

Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council
Minutes of the 452nd Public Meeting held at 19.30 on Tuesday 04 February 2014
in St Andrew Blackadder Church, North Berwick

Present: Cllr S Sinclair Chairman
Cllr K Smith Secretary
Cllrs M Baker, E Danks, D Kellock, L Hall, W Macnair, J Scott, H Smith, I Watson

In attendance: ELC Cllrs D Berry & T Day, local Press, Mrs K Glazik, a member of the public

1 Apologies: Cllrs R Bryson, H Flanagan, ELC Cllr J Goodfellow

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2014

The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Kellock.

3 Matters arising:

3.1 Community Notice Board

(3.2) Cllr Scott confirmed that £1914 had been paid to Osprey for the new notice board which was being used by the public now.

3.2 Application for a variation of premises licence – Bunney’s 96 High St

(3.4) The Secretary had been advised by the Licensing Board that the application would not now be heard until the Board meeting on 27th February

3.3 Police Report

(4.5) It was noted that 4pm where it appears at the end of this paragraph should be amended to 4am.

3.4 Resilient Communities

(5.4) The Resilient Communities workshop would take place on Saturday 25th October at the Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm including lunch. Each Community Council would be entitled to two places. Cllr H Smith volunteered to attend.

3.5 Planning Matters

(8) *Dirleton Court* – it was noted that the development comprised 3 blocks containing 7 apartments and not 7 houses. The ELC Councillors confirmed that the application would appear on the Delegated List and would be discussed in March or April.

3.6 Tourist Information Office Closure

(11.3) The Chairman had written to ELC and Visit Scotland expressing the dismay of the Community Council at the closure of the Information Office without prior notice. The ELC Councillors had been asked to confirm what information would be provided in the library. They indicated that there would be space and facilities for displaying leaflets, etc.

The Chairman reported that the meeting with ELC regarding signs had not yet taken place.

4 Police Report:

There was no police presence and no report was available

4.1 CAPP

It was noted that a CAPP meeting had taken place on 29th January when the agreed priorities were -

Priority: Dog fouling issues in *inter alia* Trainers Brae, Lochbridge Road, Ware Road, Forth Street and the rough grass in the Lodge Grounds.

Actions to be undertaken: Members of the public were asked to report their observations to community wardens on the antisocial behaviour number 08456018518

Priority: Youth related anti-social behaviour outside the Nisa store in Lochbridge Road.

Actions to be undertaken: Patrols to be conducted by police and community wardens on Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings. Members of the public were also asked to report anti-social behaviour to the police on 101 or 999

Priority: Inappropriate and potentially dangerous parking on the Prora road at Drem Station

Actions to be undertaken: Police would take action where necessary.

Other Matters

4.2 The next CAPP meeting would be on Wednesday 26th February 2014 at 19.30 in the Council Chambers, Quality Street. The meeting is public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there are any queries or questions, please contact Colin Banks on 01620 893583, colin.bank@scotland.pnn.police.uk

4.3 It was reported that Community Police Officer Laura Dobbie was taking up a post out with the Lothian and Scottish Borders area and would be leaving her post in mid-February.

4.4 Cllr Watson commented that he had been told about some people receiving phone calls from alarm firms, purporting to be on behalf of police crime prevention, reporting that there had been break-ins in their area. The Chairman agreed to take up the matter with PC Banks.

4.5 It was agreed that the dog warden should be invited to a mid-month meeting.

5 East Lothian Health Network - East Lothian Community Hospital

The Chairman together with Cllrs Danks, Baker & Hall would be attending a meeting of the group in John Muir House, Haddington on 6th February when she expected to hear the proposals for the new community hospital at Roodlands.

6 Area Partnerships

6.1 The Chairman together with Cllrs Baker & Macnair had attended the briefing on Monday 3rd February in the Hope Rooms. The Chairman commented that the aims of the Partnerships were widespread, would carry more clout and also would control a budget of £100,000. The Coastal Ward partnership would comprise the three elected councillors, 2 community

councillors from each of North Berwick CC and Gullane Aberlady & Drem CC, 1 from the Dirleton Village Association, 1 from Dunspey CC, 1 representative from the High School, 1 from the Primary School, 2 representatives from the Tenants' & Residents' Association and 6 others. The next step would be for the facilitators to come back with suggestions for the six other places. The first meeting hopefully would take place before June.

