**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of the 526th Public Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 3rd March 2020**

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

**Present:**

Gordon Moodie – Vice Chairman, Kathryn Smith - Secretary, Christiane Maher – Treasurer, Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, Sue Northrop, and Ian Watson

**In attendance:**ELC Cllr Jeremy Findlay, 2 members of the public, local press (Emma Duncan)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | 1.1 In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Gordon Moodie, opened the meeting and welcomed all to the 526th meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Judy Lockhart, Ingrid Gibson & Kelly Evans, ELC Cllrs Jim Goodfellow & Jane Henderson, PCs Iain Paterson & Peter Bamford |  |
| **3 Army Cadets** | 3.1 Cllr Moodie welcomed Lt Lindsay Mauran, Training Officer for the whole of East Lothian and Sergeant Amanda Jack, local Platoon Commander.  3.2 They explained that the Army Cadets Force was a uniformed youth organisation for 12 to 18 year olds. They meet in the ACF Hut in Dunbar Road from 7.00 – 9.00 pm on Mondays and aim to develop personal and social skills. At present there are only 5 cadets attending regularly and they are looking to boost numbers with leaflets in the schools and by word of mouth. They try to give the young people qualifications before leaving.  3.3 They are funded by the MOD but also carryout fund raising to help with uniforms & boots and their summer camps. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Northrop and seconded by Cllr Macnair |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 ***3.3 North Berwick in Bloom:*** Dr Morris had been pleased to report that the ELC amenity team may be able to provide a tap in Quality Street.  5.2 ***5.1 AEDs:*** Cllr Evans had confirmed that she had ordered two batteries and pads for the defibrillators which were quite expensive. She intended speaking to the Rugby Club again to see if they would take over maintenance of their one. She suggested speaking to the fire station about taking over theirs as well.  5.3 ***5.3 Christmas Lights:*** The remedial work to the tree at the entrance to the Lodge had still to be done. Cllr Moodie confirmed that the fundraising crossword for the Christmas Lights had raised £184 and he thanked Elaine Smith for organising it.  5.4 ***13d FIDRA/Sustaining North Berwick:*** 400 trees donated by the Woodland Trust would be planted in the new Country Park and along the edge of the High School playing fields on Saturday 14th March from 10am till 1pm. | KE |
| **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 The date of the next CAPP meeting is scheduled for 4th March 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). |  |
| **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 comments were made –  ***6 Dundas Avenue –*** extension to house, formation of raised hardstanding and erection of wall  ***60A Forth Street –*** formation of (revision of previous application)  ***Tantallon Road (Barley Brae)* –** alterations to building as design changes to scheme of development re planning permission 17/00656/AMC (exterior of 5 business units)  ***14 Cromwell Road -***  alterations to flat and associated works  ***Land at Upper Kaimend, Hamilton Road -*** erection of one house and associated works  ***10 Clifford Road –*** formation of decking  ***Land northwest of Pointgarry –*** erection of steps with handrail (retro)  ***23 St Andrew Street –*** alterations, extension to house and formation of hardstanding area with steps ( re-submission)  ***Golf Course, Hamilton Road -*** erection of building for starter’s office/waiting area/toilet and associated works  ***Pointgarry House, 20c West Bay Road –*** alteration to house and formation of ramp/hardstanding area  ***100 High Street –*** display of advertisements  ***5 Marly Knowe, Windygates Road –*** alterations to building and installation of flue; re-roofing part of house  ***Leuchie Tantallon –*** variation of condition 1 of planning permission 19/00410/P to allow use of house as holiday accommodation  ***The Lorimers, Fidra Road –*** formation of hardstanding areas, erection of shed and greenhouse  7.3 There were no new applications which required detailed discussion.    