

Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council

Minutes of the 437th Public Meeting held at 19:30 on Tuesday 06 November 2012 at the Fire Station, North Berwick

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

Absent: Cllr H Flanagan

In attendance: ELC Cllrs T Day & J Goodfellow, PC Dobbie, PC Banks, local press,
Ms P Earle

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| 1 Apologies
Cllrs D Kellock and I Watson | |
| 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2012
Item 8.3 was corrected to read "Cllrs Hall and Danks had met with the manager of Cala" (see item 3.4 below).
The minutes were proposed by Cllr Bryson and seconded by Cllr Macnair. | |
| 3 Matters arising | |
| 3.1 <i>Parking byelaw</i>
(6.1) The Secretary had not had time to pursue the matter. She asked ELC councillors to make enquiries as it was taking an inordinate length of time to progress. | JG/TD |
| 3.2 <i>Public entertainment licensing</i>
(6.2) Following on from his role as a community councillor, Mr MacEwen had written to update NBCC and to comment on the revised draft resolution. The Secretary would circulate his email and the matter would be discussed at a future meeting. | ALL |
| 3.3 <i>NBCC representation</i>
(6.4) It was noted that all councillors were invited to attend the Remembrance Day service at St Andrew Blackadder Church at 10:30 on 11 November and thereafter at the War Memorial. | |
| 3.4 <i>Gilsland development</i>
(8.3) It was noted that NBCC had not met with the manager of Cala. Cllrs Hall and Danks had had an unofficial meeting. | |
| 3.5 <i>Lochbridge Road development</i>
It was noted that the Lochbridge Road development had started and that the contractors were not parking in designated areas. | |
| 3.6 <i>St Baldred's Church 150th anniversary</i>
(9.6) Three community councillors had attended the anniversary service which had gone well. | |
| 4 Police report | |
| 4.1 123 calls had been made to the area including outlying villages, resulting in 9 recorded crimes, of which 1 had been solved, giving a solvency rate of 11%. There were positive lines of enquiry for the other crimes. | |

- 4.2 *Reported crimes:*
Vandalism – 3 Theft housebreaking – 1
Theft of pedal cycle – 3 Theft - 2
- 4.3 *Walk to School Week*
The project, of which the police were pleased to be part, had been a success.
- 4.4 *Anti-bullying*
Talks had been given to the schools and included the consequences of bullying, cyber bullying, drug and alcohol abuse.
- 4.5 *Speed checks*
Checks had been conducted in Kingston and West Fenton with a positive result. A number of offences had been detected and offenders charged. The meeting discussed the actual and perceived speed of small vehicles in the West Fenton area.
- 4.6 *Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night*
The events had passed, mostly without incident, and the number of calls had reduced. A small number of egg-throwing incidents had taken place despite a letter drop to grocers and stores discouraging the sale of eggs to young people.
- 4.7 *Parking*
Parking on double yellow lines at Wishart Avenue by vehicles belonging to contractors was of concern to residents. Police and traffic wardens would check the situation.
- 4.8
It was noted that irresponsible parking at the east end of St Baldred's Road outside houses being renovated was of concern to residents. The public were reminded to call the police at the time of any offence.
- 4.9 *Fireworks*
PC Dobbie was asked about regulations concerning the noise of fireworks late at night as there had been an incident at 1.15 am. The setting off of fireworks was acceptable before 23:00 and later if a licence was obtained for certain dates. Regulations were very clear on boxes and at the point of sale.
- 4.10 COMMUNITY AND POLICE PARTNERSHIP (CAPP)
Priorities for the month were:
- *Cycling against one-way system*
Police to follow up
 - *Speeding in Ware Road to Yellowcraigs*
Police to continue monitoring and ELC Cllr Berry to update re 30mph signs at next meeting.
 - *'Boy racers'*
Police to monitor and patrol area when available.
- 4.11 The next CAPP meeting would be held at 19:30 on Wednesday 28 November.
- 4.12 If members of the public would like an enhanced surgery conducted in the area, please contact 893585, laura.dobbie@lbp.pnn.police.uk or colin/banks@lbp.pnn.police.uk

5a Setting up of East Lothian Bus Group

5a.1 Cllr Michael Veitch, the Transport spokesman on ELC was proposing establishing a bus group, akin to the successful local rail group. Quarterly meetings would bring together bodies tasked with providing better bus services in East Lothian. The first meeting would be held at John Muir House on Tuesday 27 November at 10:00. The Chair would attend with other councillors who were free. The need for a better service to Haddington was noted, especially if the main hospital in the area was to be situated there.

5b.1 RELBUS

RELBUS had been set up to review and develop services between users, ELC and operators. The group was keen to hear from Community Councils. It had asked for a financial contribution, which request would be considered after attending the Bus Group meeting.

5b.2 It was suggested that timetables be sent to the hospitality industry and that schematics be introduced to make routes clearer to visitors.

6 Consultation on National Planning Framework

6.1 The framework had been circulated by email. It was noted that the document gave a good explanation of the planning process and environmental responsibilities. A walk-in exhibition would be held from 3.00pm till 7.00 pm on 22 November in the Skills Shop at St James's Centre.

6.2 Members were encouraged to read the document and to submit comments to Cllr Hall, who would coordinate and submit a response.

