

**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 468th Public Meeting held at 19.30 on Tuesday 02 June 2015**

**in The Fire Station, Station Road, North Berwick.**

**Present:** Cllr S Sinclair Chairman

Cllr K Smith Secretary

Cllrs M Baker, E Danks, P Hamilton, G Johnstone, D Kellock, W Macnair, D Ritchie, J Scott, H Smith, I Watson

**In attendance:** ELC Cllrs T Day and J Goodfellow, Stuart McLean and Mike Ellis from Conservation North Berwick, members of the public, local Press, Mrs A Turgoose.

**1 Apologies:** Police Scotland.

**2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

**9.1 Planning Matters: Law Primary School.** Cllr Macnair suggested an amendment to read "Cllr Macnair asked if the additional land was to be used to extend the footprint of the Primary School. ELC Cllr Goodfellow advised that this was not the case as the school would be built up and that parents had discussed the plans. In response to a query from Cllr Macnair, ELC Cllr Goodfellow said that the suds area would be open and could be used for educational purposes. No objection was raised." The adoption of the revised Minutes was proposed by Cllr I Watson and seconded by Cllr D Ritchie.

**3 Matters Arising.**

3.1 There were no Matters Arising.

**4 Police Report**

4.1 The Chairman, noting the absence of Police at the meeting, was informed by the Secretary that an unforeseen occurrence had required the Police presence elsewhere. The Secretary read out the Police Report which was based on incidents between 06/05/15 and 01/06/15. There may be other incidents but, due to their nature or ongoing investigations, it was not possible to divulge full details.

4.2 There were 75 calls to the Police in the month. The calls had been broken down in terms of the agreed priorities for the Ward.

**Road Safety**

**You told us that there were issues with speeding motorists and inconsiderate parking, especially in central areas and near schools.**

Pro-active patrolling on 28/05/15 established a vehicle being driven without appropriate insurance cover. The vehicle was seized under legislative powers and driver cautioned and charged.

There were numerous parking complaints, including reports of overnight parking at various car parks. Police patrols are being stepped up in the area to discourage these incidents

(parking/ obstruction etc.) As a result of the inconsiderate parking in controlled areas, these are continuing to be dealt with by parking ticket.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

**You told us there were problems with littering, violent conduct, young people causing disturbance, antisocial behaviour and rowdy drunken behaviour.**

During the weekend of 08 to 10/05/15 there were several calls of rowdy youths in and around the town. Several groups of youths were located and spoken to regarding their conduct, however, no criminality was detected.

On 22/05/15, a driver of a vehicle in the town was issued with an ASBO in relation to his driving.

### **Substance Abuse**

**You told us you were worried about people using and dealing drugs in the area and their subsequent behaviour.**

Following an incident in April, enquiries continue into the investigation of substances seized.

### **Theft**

**You told us you were worried about security and the theft of personal possessions such as power tools, bicycles and money.**

There have been three reports of theft by shoplifting since the last Community Council report. Most have involved theft of alcohol from the Convenience stores in North Berwick. Positive lines of enquiry are being pursued.

On 14/05/15, Police received two reports of theft from locked vehicles in the town. Enquiries are ongoing in an attempt to identify culprit(s). At this time, it is not known if the incidents are linked.

#### **4.3 Other Incidents of Note**

On 19/05/15, Police investigated the finding of what was believed to be confidential papers. Enquiries are ongoing with partner agencies to establish the full circumstances.

***Should anyone have information in relation to criminality, they should contact Police Scotland on 101 or Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.***

#### **4.4 CAPP: Information on the meeting held on 27/05/15 is not available. An update will be provided in the next report.**

**The date of the next CAPP meeting is 24/06/15 at 19.30; Venue to be confirmed.**

#### **4.5 Theft of outboard motors: Cllr Baker had asked the Police to look into the theft of five engines from Rhodes Holdings and three from North Berwick harbour. Police had been unaware of these incidents.**

#### **4.6 Cllr Ritchie requested that the finding of what were believed to be confidential papers in rubbish at the old COOP building should be raised with Police at the next meeting. She expressed concern about the security systems of partnership agencies. The Chairman agreed that a report would be requested. Cllr Hamilton reported that discussion at the CAPP**

meeting had indicated that the papers concerned were medical records. Cllr Ritchie stressed that this was a matter of public concern.

