**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 514th Public Meeting held at 19.30 on Tuesday 5th March 2019**

**in The Hope Rooms, Forth Street, North Berwick**

**Present:**Cllr Judy Lockhart – Chairman and Treasurer, Cllr Gordon Moodie – Vice chairman, Cllr Kathryn Smith - Secretary, Cllrs Peter Hamilton, Ian Watson, Kelly Evans, & Christiane Maher

**In attendance:**Geraldine Prince, ELC Cllr Jane Henderson, Rory Steel & Jackie Shuttleworth from Fringe by the Sea, Lilian Pryde & 3 members of the public

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | 1.1 Chairman Judy Lockhart opened the meeting and welcomed all to the 514th meeting of the Community Council.  1.2 In particular she welcomed Lilian Pryde, the ELC Community Council Liaison Officer, who would be retiring at the end of March. She paid tribute to her for her 30 years service to the Council, 20 as CCLO, and thanked her for her invaluable help over the years. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Lewis Foster, Sue Northrop, Bill Macnair, Audrey Steel & PC Iain Paterson. It was noted that PC Deborah Gray had now left North Berwick for a new position in Dalkeith and was being replaced by PC Peter Bamford. |  |
| **3 Fringe by the Sea - Presentation** | 3.1 The Chairman welcomed Rory Steel, Director and Jackie Shuttleworth, General Manager, of Fringe by the Sea who gave a slide presentation which included their plans for this year’s event which would run from 2nd to 11th August.  3.2 Mr Steel explained that he and Niall Middleton with the support of Jackie Shuttleworth had taken over the management and running of the event in February 2018. It was now an established event on the Festival circuit.  3.3 The event would continue to evolve and develop with community support, volunteers and sponsors, by producing an uplifting, friendly experience that surprises and delights.  3.4 A family friendly programme was being created including the popular ‘Conservations with …’, top comedy, and new bands/groups.  3.5 The event had produced £1.13m to the local economy the previous year.  3.6 The Chairman thanked Mr Steel & Ms Shuttleworth for a most informative presentation.  3.7 A Forth Street resident raised the issue of an increased litter problem in the neighbouring streets during the event. Mr Steel undertook to look into the matter with ELC and other agencies with a view to minimizing the problem. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February, which had been circulated previously was proposed by Cllr Moodie and seconded by Cllr Hamilton. |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 ***5.1 Scottish Seabird Centre:*** The Chairman reported that David Windmill, Chairman and Susan Davis, the new CEO of the Seabird Centre had attended NBCC’s mid month business meeting when they had given an update on their vision and purpose for the future.  5.2 ***5.2 Emergency Response Plan Review:*** A successful workshop had taken place on 9th February. The key points from it were (a) thanks to ELC Cllr Goodfellow, a physical emergency hub had been identified but its location would not be publicised widely till a formal agreement had been reached; (b) the assets register was about to go out; (c) it was agreed in principle to repeat the Community Day later in the year though the format was still to be discussed; and (d) consideration was being given to holding a mock emergency event later this year/next year involving the schools and other organisations.  5.3 ***5.3 Communications Group:*** The Chairman reported that she and the Secretary had met with the *Courier* to discuss the problems with delivery of the latest edition of *North Berwick Connect* and future collaboration. It transpired that the cost of £300 per edition was not realistic, particularly if in future, to guarantee delivery, distribution was to be by Royal Mail. A figure of £1,000 + vat had been discussed. NBCC would have more say on the layout but, unless alternative methods of delivery could be found, consideration would have to be given as to whether to continue with the arrangement as the cost would be taking up half of the local priorities budget. It was agreed to find out from other community councils how they dealt with the delivery of newsletters and to obtain a detailed breakdown of the costs from the *Courier*.  5.4 ***6.3 Police Report:*** The Chairman gave a brief report on the AELCC meeting with Chief Inspector Steven Duncan of Police Scotland, Chief Social Worker Fiona Duncan and Bob Thornton, Chief Coordinator across the Lothians & Borders for MAPPA.  In East Lothian there are around 54 people subject to statutory supervision. These are people that MAPPA, the police, social services, etc., consider 'present a risk of serious harm'.  Every person on the register, which can cover mental health and violent offenders as well as those convicted of sexual offences against adults or minors, is scrutinised closely by the relevant authorities.  People can go on the register whether or not they receive a custodial sentence. A person receiving a fine can be on the register for five years; for custodial sentences it is seven years. However, depending on the severity of the offence, offenders can be on the register for life.  The 54 people subject to statutory supervision in East Lothian range in age from 17 to 87. Typically offenders are male. Only two offenders in East Lothian are considered 'High Risk'.  The level of re-offending is small. In the last two years, just one offender was charged with re-offending.  The key point from the meeting was, and not to diminish the seriousness in any way, that the actual number of people is very small and they are all being assessed on lots of criteria by multiple agencies working in concert.  It was agreed to invite CI Duncan to our May meeting.  5.5 ***6.5 Police Report:*** The Secretary pointed outthat two metal policemen would be included in the price of £400.  5.6 ***7.5 Base Station on Dundas Road:*** The Secretary confirmed that a letter of objection had been sent and acknowledged. She had noted that the application was identical to an earlier one for a base station at the corner of Glenburn Road to which an objection had been made. | JL  KES |
| **New business** |  |  |
