

Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council

Minutes of the 433rd Public Meeting held at 19:30 on Tuesday 07 August 2012 at the Fire Station, North Berwick

Present: Cllr P Burton Chair
 Cllr K Smith Secretary
 Cllr E Danks Treasurer
 Cllrs M Baker, R Bryson, L Hall, R MacEwen, W Macnair, J Scott, S Sinclair

In attendance: PC Dobbie, Ms P Earle, local press

The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked Cllr Danks for chairing the meeting in July in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Sam Berkeley of East Lothian Courier was congratulated on his recent wedding.

Action

1 Apologies for absence

ELC Cllr J Goodfellow.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 03 July 2012

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Macnair.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 *North Berwick parking consultation*

(14.3) Copies of the parking consultation report had been distributed and were tabled. The deadline for consideration was unknown. It was felt that the subject should be considered before the Community Council disbanded for elections in October. It was therefore hoped that it could be an agenda item at the next meeting.

3.2 *Parking Byelaw*

Nothing further had been heard about the proposed parking byelaw. It was noted that there had been nine vehicles parked overnight recently.

3.3 *Edington Hospital forum*

(5) The next meeting would be held on 10 September.

3.4 *St Andrew Kirk Ports project meeting*

(6) An email from ELC Cllr Day had called a meeting on 23 August.

3.4 *West Bay sewer*

(14.2) The Chairman had hoped to ask local councillors about progress but none were present.

3.5 *East Lothian Yacht Club*

(13.4) It had been suggested that NBCC met with SSC Board Members. The Chairman advised that, separately, she had been invited to meet the new Chairman of the Scottish Seabird Centre the following week. As she had not seen the letter from the Yacht Club, the Secretary agreed to make it available to her. It had also been announced that there would be a public meeting about the harbour on 27 August. The meeting discussed the interaction between all interested parties in the harbour area.

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4 Police report

4.1 There had been 215 calls to the police and 15 recorded crimes in the past month, of which 8 had been solved to date, putting solvency at 50%. There were some positive leads from CCTV. It was to be noted that these statistics reflected the outlying coastal area as well as the town. The breakdown of crimes was as follows:

Breach of the peace - 1	Attempted housebreaking with intent to steal - 1	
Vandalism - 2	Theft - 5	Police assault - 1
Resist arrest - 1	Obstruction - 1	
Fire raising - 1	Malicious mischief - 1	Fraud - 1

4.2 *Operation Euro*
The operation was an initiative to bring attention to security in local and coastal car parks.

4.3 *Events season*
There had been a police presence at the RNLI Fete, the Highland Games, the Law Race, Dirleton Games and Gullane Games.

4.4 *Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)*
There had not been a meeting in July. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 29 August at 19:30 in the police station.

4.5 If members of the public wanted an enhanced surgery in the area, they should contact PC Colin Banks or PC Laura Dobbie on 893585, laura.dobbie@lbp.pnn.police.uk or colin.banks@lbp.pnn.police.uk

4.6 Cllr Bryson reported an incident which had occurred recently where a member of the public had witnessed criminal damage occurring. They had rung 999 but were told to ring another telephone number. It was understood that there were no police officers in North Berwick at the time and police eventually attended from Dunbar. Cllr. Bryson thought the handling of this incident was unsatisfactory. The Chairman agreed to pursue the matter with Inspector Rodriguez. **PB**

5 NBCC meeting with CALA re Gilsland and Newhouse proposals

5.1 Councillors had met on 17 July with representatives of Cala. A letter from Cala had been circulated. Cala had written to the Planning Department and had included comments on construction transport arrangements. The route was described to the meeting. The only outstanding issue was the traffic at the Nungate junction. Cala was willing to discuss safety arrangements but ELC had not thought this to be necessary. The Chairman was concerned about danger although Cllr Macnair defended the route and did not foresee any danger. A letter would go to ELC stating the above and asking for confirmation of agreement to the arrangements. It was thought that permanent improvement around the telephone exchange would be welcomed. The meeting discussed the potential problems of the route. It was felt that ELC should be encouraged to welcome Cala's offer to address the problem. Cllr Goodfellow was aware of NBCC's concerns. Local councillors would be copied into the correspondence. **PB**

6 Wind turbines, Dirleton

6.1 A reply from Mr R. Jennings, ELC had previously been circulated explaining how the decisions had been reached. He had justified ELC's actions. NBCC had 28 days to respond to the Chief Executive. The Chairman said there were still questions to be answered.