## **5 Conservation North Berwick Presentation.**

5.1 The Presenters asked the Chairman if one of the Councillors could be asked to withdraw from the meeting as there was a conflict of interest. The Chairman ascertained that the presentation related specifically to one planning item and not conservation more broadly. She declined the request but confirmed that the Councillor concerned would be asked to withdraw when voting was to take place. Cllr Danks added that the Councillor had a right to be present during discussion.

5.2 Having thanked the Community Council for agenda space, Stuart McLean explained that he and Mike Ellis were acting on behalf of Conservation North Berwick regarding the proposed developments at the Glebe and would provide written details if requested.

In relation to the car parking aspect of the planning proposal, he showed pictures which illustrated that inter alia the Rugby Park and Community Council carparks were underutilised with only one vehicle parked in each during Easter and Spring holiday weekends. The photographs had been taken at 10am at Easter and 2.30pm in May. He argued that current carparks were not being used so new car parking spaces were unlikely to change the situation.

Regarding housing, he stated that expert opinion was against building in the Glebe and their Group supported protection of that area. He believed that the present application did not meet the standards set out in the Local Development Plan. The Glebe did not meet the criteria. He outlined other objections to the housing including access issues arising from a sweeping road and driveways opposite and also highlighted the number of pedestrians, particularly children, using that area due to the proximity of the Primary and Nursery Schools, the Play park in the Lodge and Pumpkin Patch. These created potential for increased accidents.

The proposed housing would have an impact on existing houses with a loss of privacy.

The Group, while acknowledging the need for additional housing, were of the view that other larger sites were best placed to address that need. This was a small site where building would have a major environmental impact with the loss of open space.

Mr McLean concluded that the Group had sought advice from legal, engineering and NGO'S (Non-Governmental Organisations) and had formally lodged their objections. He requested support from the Community Council on behalf of residents, visitors and local businesses and to avoid environmental ruin.

Mike Ellis presented details of a survey regarding car parking, suggesting that previous consultations undertaken by the ELC had been flawed. The ELC public consultation had attracted 670 responses. This survey was based on 700 replies.

Key points from this survey showed that 80% of respondents agreed that there was a parking problem. It was equally split between those who thought that the problem existed throughout the year and those who considered it to be a summer issue.

The survey looked at how the problem could be addressed and gave a number of options. The survey found opposition to the building of any new car parks. Strongest support was for

better use of existing parking. The majority was opposed to new parking, parking at Coos Green, the Lodge and the Glebe. The Rugby Park was the most favoured parking site.

There was also support for better traffic management with people voting “yes” for the presence of traffic wardens and time limits.

The Chairman thanked the Presenters, noting that their presentation was not what she had expected. Other views were invited.

- 5.3 Mark Richardson identified himself as acting for the Applicant. He welcomed the interest of the Community in Planning which he believed to be all about local engagement and planning sustainability for communities. He said the reality was that there was a traffic problem and it was a policy which had been worked on over a long period. This proposal was around expansion of an existing carpark, the Glebe, with a small building area on a discrete part of the site. He emphasised that not all green space would be removed and stressed that nothing was pre-determined, hence “planning in principle”. He believed the development was modest, while meeting local needs. The shape could change but this was it in principle.

Mr Mclean asked if the space for car parking would be made available at a peppercorn rent with no housing. Mr Richardson advised this was not the case as this was privately owned land. Mr McLean wondered how the creation of apartments for retired people was linked with car parking issues. The response from Mr Richardson was that this was about Planning Policy. ELC permitted release of land for residential development, if certain criteria were met. The ELC commitment was about broad traffic management. In this case, the housing was scaled to the site with nine apartments which would be screened. In North Berwick many large family houses were being built but the need for properties suitable for retired people, a sizeable part of the population, was not really being met.

Cllr Ritchie drew attention to the fact that a previous application for this site had been refused, largely around conservation issues. She queried what was different since then. Mr Richardson explained that Planning Policy had changed. At that earlier time, there was no consenting to the release of unallocated sites, now there was. Mr McLean asked if the current application was under the same development plan and was advised that this was not the case as a new Policy Framework was in place.

In response to a resident who was directly affected by the proximity of the proposed car park, Mr Richardson commented that it was small and discrete. She also queried the rationale of encouraging even more traffic into what is a busy, congested area.

