3) The co-chairs of the Association would be stepping down in May having completed their three years tenure. They were looking for someone from the villages and someone from North Berwick to fill the roles. The Association would fold if replacements could not be identified.   1. *Abbey Home –* A successful Christmas Tea had been held. 2. *Patient Participation Group* the IJB should be asked why North Berwick doesn’t have one. 3. *Benches in Melbourne Road* – As these were in a state of disrepair it was suggested that the Men’s Shed should be asked to repair them, the artists’ group to decorate them and that they become ‘natter benches’. 4. *Coastal Communities Museum –* It was noted that276 adults and 167 children had visited the museum in November [open 8 days]*.*The Teenage Kicks exhibition had closed at the end of November and the Museum would re-open in April with a new exhibition. 5. *North Berwick Trust Ltd* – North Berwick Trust had been reconstituted as a company limited by guarantee. At its recent AGM Cllr Smith had resigned, having been a Trustee since 2008 and Professor Sir David Tweedie had been appointed Chairman, replacing Rev Dr Neil Dougall who had also resigned. It was suggested that the new Chairman be invited to address a future meeting. | KES |
| **11 Correspondence** | The following communications had been received –   * Invitation to opening of new Discovery Experience at the Scottish Seabird Centre on Thursday 19th December from 6pm to 8pm. Cllrs Moodie, Smith & Kelly would attend * Notice from Fidra about Consultation on tackling waste and litter held in St Andrew Blackadder on Saturday 30th November – on line survey live till 6th December * E-mail from Douglas Hamilton thanking NBCC for its support in his application for funding from North Berwick Trust for 2 outdoor table tennis tables in the Lodge which had been successful * Survey of Notice Boards in North Berwick prepared by North Berwick Environment & Heritage Trust which would be discussed at a later meeting * Invitation to attend NBHS Christmas Concert on 10th December. Cllrs Lockhart & Smith would attend |  |
| **12 Any other competent business** | There was none. |  |
| **13 Date of Next Meeting** | Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Hope Rooms, Forth Street |  |