**ALL
LH**

7 North Berwick Parking Consultation

7.1 Community Councillors would meet with Peter Forsyth of the ELC Transport Department on 20 November to discuss the proposals within the consultation document. The document would be circulated to new councillors. ELC Cllrs T Day and J Goodfellow would also attend.

8 Christmas lights

8.1 Cllr Scott reported that progress was good. It was noted that for health and safety reasons ELC was now only supplying trees up to 15 feet high. An application had been made to close the roads. George Anderson of The Beechgrove Garden would switch on the lights. The choir would start at 16:00.

9 Newsletter

9.1 The Chair and Secretary had looked for cheaper options, including frequency, delivery, size and printer. Cllr Danks, as former Treasurer, itemised regular items of expenditure. No formal feedback on the newsletter had been researched. The meeting discussed the value of the publication. The consensus was to continue in the same way for another year and to try to obtain feedback.

10 Website

<http://www.northberwickcommunitycouncil.org.uk/>

The website was live but without text but this would be put up very shortly.

11 Confirmation of cheque signatories

It was confirmed that any two of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer may sign cheques.

12 Planning

12.1 The following applications met with no objection:

Land to the west of Balgone Coach House – erection of stable block – it was explained that permission for change of use from agricultural to commercial use was required.

24 Fidra Road – variation to extend time period for a further 3 years.

Laverock Bank, 20 Westerdunes Park – alterations, extension to house, erection of fencing, gates and low wall and formation of hardstanding areas. The plan was shown to the meeting.

62 Lime Grove - change of use of public open space to domestic garden ground (retrospective). No plan was available.

4 Marmion Road – erection of fencing, trellises, pergolas, gate, walls, raised beds, formation of steps and hardstanding areas (retrospective). It was noted that local residents felt that the fence was too high.

13 St Baldred's Crescent – erection of carport.

29 Station Hill – change of use of shop to veterinary dental facility.

57 Dirleton Ave – installation of fan.

7 Glenorchy Road – extension to dormer, alterations to flat roof of sitting room extension to form sloped roof and erection of pergolas.

7 Dirleton Ave – replacement of single glazing with double glazing within existing window frames.

Inchdura Lodge – alterations, extension to house, erection of wall, fencing, gate, formation of hardstanding areas and pedestrian access.

9 Dirleton Ave – replacement of single glazing with double glazing within existing window frames.

5 & 6 Carperstane – alterations to 1 house to form 2 houses (retrospective).

Land adjacent to public toilets, Quality Street – erection of public telephone and ATM kiosk.

- 12.2 *The Grange* – alterations, extension to building and formation of hardstanding area; extension to house. The plan drawing was tabled. It was felt that the extension altered the artistic and historical view of the house. The meeting discussed aesthetics of the proposed extension. Cllr Hall would object as this was an A-listed Lorimer building. **LH**
- 12.3 *1 Dirleton Ave* – erection of 1 house and associated works. Cllr Hall would ask if the Roads Department was satisfied with access. The meeting discussed whether the traffic lights were visible on exit. **LH**
- 12.4 *Craigview, Westgate*
It was noted that the plan for a balcony had been withdrawn.
- 12.5 It was noted that members of the public should submit their own objection, even if they have consulted with NBCC about it. NBCC objections could only represent councillors' views.

13 Reports from groups and societies

There were none.

14 Correspondence

14.1 *Licensing Department*

There had been an application for a variation to the premises licence at the Co-op in Dunbar Road. It was explained that all Co-ops were opening earlier in the day and therefore have to apply for a variation to their licence, even although the hours for selling alcohol had not been changed.

14.2 *Closure of Sheriff and Justice of the Peace courts*

Iain Gray, MSP, had asked NBCC to make a submission objecting to the proposed closure of the two courts in Haddington. It was felt essential to keep these courts local and it was agreed that the Secretary would write in support of keeping them open. **KS**

14.3 *Civic Pride Fund*

Applications were invited with a deadline of 30 November.

14.4 *St Andrew Blackadder Church bell*

The Environmental Protection Manager had confirmed that the half hourly chiming of the bells at night was not considered an actionable noise nuisance and the Council would be taking no further action.

14.5 *Music therapy group*

The group had thanked NBCC for its contribution in return for the use of the Community Centre's projector.

14.6 *East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel*

An invitation had been received to the Christmas night out at the Brewers Fayre, Musselburgh on 13 December from 19:00.

14.7 *Antisocial Behaviour Strategy - consultation event*

This would be held on 26 November from 18.00 to 20.00 at the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh.

15 AOCB

15.1 *Voluntary car scheme coordinator*

The coordinator had retired. NBCC would write to thank her for the excellent job she had done. **SS**

15.2 *Law Tenants Association*

The meeting was asked to comment on the proposed parking of vehicles for builders of the new development in front of the Dundas Road lock-ups. Residents were not happy with the proposal as there was no pavement and lock-ups would be blocked. It was felt that the Law car park was the best place for vehicles, particularly in winter. It was understood that there would be a temporary car park on site. ELC Cllr Goodfellow would bring the plan to a future meeting.

15.3 *Gas board signs*

Work had stalled in Wishart Avenue although signs and holes were still there. This had been a problem throughout the works.

16 Date of next meeting

19.30 on Tuesday 04 December 2012 in the Fire Station