

Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council

Minutes of the 436th Public Meeting held at 19:30 on Tuesday 16 October 2012 at the Council Chambers, North Berwick

Present: Cllrs M Baker, R Bryson, E Danks, H Flanagan, L Hall, W Macnair, J Scott, S Sinclair, H Smith, K Smith, I Watson

In attendance: ELC Cllrs D Berry, T Day & J Goodfellow, local press, Ms P Earle

ELC Cllr Day extended a warm welcome to new and returning councillors. He expressed thanks for the hard work and dedication shown by retired councillors Burton, MacEwen and Goodfellow. ELC Councillors Berry, Goodfellow and he looked forward to working with the new Community Council.

Action

- 1 **Appointment of appropriate person to preside till office bearers appointed**
ELC Cllr T Day took the chair.
- 2 **Formal intimation (roll call) of people serving as Community Councillors for the period to next ordinary election**
The following persons were called: Malcolm Baker, Robert Bryson, Elizabeth Danks, Hayley Flanagan, Elizabeth Hall, David Kellock, William Macnair, John Scott, Sheila Sinclair, Hilary Smith, Kathryn Smith, and Ian Watson.
- 3 **Appointment of office bearers**
 - 3.1 *Chairman*
Cllr Sinclair was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Hall. Cllr Sinclair was duly elected and received the chain of office.
 - 3.2 Cllr Sinclair took over the chair of the meeting. She thanked members for their confidence in her. She had watched the previous chair over the years and would do her best to emulate the example set. She felt privileged to have been elected Chair of North Berwick Community Council.
 - 3.3 *Vice Chairman*
Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Danks and was seconded by Cllr Scott. Cllr Watson proposed Cllr Baker and was seconded by Cllr Bryson. After taking a vote, Cllr Danks was elected.
 - 3.4 *Secretary*
Cllr Danks proposed Cllr K Smith and was seconded by Cllr Watson. Cllr K Smith was duly elected.
 - 3.5 *Treasurer*
Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Scott and was seconded by Cllr Danks. Cllr Scott was duly elected.
- 4 **Apologies for absence**
 - 4.1 Cllr D Kellock.
- 5 **Minutes of meeting held on 02 October 2012**
 - 5.1 The minutes were proposed by Cllr Bryson and seconded by Cllr Watson.

6 Matters Arising

6.1 *Parking byelaw*

(3.1) There was nothing further to report.

6.2 *Public entertainment licensing*

(6) At the Licensing sub-committee meeting the previous week, the proposed changes to the powers of local authorities to require entertainment licences had been sent back for re-advertising. The changes would be advertised for a further period of consultation. NBCC, Mrs Burton and Mr MacEwen, having been previously involved in the matter, would be notified of this outcome.

6.3 *Christmas lights*

(9) The switch-on had been moved to a 16:00 start for 16:30 switch on, on 24 November.

6.4 *NBCC representation*

(8) The incoming Chair would attend the Remembrance Day service at St Andrew Blackadder Church at 10.30 on 11 November. **SS**

[ELC Cllr Berry entered the meeting.]

6.5 *Firework display*

(12.1) The Yacht Club had acknowledged the donation of £400 from the Community Council and had asked for support on 05 November at 19:30. **ALL**

7 Organisations and committee membership

7.1 New councillors were encouraged to accompany existing members to meetings of local groups and societies, which were described to the new councillors. The following representatives were elected to groups and societies, or given specific tasks within NBCC, with new elections being proposed and seconded:

Calder & Crawford Cup putting competition

Cllr K Smith

Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)

Cllr Bryson

Christmas Lights sub-committee

Cllrs Bryson, Danks, Macnair, Scott, Sinclair, Watson

Coastal Communities Museum

Cllr Watson was proposed by Cllr Danks and seconded by Cllr Macnair. Cllr H Smith would accompany him. It was suggested that Mrs Burton be co-opted onto the committee if possible.

Community Centre

Cllr Flanagan was already on the management committee and would therefore represent NBCC on it.

