**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 495thPublic Meeting held at 19.30 on Tuesday 1st August 2017**

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

**Present:**Cllr H Smith - Chairman, Cllr C Mackenzie - Vice-Chairman, Cllr K Smith - Secretary, Cllr W Macnair, Cllr I Watson, Cllr G Moodie, Cllr S Northrop, Cllr L Kay, Cllr T Todd, Cllr O Owen

**In attendance:**ELC Cllr Jane Henderson, ELC Cllr Jim Goodfellow (part of the meeting), Peter Hamilton, Gavin Harper (press), Jill Taylor (Minutes) and members of public.

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| ***Agenda item*** | ***Discussion*** | ***Action*** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllr J Lockhart – Treasurer, ELC Cllrs J Goodfellow& J Findlay, PC’s D Gray & I Paterson. |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Moodie and seconded by Cllr Northrop |  |
| **4 Matters Arising from previous meeting** | 4.1 *4.1* Planning Aid Training – thank you to NBCC for responding, many are able to attend. There has been interest shown in this training by other Community Councils, the Association of Community Councils will organise.  4.2 *4.6* Seabird Centre/National Marine Centre – there is an Economic survey being done into the business case for the new Centre. It will involve key stakeholders. Cllr Macnair reported that picture in East Lothian Courier was incorrect and showed the first set of plans, Gavin Harper said that this would be corrected in the Courier this week.  4.3 *4.7* Budget is in newsletter and there will be a report from Cllr Lockhart later in meeting.  4.4 *5.1* Speed tables and speeding on Grange Road. Reply to letter received from Transportation which noted that the speed tables and passing places are currently the responsibility of the developers – these will be adopted by ELC. ELC have no plans for future improvements to the road.  4.5 *6.4* Elcho Green – NBCC previously wrote to ELC Planning and Estates to try to establish ownership. This has now been clarified as ELC. It is believed to be on asset register but not specified.  4.6 *11.1* Calder & Crawford Cups – thank you to Cllrs K. Smith and Cllr Watson for running these very successful competitions. Approximately 130 attended, which was the best turn out for a long time. Thank you to Martyn Huish for help with prizes and supplying vouchers.  4.7 *12* Cllr K. Smith replied to Linda Hall regarding her concerns over traffic on East Road. Also wrote to Peter Forsyth ELC to highlight this issue. | All NBCC  HS  KS |
| **New business** |  |  |
| **5 Police Report: (further details attached separately)** | *5.1 CAPP*  The date of the next CAPP meeting is on Wednesday 30th August 2017, 1930 hours, Council Chambers, North Berwick.  CAPP Priorities are drug misuse around Craigleith Avenue, Lochbridge Road and Gilbert Avenue; speeding and noisy vehicles and motorbikes in Grange Road, vehicles congregating in the Sports Centre car park and speeding on A198.  5.2  Cllr H Smith asked ELC Cllrs to clarify position on homeless people. ELC Cllr Goodfellow responded that if the person looked vulnerable, to contact ELC Social Work department.   Feedback welcome to [NorthBerwickCoastalCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthBerwickCoastalCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk) or [deborah.gray@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:deborah.gray@scotland.pnn.police.uk) and [john.paterson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:john.paterson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk). |  |
| **6. Planning Matters (attached separately)** | 6.1 all applications discussed at this months meeting, and Community Council comments etc, are shown separately.  6.2 August planning applications  Cllr H Smith and Cllr K Smith will lead on next month’s applications. Cllr K Smith and Cllr Todd will lead for September. | HS, KS |
| **7 Communications Group including Newsletter:** | Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr H. Smith and Cllr Owen were thanked for all their work on the newsletter. This is now designed and printed and ready for distribution and copies were available to view at the meeting. 4,000+ copies are now with Royal Mail for distribution to NBCC area in the week beginning 14th August. Cllr Northrop to circulate copies to care homes. Copies also to be given to sales offices and estate agents for welcome packs. The PDF will be put on the NBCC website. | SN, HS, CM |
| **8 24 hour defibrillators** | There have been some problems with getting permission from locations for boxes to be placed. £404 required for 4 x planning applications – this to be funded by NBCC. It has been clarified that the boxes supplied by Scottish Ambulance Service do not have a keypad. | TT, HS |
| **9 20s Plenty and consultation** | Cllr Kay agreed to submit the response she circulated to the private members bill consultation  PH reported that the 18 month experimental order/signs in Lochbridge area have been temporarily covered by ELC until the Order has been made permanent. | LK |
| **10 East Lothian Plan, East Lothian Partnerships** | This was previously circulated and is a replacement for Single Outcome Agreement. Comments to be submitted by 5th September. Cllr Moodie and Cllr H. Smith to respond on behalf of NBCC, comments to Cllr Moodie and Cllr H. Smith over next fortnight. | HS, GM |
| **11 Law Race** | Law Race is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd August, volunteers to help required. Cllr Mackenzie to publicise on social media. | All NBCC |
| **12 Licensing applications** | - Tiger Coast have applied to be open until 1am on Thursday/Friday/Saturday evenings. Normal policy is not later than midnight. NBCC to object.  - Poonthais – have applied to be open until 1am on Friday and Saturday evenings. NBCC to object. | KS  KS |
| **13 News and feedback from other groups and organisations:** | 13.1 Calder & Crawford Cups: See 4.6  13.2 St Andrew’s Old Kirk Project:  This location did not win the competition to become one of Scotland’s Hidden Gems but did receive a number of votes.  13.3 Community Centre:  No update.  13.4 Parent Council: No update – school summer holidays.  13.5 Youth Project: No update.  13.6 North Berwick Golf Club Community Fund Applications to be received by end September and application forms are available now. .  13.7 Friends of Edington  13.8 Coastal Communities museum 1,000 visitors reported in July.  13.9 Joint Laws Advisory Group Cllr Macnair to send the annual report again to Cllr K Smith to send out to NBCC. | BM |
| **14 Correspondence** | The following communications had been received:-  Forth Forum newsletter Tay& Forth Forums Joint Annual Conference 2017 – 15/9/17 Notices of temporary suspension of parking for the Law Race (2/8) and the Highland Games (5/8). |  |
| **15 Any other competent business** | 15.1Town Plan Work has begun to scope out Town Plan project. Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr Northrop and Cllr Moodie reported that they were currently writing the spec to look for someone to help write brief and find sources of funding. NBCC members to let Cllr Mackenzie know if they know of anyone who could do this work. This is 2/3 days work maximum.  15.2 Cllr Macnair and Cllr Watson asked by Cllr H. Smith to help identify repair work needed to Council Chambers. NBCC can apply for Common Good funding and application needs to be in within the week or possibly ELC may fund this work directly. The work needing to be completed may include work to roof, gutters cleaned, outside wall repainted and explore options for disabled access. The clock face may also need attention.  15.3 There was clarification requested from ELC as to why play equipment has been taken away. ELC reported that the equipment removed was unsafe. Money from Tantallon Road site can be used to replace and update equipment. Cllr Goodfellow to clarify. Lime Grove play equipment has been removed as it was unsafe.  Cllr Goodfellow also to clarify re. football pitch at Mains Farm and is trying to get the padlock removed at the 3D pitches.  15.4 Men’s Shed will be delighted to make sign/stand for beach litter picking  15.5 Thank you to all attending for patience during a long meeting. | All NBCC  CM,SN,GM  ELC Cllrs to take forward  Cllr JG |
| **14 Date of Next Meeting** | Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7.30 pm.  Fire Station |  |