Cllr Danks recalled that when the ELC parking consultation was undertaken, one plan was to introduce 4 hourly limits, for example, in the Imperial and Glebe car parks. She was very aware that many elderly people needed to be able to park near the centre of town and that many staff working in local businesses were commuting to work.

A resident observed that 80% parking on the High Street was there from early morning while Mr Mclean reiterated that additional spaces were not being used. The fact that people would not walk to the centre of town was raised by Cllr Johnstone. On the previous Sunday there had been a parking problem with people driving out of town as they couldn't park, while the Rugby Park car park had spaces. Mr Mclean saw this is a traffic management matter as people did not know the location of car parks.

A resident asked about the number of houses being planned for the town in the near future. ELC Cllr Goodfellow advised 600 -700 with some foundations already in place.

- 5.4 Cllr Ritchie asked if Councillors would have the opportunity to discuss the Glebe application at which point Cllr Scott withdrew while the Community Council discussed and voted on the application. The Chairman advised that Councillors could comment, support, object or say nothing and let the Planners decide.

Cllr Ritchie reminded Cllrs that a decision had been postponed to allow for clarification on “enablement”. ELC Cllr Goodfellow confirmed that the car park had to be in position before the housing could take place. In replying to Cllr Ritchie, he agreed that, in terms of planning, either aspect could be approved separately but ELC Cllr Day added that it was unlikely that housing would go ahead without the car parking. Both ELC Councillors advised that, as they both sat on the Planning Committee, they were not in a position to contribute further to this discussion.

Mark Richardson clarified that although 52 car parking spaces were in the MVA report, only 34 of those were additional as the rest were allocated for the proposed housing.

Cllr Watson made the point that town centre car parking cannot be extended as ELC doesn't own any other land, apart from the Lodge Grounds.

Cllr Ritchie referred to a report containing lots of information and discussion which had been submitted to Cabinet on 10 March 2015. Of the 650 responses, there had been support for provision in the upper Glebe, upgrading of the beach front etc. Replying to Cllr H Smith who had asked who had made those decisions, ELC Day said that information from the 2012 consultation had been fed into the report to which Cllr H Smith commented that she had some concerns regarding the quality of the data.

- 5.5 Cllr Macnair summed up his belief that a parking problem existed and he welcomed the additional town centre parking. He had no objection to the creation of smaller housing units near the town and was confident that the architects would create something suitable for the location. He stressed the need to use space for the benefit of the town and highlighted the existence of the large area of open space in the Lodge Grounds which attracted a lot of use. He voted to support the application.

Cllr Ritchie requested that her comments were minuted. She did not agree with the proposal and voted not to support the application. Stewardship of land was vital and she was not persuaded that anything had changed since the last application had been rejected. She had been persuaded by the amount of public opinion and not just by “not in my back yard” views. She was uncomfortable with the process whereby housing and car parking were lumped together. In her opinion, there was much that needed to be actioned in terms of traffic management quoting situations elsewhere where people did not drive into towns but, instead, used park and ride services. She believed that more creative ideas needed to be considered, especially regarding management of Summer traffic.

Cllr Kellock referred to the report of 2013 where the Glebe was identified as a prime site. He voted to support the application.

Cllr Baker voted to support the application.

Cllr Hamilton voted not to support the application.

Cllr Johnstone voted to support the application, noting that 34 spaces was not a huge number.

Cllr Watson voted in support of the application. The town needed extra parking and he was aware that people wanted to park in the centre of town. He was not entirely convinced that this proposal was the answer, noting that traffic management had been an issue talked about over many years. He also questioned the validity of the survey and the fact that the views of the other 7,000 residents of the town had not been represented.

Cllr H Smith voted not to support the application. While recognising that others may have some concerns regarding flaws in data, she had been persuaded by the surveys conducted by Groups. She believed that, even if additional parking was needed, this proposal could not be seen as the solution. While having some sympathy for the owner of the site and the wish to do something with it, in her opinion, stewardship of the land had to be the priority.

Cllr Danks voted to support the application. She did not believe that it was a huge increase in parking spaces and thought that a time limit, perhaps of 4 hours, could be considered. In her view, a Park and Ride scheme would not work. She also felt that the provision of smaller housing in the town centre was a positive aspect of the application.

Cllr K Smith voted to support the application but agreed with Cllr Watson that the management of parking needed to be addressed.

The Chairman would request investigation into traffic management.