East Lothian Association of Community Councils

Cllr Flanagan was proposed by Cllr Macnair and seconded by Cllr K Smith.

East Lothian Tourist Forum

Cllr Macnair

Edington Hospital forum

Cllrs Baker and Hall were proposed by Cllrs Bryson and Watson and seconded by

Cllrs Danks and Macnair respectively. It would be suggested that Mrs Burton be co-opted on to the forum.

Laws Advisory Group

Cllr H Smith was proposed by Cllr Sinclair and proposed by Cllr K Smith.

North Berwick in Bloom

Cllr Sinclair.

North Berwick Environment Trust

Cllr H Smith was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr K Smith.

North Berwick High School board

Cllr Macnair.

North Berwick Twinning Association

It was understood that the association was dormant at the present time.

North Berwick Youth Network

Cllr Watson. Cllr Flanagan would accompany him.

North Berwick Trust

Cllrs Baker, Bryson, Danks, Scott, K Smith and Watson. There was one vacancy to fill and after discussion, it was generally agreed that the Chair of NBCC should have a seat on the Trust. Cllr Sinclair was therefore proposed by Cllr Danks and seconded by Cllr Watson.

Planning matters

Cllr Hall

Russell Bequest

Cllr Baker

St Andrew's old kirk project

Cllr Kellock was proposed by Cllr K Smith and seconded by Cllr Watson.

It was hoped that more shadowing would evolve between members, including office bearers.

8 Planning matters

8.1 *Update on Dirleton Airfield*

An email had been received from the Dirleton Village Association and Gullane Area Community Council pointing out that before the planning application had been considered, an environmental impact study should have been obtained; this was a separate matter from the habitats regulations assessment, which had been obtained. Lyndsey Murray, the government official handling the referral of the application, had asked for such a report to be obtained. The application would have to be re-advertised and submitted again. Cllr Hall had previously objected to the application on behalf of the Community Council and would do so again if necessary.

8.2 *Ferrygate*

No decisions had been made. The Dirleton Village Association was also opposed to the proposed development.

8.3 *Gilsland development*

NBCC had met with the planning manager of Cala. Details of indoor design were now available. The application would go to the 04 December Planning Committee

with a site meeting being held on the previous Friday. Health and education matters were still to be agreed with ELC.

8.4 *North Berwick Trust land development*

Cllrs Danks, Sinclair and Hall had attended the Walker Homes display of plans. A Walker Homes representative would like to meet with NBCC.

8.5 *Lochbridge Road development*

The construction of houses to the south of Lochbridge Road would commence at the end of October. It was hoped that they would be completed by summer 2014.

9 AOCB

9.1 *North Berwick in Bloom*

The group was congratulated on receiving a gold award and first equal with Lytham St Anne's in the Britain in Bloom competition. Mr Stan de Prato had received a special commendation. It was noted that volunteers work on a voluntary basis, despite members of the public assuming they were employed by ELC due to their yellow jackets. The work of the volunteers should be publicly acknowledged.

9.2 *Newsletter*

The incoming Chair would edit the newsletter. Methods of printing and distribution would be discussed. The Chair and Cllr K Smith would discuss this and present costings. The item would be placed on the next agenda.

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9.3 *Website*

The new website now had a domain name at <http://www.northberwickcommunitycouncil.org.uk/> but was not yet up and running.

9.4 *Christmas Lights Committee*

The group would meet soon. This year the PA system would be louder and hot chocolate would be distributed by Charlie's. The meeting discussed suggestions for a person to switch on the lights.

9.5 *North Berwick into 2050*

Cllr Watson distributed a draft document which would be discussed at a future meeting. It could be used as a basis for the NBCC submission for the new Local Plan.

9.6 *St Baldred's Church 150th anniversary*

All councillors were invited to the celebratory church service on 28 October.

9.7 *CAPP meeting*

The next meeting would be held on 24 October instead of 31 October as the police would be occupied with Hallowe'en on 31st.

10 Date of next meeting

19.30 on Tuesday 06 November 2012 in the Fire Station