| **6 Police Report:**  **(further details attached separately)** | 6.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  6.2 It was noted that there had been an increase in the theft of children’s bicycles recently. Pebbles had also disappeared from the Telephone Exchange cabins.  6.3 The date of the next CAPP meeting is scheduled for 3rd April in the Old Council Chambers. [*These meetings are now held on a 6 weekly basis to tie in with the police* *shift* *patterns.*]  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). |  |
| **7 Planning Matters** | 7.1 The February planning applications were led by Cllr Maher.  7.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no objections were raised –  ***19 St Andrew Street*** – replacement windows  ***39-41 Westgate*** – alterations and part change of use of shop/café/gallery (Class 1,2 and 10) to form additional unit (Class 2), 1 flat and associated works  7.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***50 Gilbert Avenue*** – After discussion it was decided not to object to the application for a change of use of public open space to domestic garden ground and the erection of a fence and gate.  ***Murray House, 3B Westbay Road*** – After discussion it was agreed not to object to the application for alterations and extensions to the house and formation of a first floor terrace with balustrade and external staircase.  ***12 Warrender Court*** – After discussion it was agreed not to object to the application for the part use of domestic garden ground and the erection of a shed for a dog grooming business (Class 2) and associated parking.  7.4 The following planning decisions had been made during the last month –  ***11 Richardson Crescent*** – formation of dormers – **granted**  ***37 Glenorchy Road*** – extension to house – **granted**  ***13 Rhodes Cottages, Lime Grove*** – alteration to building – **granted** subject to 2 conditions to safeguard the special architectural or historic interest of the listed building  ***8 Couper Avenue*** – extension to house, part to form ancillary residential accommodation, formation of raised deck areas with handrails screen and installation of flue – **granted** subject to 5 conditions to safeguard the privacy and amenity of the neighbouring property on either side.  ***3 Teviotdale, Abbotsford Road*** – extension to building – **granted** subject to the condition work begins before expiration of 3 years from date of grant of listed building consent.  ***The Harbour, Victoria Road*** – siting of snack bar etc – **granted** subject toconditions  ***2 Redside Farm Cottages*** – replacement windows & doors – **granted** with conditions  ***NBGC Clubhouse*** – formation of all weather footpath and erection of retaining wall – **granted** subject to using approved stones for wall |  |
| **8 Treasurer’s Report** | 8.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the only payment during the last month had been £38 to Cllr Smith for taking the Minutes.  8.2 It was agreed that Cllr Maher would take over as Treasurer at the start of the new financial year. |  |
| **9 Re-provisioning of health & social care services in North Berwick –update** | 9.1 The next re-provisioning co-coordinating group meeting would be held on 14th March at the Abbey Care Home when land and potential places to build as part of the Town Plan would be looked at.  9.2 Proposals for the Town Plan would include looking at land use, proposals for the town and pulling together community views on these issues over a period of years.  9.3 In giving her apologies, Cllr Northrop had pointed out in her note that community support could add value – intergenerational working, inclusive design and supporting community links.  9.4 With her dementia friendly hat on, she was working with Stirling, QMU and other universities on innovative and effective approaches to health and social care. Getting the community involved was very much in line with best practice and would benefit them by developing quality settings.  9.5 The IJB strategy was still out for consultation till 12th March | SN |
| **10 AEDs** | 10.1 The Chairman reported that Smith’s Pharmacy and NBGC had agreed to take responsibility for the checking and maintenance of their defibrillators. A meeting with the Edington was to be arranged shortly to discuss the 7 which had yet to be covered.  10.2 It was agreed that NBCC would take responsibility for the four new external ones in the meantime. Cllr Kelly had agreed to carry out the monthly checks. | KE |
| **11 Reports from Groups & Societies** | * *North Berwick Trust –* Cllr Smith announced that the next round of grant applications would open on 6th March closing on 8th April. Application forms could be downloaded from the Trust website. * *NBET* – The Trust was in the process of restructuring and changing its name to North Berwick Environment and Heritage Trust which was to be approved by members at their AGM at 7.30 pm on 14th March in St Andrew Blackadder Church Hall. Adding the word ‘Heritage' recognised the Trust’s widening scope of activities and interests. * *Christmas Lights –*The Chairman reported that the Abbey Church would be meeting to approve (or otherwise) the proposed ‘Tree of Life’ instead of a traditional tree. * *CCMT –* Cllr Moodie confirmed that the Museum would be opening on 6th April and would include the Youth Project exhibition on youth culture over the years. * *Communications Group –* It had been decided to post more on Facebook and Cllr Kelly had agreed to take on this task. | KE |
| **12 Correspondence** | The following e-mails had been received -   * Peter & Jo Hammond regarding the pigeon infestation in the town centre. It was agreed to pursue the matter with the relevant ELC department. * Morag Simpson regarding dogs running loose on the beach. It was suggested that notices could be put up but it was agreed that it would be difficult to monitor and enforce any action against the dog owners. The Police or the dog warden should be informed of any incidents. * Andrew Killespie regarding the ‘Ferrygate pong’. This was a county wide problem and nothing further could be done as it was understood the farmer was complying with regulations. * Save Whitekirk Campaign regarding NBCC’s support for the development. An explanatory response would be sent. * An e-mail about a new Community Platform (FROG) had been circulated prior to the meeting. | KES  KES |
| **13 Any other competent business** | The Chairman again paid tribute to Lilian Pryde and as a token of the Community Council’s appreciation for her help over the years made a small presentation to her. |  |
| **14 Date of Next Meeting** | Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Hope Rooms, Forth Street. |  |