***By a majority vote, the Community Council agreed to support the application for planning permission in principle for residential development, covered parking, formation of new vehicular access and extension to the carpark at The Glebe, St Margaret's Road/ St Andrew's Street.***

- 5.6 A resident asked if the Council's role was to represent the views expressed in the survey. In response, Cllr Macnair, while expressing some sympathy for their position, said that responsibility was to the town as a whole. Cllr Watson concurred, adding that views of groups were often sought and it was necessary to strike a balance between the vocal minority and the silent majority. This Council could express an opinion but, ultimately, ELC would make the final decision. The Chairman observed that objections had been submitted and all would be taken into account by the Planners.

In Cllr Ritchie's view, the key issue was that the Community Council was the link between the Community and ELC. If residents were objecting, the Councillors needed to look at the evidence and should applaud those who make their views known and consider these views. She stressed that the Council was not acting on its own behalf.

- 5.7 A resident observed that there was continual mention of car parking in what was an enablement application. As a member of the Community, he was concerned that the discussion dealt with only one aspect, commenting that it was all about parking. There could have been an application about parking but that would have been a different thing. Replying, Cllr Danks and Cllr Baker both stated that they had taken the housing element into consideration. Cllr Danks believed that the town needed smaller developments suitable for the elderly, not 5 bedroom CALA type houses. Cllr Kellock referred to an earlier plan which had not progressed. That proposal had involved building three large houses on this site. The current proposed development of nine apartments was further down the slope, much more

compact, and required less space. Cllr Hamilton reminded Councillors that McCarthy & Stone were planning to build 41 flats in the town.

- 5.8 ELC Cllr Day advised that while the Community Council would feed in ideas, residents could also express their opinions at the Planning Committee meeting.

## 6 Planning Matters

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

- 6.1 **Site at Tantallon Road/ Heugh Road EH39 5NF:** Erection of 41 flats, business units (class 4 use) and associated works. A question would be raised regarding the retention of mature trees. No objection was raised.

**7 Green Apron Park EH39 4RE:** Change of use of public open space to domestic garden ground and erection of fencing. Clarification would be sought regarding land ownership of the open space and emergency access. No objection was raised.

**Flat 5 Tusculum 3c Links Road EH39 4LT:** Formation of dormers with balconies. No objection was raised.

**10 Tantallon Terrace EH39 4LE:** Widening of existing pedestrian access, formation of hardstanding area, seating areas, erection of stairs, gate, walls, heightening of walls with trellis screens and painting of doors. No objection was raised.

**Lawrigg West Cottage EH39 5NP:** Extension to house and formation of dormer. As details had not been provided, information would be sought.

**Glenisla, Abbotsford Road EH39 5DB:** Alterations and extension to house, installation of solar panels and satellite dish, erection of garage and shed. No objection was raised.

**12 Westgate EH39 4AF:** Erection of signage. No objection was raised.

**Flat 2 12 Dirleton Avenue EH39 4BG:** Installation of replacement windows and roof window. No objection was raised.

**Seton Lodge 8 Marine Parade EH39 4LD:** Alterations and extensions to flat. No objection was raised.

**Glenconner, 28 Dirleton Avenue EH39 4 BQ:** Erection of one house and associated works. No objection was raised.

**Flat 2 Edradour, Strathearn Road EH39 5BZ:** Replacement windows and door (part retrospective). No objection was raised.

- 6.2 Other information: **Beach Wheelchair Project.** ELC Cllr Goodfellow explained that the area of the Harbour where the storage shed would be positioned was a listed building. Listed building status from Historic Scotland would be required.

