**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 524th Public Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 7th January 2020**

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

**Present:**Cllrs Judy Lockhart – Chairman, Gordon Moodie – Vice Chairman, Cllr Kathryn Smith - Secretary, Christiane Maher – Treasurer, Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, Sue Northrop, and Ian Watson

**In attendance:**ELC Cllrs Jane Henderson & Jeremy Findlay, 3 members of the public, local press (Emma Duncan)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all to the 524th meeting of the Community Council. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.  1.2 She extended the Community Council’s congratulations to Catriona Matthew who had been awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours List. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Ingrid Gibson & Kelly Evans and ELC Cllr Jim Goodfellow |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Northrop and seconded by Cllr Moodie |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 ***4.3 AEDs:*** The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Evans had prepared a list of the batteries and pads to be ordered for the defibrillators which were the responsibility of NBCC.  4.2 ***11 Discovery Experience SSC Opening:*** Those who had attended had found it to be an improvement on what was there before with more focus on education. | KE |
| **New business** |  |  |
| **5 Police Report:**  **(further details attached separately)** | 5.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  5.2 Comments were raised regarding the incident in The Lodge and whether this was at the recently installed youth shelter. It was disappointing that some youths had been trying to damage the shelter. It was agreed to raise the issue at the next CAPP meeting.  5.3 The date of the next CAPP meeting is scheduled for 22nd  January 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 [john.paterson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:john.paterson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk) and  [peter.bamford@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.bamford@scotland.pnn.police.uk). | KES/PH |
| **6 Planning Matters** | 6.1 The December planning applications were led by Cllr Maher.  6.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no comments were made –  ***11 Stevenson Walk –*** extension to house  ***10 Macnair Avenue –*** first floor extension  ***3 Priory Gate –*** erection of fencing, gates and gate pillars  ***10 Links Road –*** alterations to house, formation of hardstanding areas, erection of shed, fencing and gate  ***Balgone Dean –*** extension to house  ***Vila Joya, 69B Dirleton Avenue –*** extension to house, erection of greenhouse/storage shed, gates and fencing  6.3 The following new application was viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –    ***Williamstone Farm, Gasworks Lane –*** although some concern was expressed about the safe route to school being crossed by the access road, after discussion it was decided to make no comment on the application for the erection of 4 holiday let units at this stage  ***36 Forth Street –*** although no concern was expressed in principle to the application to extend the house and form decking with a screen, it was agreed to comment on the use of timber cladding which was out of character with the rest of the buildings in the street  ***8 Couper Avenue –*** after discussion about the conditions and requirements for running a child minding business, it was decided to express concern about the application for change of use of the house and garden to a child minding business (class 10) on the following grounds - running a commercial business in a residential area, the size of the operation and the potential for expansion. It was also agreed to speak to the case officer regarding the planning aspect of the application.    6.4 The following planning decisions had been made during the last month –  ***11 Victoria Road –*** formation of dormer and alteration to building - **refused**  ***Laverockbank, Abbotsford Road –*** extension to house, installation of vent pipe and erection of gate; demolition of fence – **granted**  ***6 Glasclune Gardens -*** alterations to house, installation of flue and formation of hardstanding – **granted**  ***1 Glasclune Gardens –*** alterations to house **– granted**  ***23 Dundas Avenue* –** extension to house **- granted** | CM  CM |
| **7 Treasurer’s Report** | 7.1. It was confirmed that during the last month the following payment had been made - £38 to Cllr Smith for taking the Minutes. |  |
| **8 Christmas Lights** | 8.1 The Chairman confirmed that £2,970 had been paid for new lights for one of the Quality Street trees from the NBT grant.  8.2 Cllr Watson commented that there had been a problem with some of the High Street lights when it rained, otherwise they had worked well.  8.3 The trees would remain lit till the end of January.  8.4 The remedial work to the tree at the entrance to the Lodge had still to be done and was dependent upon weather conditions. |  |
| **9 Transforming Services for Older People** | 9.1 There was to be a Communities meeting on 14th January in the Community Hall, East Lothian Community Hospital from 13.00-16.00. This would mark the beginning of the next phase of re-provisioning services currently provided at the Edington and Belhaven Hospitals and Abbey and Eskgreen Care Homes.  9.2 Cllr Evans had agreed to be NBCC’s representative at the meeting.  9.3 Cllr Northrop had invited Jane Ogden-Smith to meet with what had been called the re-provisioning group, a sub group of the Health and Wellbeing group. The name of the sub group would be changed in due course. | KE |
| **10 Reports from Groups & Societies** | 1. *Community Centre Management committee* – Cllr Gibson had agreed to replace Audrey Steel as NBCC’s representative. 2. *NBHS Parent Council* – Cllr Maher commented that she appeared to have dropped off the school’s mailing list as she had not been notified of any meetings recently. |  |
| **11 Correspondence** | The following communications had been received –   * Invitation to The Provost’s New Year Reception on Thursday 23rd January at 7.00 pm in the Brunton Hall. The Chairman agreed to attend. * Notice of East Lothian Foodbank AGM at 12.00 pm on 29th January in St Martin’s Church Hall, High Street, Tranent. * E-mail from a resident regarding parking on pavements. Cllr Smith commented that parking on pavements outside London is not illegal at present though people should use common sense when doing so. However, this was about to change as a Transport Bill was currently being presented in Holyrood. * Forth Estuary Forum newsletter [circulated]. * Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change programme update [circulated]. * Notice of the North Berwick Burns Club Supper at the Marine Hotel on 25th January. | JL  JL |
| **12 Any other competent business** | Cllr Watson had received concerns about the LED street lighting which created light and dark spots on pavements and potential risks of falling etc. It was suggested that Head of Infrastructure (Tom Reid) should be informed of these concerns. |  |
| **13 Date of Next Meeting** | Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Hope Rooms, Forth Street |  |