7 East Lothian food bank

7.1 The Chairman had received a letter from Dunbar Community Council asking if NBCC would be willing to contribute to the cost of setting up three food banks in the county. This had been discussed at a separate meeting and it had been agreed to send funds. Enquiries had been made as to whether the Local Priorities Scheme could fund this and it had been agreed.

8 Putting competition

8.1 A successful competition had been held on 24 and 26 July and Cllr Smith was thanked for organising it. The junior competition had had disappointing numbers although Calder Cup numbers had risen. Cllr Smith thanked councillors for helping at the event and Martyn Huish for the prizes.

9 Law Race

9.1 The race had been held on 01 August, with 210 runners participating. NBCC had contributed to the cost of medals. The organisers had thanked NBCC for its help. The Chairman thanked councillors for their help at the event.

10 Association of East Lothian Community Councils meeting

- 10.1 A meeting would be held on 29 August in Haddington. The purpose would be to discuss the elections on 04 October with prospective Community Council candidates. Cllr Bryson would attend and Cllr Baker would try to do so.

11 Planning

- 11.1 The following applications met with no objections:

Rocketeer/Former coastguard station – display of advertisements; alterations to building, installation of awning and erection of gate (retrospective). It was noted that the manager would replace the harling as some residents had disliked its removal. A copy of a letter from a local resident, concerning harbour area planning spoiling the area, was summarised. The majority of councillors liked the awning. The application for advertising was also discussed and it was noted that two boards were not in situ.

The Lucky House – erection of replacement ventilation duct (retrospective)

Coltrannem, South Gait – formation of porch and decking

12 Clare Court – extension to house

4 Fidra Court – formation of dormer and roof window

28 St Andrew Street – display of advertisement, repainting of building and walls

12A Marmion Road – extension to house

24 Victoria Road - alterations, 1st floor extension, formation of dormers, balcony, vehicular access, heightening of walls and erection of gates

13 Macnair Avenue – extension to house

Anchor House, 1 Ware Road – alterations to garage

1 Teviotdale, Abbotsford Road – erection of building, pillar, formation of hardstanding area, demolition of buildings, wall and pillar; erection of garage with accommodation

36 Forth Street – alterations to house, erection of canopy, installation of solar panels, formation of raised decked terrace, glass balustrades and erection of gates

35-37 Westgate Road – design changes to roof windows as changes to listed building consent

- 11.2 *Flat 4, Inchgarry, Links Road* – alterations and extension to garage to form ancillary accommodation. The plan would be discussed at a separate meeting.

12 Reports from groups and societies

- 12.1 *Law Residents Association*

A newsletter had been produced.

- 12.2 *Christmas lights sub-committee*

A meeting had been planned for the following Thursday but it was understood that Cllr Watson was on holiday.

- 12.3 *Environment Trust*

The group had been discussing cycle lanes on Dunbar Road and had discussed traffic island problems with ELC. Signs were not correctly positioned and cars were overtaking cyclists in a dangerous manner. ELC had suggested that the support of NBCC would help the Environment Trust's case to get the road markings repainted and to improve the signage. It was understood that signage was currently being addressed by ELC. The meeting was happy to support issues involving safety of the public.

- 12.4 *North Berwick in Bloom*

Judging had taken place on the day of the meeting. The meeting was pleased that the group had demonstrated links with community.

- 12.5 *Coastal Communities Museum*

The Shadow Committee now had a written Constitution drawn up and a press release was going out.

13 Correspondence

13.1 There was none.

14 AOB

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15 Date of next meeting

19.30 on Tuesday 04 September 2012 in the Fire Station