**Site at 2 Forth Street Lane:** the application had been passed.

**53 Old Abbey Road:** the application had been withdrawn

## **7 Facebook and website**

- 7.1 The Chairman observed that Facebook had generated some "LIKES" which was to be welcomed but that action would need to be monitored. Cllr H Smith said that she was happy to make public any comments that came in, as a means of dialogue. She reminded Councillors that anyone could comment and that she was willing to give editorial rights to others. However, she expressed a concern that she had been requested to withdraw a comment from Facebook, noting that it was a collective responsibility. Cllr Watson said that he was trying to follow what was happening on the Facebook page and wondered how far it should be taken. He was opposed to the display of adverts as the purpose should relate to community issues, not financial gain. This was agreed and Cllr Ritchie clarified that any abusive comments would be taken down. The Chairman acknowledged that the sentence "Please note that the views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of NBCC" was added at her instigation as she believed it was necessary to strike a balance.
- 7.2 In view of concerns raised about the need to upgrade the webpage, the Chairman had asked the East Lothian Development Team to check if they knew of anyone who had set up in web design. Cllr Watson had previously circulated an item about the North Berwick Visitors' web page which had not been updated and wondered how the Community Council could ensure that their page was kept refreshed. Cllr H Smith suggested that a small subcommittee could undertake this task. Cllr Watson queried whether web pages per se were now outdated, having been overtaken by newer technology and social media which was faster and more immediate. Cllr H Smith believed the function acted more as a "storage" facility, complemented with some Facebook items. She indicated that the Business Association were also updating their website.

## **8 Community Resilience Plan**

- 8.1 Cllr Ritchie advised that the Community Council would lead a table top exercise, taking approximately three hours, with refreshments provided by ELC. The agreed date was 27 October 6-9 pm. Cllr Ritchie offered to check the availability of the Community Centre which had been earmarked as the Rest Centre. Sandy Baptie's attendance would also be confirmed. She reminded Councillors that information on insurance was outstanding and a phone needed to be sourced. Cllr Watson agreed to deal with the phone and was advised to purchase it. Cllr Ritchie clarified that the Care for People exercise on 8 October, details of which had already been circulated by the Secretary, was aimed at professionals. In her view, a combined exercise would have been ideal.

## **9 Area Partnership**

- 9.1 The Chairman reported that the interviews for the Chairperson had not yet happened. The next meeting to take place on 9 June would be attended by Cllrs Danks, H Smith and Watson. She had recently attended a subcommittee on Older People at which a booklet highlighting activities suitable for older people and the services available to them was discussed. This did not appear to exist in the County although, as Edinburgh published one, there was a precedent. The Chairman was surprised that the professionals present were unaware of its existence. She reported that expansion of the Edington Hospital was raised and she understood that this would be investigated. There had also been a reminder to submit proposals to utilise some of the devolved budget.

- 9.2 Cllr Macnair asked if the replacement of the railings at the seafront had been progressed and was advised that plans were in place.
- 9.3 The Chairman noted Cllr Ritchie's comments regarding the poor condition of the steps at the bottom of the Glen.
- 9.4 Cllr Ritchie asked if the loss of a physiotherapist in North Berwick could be raised and was informed by the Chairman that this matter had been tabled.

## **10 Calder and Crawford Cup Putting Competitions 21 and 23 July**

- 10.1 Cllr Johnstone had assumed the leading role in organising these events. Cllr K Smith, the previous organiser, explained that the qualifying events for the Calder (Senior) and Crawford (Junior) competitions would take place on 21 July. The Finals would take place on 23 July with the Juniors in the morning and Seniors at 6pm. She offered to confirm dates with ELC and would arrange to discuss publicity, posters, Facebook etc with Cllr Johnstone. Responding to a query from Cllr Watson regarding the need for disclosure documentation, it was generally agreed that this was unnecessary as the contact with young people was not a regular event and took place in the public arena.

## **11 Street Names**

Cllr H Smith raised the possibility of submitting local names with a connection to World War One, and also, for example sports people with local links. Additional street names had not yet been invited but Cllr K Smith considered a bank of names to be desirable. With respect to World War One, Cllr H Smith offered to speak to Alex Rycroft regarding potential names. Cllr Hamilton suggested a combination of names of two squash players Douglas Irvine and George Gray, e.g. Irvine - Gray Avenue. This was supported. Cllr Ritchie proposed more female names while Cllr K Smith mentioned lady golfers. The Chairman closed the discussion at this point.

## **12 Reports from Groups and Societies**

- 12.1 **Beach Wheelchairs project:** Cllr Ritchie was delighted to report that the project had obtained Big Lottery Funding and was launched on 1 June. Volunteer training had taken place but a need for more volunteers had been identified. There were some delays relating to insurance matters and the need to apply to Historic Scotland. The wheelchairs were being stored at present, although assessments would need to be undertaken. The Chairman welcomed this very positive news.
- 12.2 **Work on Harbour Wall:** The plans had been recalled by ELC which Cllr Macnair believed could result in a 6 -8 week delay. He stressed the urgency for the work to be completed and ELC Cllr Goodfellow agreed to look into this matter as soon as possible.
- 12.3 **Business Association:** The AGM of the Business Association had been attended by Cllr H Smith. She reported that they were revamping their activities and urged the Community Council to establish stronger, ongoing, links with them. This view met with support but the Chairman indicated that there was insufficient time for full discussion at this meeting. Cllr Watson reminded Councillors that Ian Donald from the Business Association had attended Council meetings in the past and, perhaps, it would be appropriate to invite a representative to have a regular input, such as that provided by the Police. Cllr H Smith believed the Association might welcome that opportunity.