- 6.2 Councillor Macnair commented that the verbiage used was over the top and that it was difficult to understand what the Council representatives were talking about.

7 Parking Consultation

- 7.1 The Secretary reported that this had not yet been published. The local press was asked to publicise when it was published.

8 Planning Matters

The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on, where appropriate:

3 Quadrant – changes to roof materials, roof lights, doors & window as design change to the scheme of development the subject of listed building consent 11/00859/LBC and planning permission 11/00859/P – it was noted that no details were available

Milton Lodge, 1 Strathearn Road – alterations and extension to house

Windygates, Windygates Road – variation of condition 1 of listed building consent 08/00927/LBC and planning permission 08/00927/FUL to extend time period for a further 3 years

Windyheugh, Netherlaw – variation of condition 3 of planning permission 08/00047/FUL to enable the use of the ancillary building to be used as holiday ley accommodation including alterations to building – it was noted that no details were available

15 Westgate - extension to flat

4 Glasclune Gardens – demolition of gate; alterations to house, installation of flue, erection of gate and formation of hardstanding area

Gilsland House – planning permission in principle for the erection of 6 houses

Cllr Macnair declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst it was discussed.

This application related to the redevelopment of the site on which there were currently 4 houses. There was some doubt as to whether the site lay within the town boundary. It was not zoned for housing but could be regarded as an infill brownfield site. Concern was expressed as to consistency with regard to the proposed Ferrygate development. Cllr Day commented that the Council had recently issued new guidance on planning which should be looked at before a final decision is made.

The Harbour, Victoria Road – formation of seating area (on east of harbour damaged in storm)

3 Kirk Ports – alterations to flat, installations of satellite dish and vent pipe

Green Park, Abbotsford Road – alterations to window

5A & 5 Dirleton Avenue – erection of fencing, pergola, screening, raised planters, infilling of gates and formation of hardstanding area to flat 5A, painting of walls of flats 5 & 5A (part retrospective)

124 Lochbridge Road – alterations to window openings & installation of doors

New Pines, Dirleton Avenue – alterations and 4extension to house

7 St Baldred's Crescent – extension to house

'Elanora', Dirleton Road - It was noted that the planning application for the erection of one house in the grounds had been approved despite the planners' recommendation for refusal.

9 Reports from Groups and Societies

9.1 *Christmas Lights*: Cllr Scott confirmed that there would be a meeting of the sub-committee the following week.

9.2 *The Environment Trust*: Cllr H Smith reported that the Trust wanted to have a forum with other organisations in the town to plan the streetscape and plans for the town. She also said that there was a need to update the character statements of the town.

10 Correspondence

10.1 The Secretary reported that the East Lothian Tenants & Residents Panel was holding a 'Conversation Café' on 24th February from 5.00pm to 8.00pm in the Brewers Fayre, Musselburgh with the theme 'Talking for Community Action.'

11 Any other competent business

11.1 *Scotrail*: The Chairman had approached Scotrail about a grant for the provision of toilets at the station. The maximum grant available, however, was £5,000. It was agreed that (if approved) this would be more appropriate for improving the noticeboard and signage at the station.

11.2 *Greenheads Road Pitches*: Cllr Hall pointed out that the flood lights at the pitches had been on continuously for 48 hours and was causing concern to local residents. Apparently there was a fault which was being dealt with.

11.3 *Brownies – Thinking Day*: There had been a request from the 1st North Berwick Brownies for the lights in the Lodge tree to be turned on on the evening of 21st February in celebration of the centenary of the Brownies.

11.4 *Fracking* – Dr Adrian Shaw, Church of Scotland Climate Change Officer, would be talking about fracking in the Abbey Church on 17th March at 7.00 pm.

12 Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 4 March at 19.30 in St Andrew Blackadder Church