- 12.4 **Tyne–Esk Leader Programme:** Cllr H Smith had recently attended a meeting which focussed on East and Mid Lothian. She drew attention to the potential for North Berwick to capitalise on funding being made available for projects in rural communities, population under 10,000. In the past five years £3.5m had been spent. Ideas were being sought, for example to support tourism, opportunities for young people and meetings would take place in small communities, e.g. Garvald to encourage participation. She offered to put a link to the survey onto the Council webpage. Cllr K Smith recalled that the Community Council had supported 2-3 small projects in the past. Provision of toilets at the station, as a possible project, was raised by the Chairman.
- 12.5 North Berwick had again achieved success at Gardening Scotland with both Law Primary School and In Bloom achieving Gold awards for their pallet gardens. The school won best in their category, while In Bloom was voted best in the public vote. As In Bloom Secretary, the Chairman alerted the meeting to the presence of Britain in Bloom judges in town on 10 August.

### **13 Correspondence**

- 13.1 The Secretary had been notified of parking restrictions on 52-54 Forth Street on 3-7 June.
- 13.2 Cllr Macnair was critical of the loss of two parking spaces in the Imperial carpark to accommodate the car scheme. Cllr Baker agreed, commenting that the Imperial car park was officially classified as a road, noting that at one stage there had been a proposal to install parking meters. Cllr Danks suggested that the space allocated in the Glebe car park for the pool car, on the lower level, near the steps, meant the loss of an ideal parking space for elderly people. Her view was that it should be sited on the higher level. The Secretary observed that objections would be invited in due course. ELC Cllr Goodfellow stated that the space in the Glebe was a temporary arrangement. He also advised that any electric point used had a specific regulation which limited the length of time a car could be placed there. Cllr Watson queried the need to base the cars in the town Centre, suggesting the Rugby Club car park as an alternative. He had no objection to the cars but believed people could walk to them. Cllr Ritchie added that pool cars in Dunbar were outside ASDA and the Station. The Chairman would request an update on usage of the cars.
- 13.3 The Secretary had been informed that the speed limit was changing from 30 to 40mph with the new road alignment on Haddington Road. Cllr Watson expressed surprise as he believed that 30mph was being introduced, noting that Tantallon Road had been 40mph and had been changed to 30mph.
- 13.4 The Secretary had received a copy of a letter sent to the Walker Group by a resident who had witnessed a near accident involving a NWH tipper truck in the town centre. ELC Cllr Goodfellow confirmed that the matter was being addressed by the Council's enforcement officer. Cllr Hamilton was concerned that, contrary to what had been agreed, vehicles associated with the building works had come through town and had parked overnight in the ALDI car park.

### **14 Any other competent business**

- 14.1 A request for toilets at the Station was made by Cllr Baker. He was aware that this had been made on many occasions but he highlighted the increased number of complaints about urination and defecation in the area which was causing residents distress and anger. He

made a plea for support from ELC Councillors but was informed that responsibility lay with Scotrail. The Chairman noted that temporary toilets would be installed during the period of the Scottish Open.

14.2 Cllr Baker asked if any complaints had been received regarding bin collection as a resident had complained that, due to changes to recycling patterns, she now had to take rubbish to the Amenity Centre. ELC Cllr Goodfellow questioned if she was recycling enough but added that a larger bin could be requested.

14.3 Cllr K Smith complained about the failure of ELC to cut grass verges on St Baldred's Road with residents resorting to doing it themselves. Cllr Danks advised that grass cutting was taking place to the west of the town, the Chairman adding that St Baldred's Road should be dealt with later in the week. Cllr K Smith observed that she hoped the grass would be collected. Cllr Hamilton drew attention to the reduction in staff doing this task. The Chairman observed that, while In Bloom undertook a lot of work, their activities did not extend to grass cutting and collection.

## **15 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at the Fire Station, Station Road North Berwick on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 19.30.