7.4 The following planning decisions had been made during the last month –  ***4 St Baldred’s Crescent –*** extension to house and formation of decked area – **granted** on condition of obscured glazing  ***Williamstone Farm, Gasworks Lane* –** planning permission in principle for erection of 4 holiday let units – **granted** with several conditions including approval of further details  ***23 St Andrew Street –*** alterations, extension to house and formation of hardstanding area with steps - **withdrawn**  ***10 Links Road –*** alterations to house, formation of hardstanding areas, erection of shed, fencing and gate –**granted**  ***The Lobster Shack, The Harbour –*** siting of snack bar, erection of storage cage, canopy with seating area to be in position from November to March each year and repositioning of 2 benches – **granted** with 6 conditions including until 2022 & close by 8.00 pm  ***Gin Head –*** renewal of planning permission 14/0664/P to form 7 houses, garages & associated works – **granted** with 1 detailed conditions  ***Balgone Estate –*** formation of footpaths and erection of bridge (retro) – **granted**  ***13a Melbourne Road –*** demolition of gate, extension to flat and associated works – **granted** subject to paint for timber approval  ***3 Castleton Farm Cottages –*** erection of porch – **granted**  ***36 Forth Street –*** extension to house and formation of decking with screen – **granted** on condition that decking is not used until fencing is in place to shield neighbours  7.5 Cllr Maher questioned why time was being spent discussing planning applications when the Community Council’s comments were ignored by the planners. She highlighted 4 recent cases where this had happened. After discussion ELC Cllr Findlay commented that the local ELC Councillors could be asked by the Community Council to call off the list any application it wished to comment on. He explained that whilst the planning officials were bound by the LDP the Councillors had more leeway. |  |
| **8 Castleton Update** | Cllr Smith commented as follows -  8.1 The public meeting held in St Andrew Blackadder Church on Tuesday 18th February had been very well attended and was a great success.  8.2 The Community Council’s response had been submitted and was now on NBCC’s website.  8.3 9th March was the final deadline for responses on the Environment Impact Statement.  8.4 Congratulations and thanks were due to Cllr Maher for all her work in preparing the presentation for the public meeting and the Community Council’s response. |  |
| **9 Major Variation – Nisa Local** | 9.1 Cllr Smith reported that notice of a major variation of the license over 18-26 High Street to allow home deliveries of alcohol and to increase the alcohol display to accommodate the change in the layout of the shop prior to the launch of their refurbished store had been received. After consultation with colleagues it had been generally agreed to support the variation. |  |
| **10 Treasurer’s Report** | 10.1. It was confirmed that during the last month the following payments had been made payment - £38 to Cllr Smith for taking the Minutes; £50 to St Andrew Blackadder for hire of the Sanctuary for the public meeting; £114 to Zurich Insurance for the Community Council’s insurance cover; and £380.50 to ELC for the TRRO and related works in connection with the Christmas Lights switch-on. |  |
| **11 Charrette Implementation Group** | Cllr Maher commented as follows -  11.1 The public drop-in session held the previous week had not drawn a large attendance but there had been a positive response from the majority of those attending.  11.2 The trial period was expected to start April/May.  11.3 Picnic tables, a bicycle rack and flower tubs had been suggested for outside the police station but had not yet been agreed.  11.4 The next meeting of the Group would be on 11th March. | CM/WM |
| **12 Transforming Services for Older People** | 12.1 Cllr Northrop commented that Jane Ogden-Smith had been in touch to arrange a meeting later this month and confirmed she would attend wearing two hats viz Dementia Friendly and NBCC | SN |
| **13 Play park at Recreation Ground** | 13.1 Cllr Kelly had raised this issue but had commented that there was nothing further to report other than that the Law Residents’ Association was taking ownership of the project to improve the play park. |  |
| **14 Reports from Groups & Societies** | 1. *Resilience Plan:* Cllr Northrop commented that the updated plan had been sent to the Resilience Group and also the Health Centre, Day Centre and schools. This would now be a standing item on the Agenda for the foreseeable future. 2. *AELCC:* Cllr Lockhart had attended a recent meeting of the Association at which a number of topics were discussed. ConnectedCommunity Managers had been appointed to replace the role previously performed by Lilian Pryde. NBCC’s contact was now Sandra King, who would also receive the Community Council Minutes. 3. *Harbour Trust:* Cllr Macnaircommented that the work was progressing well at the harbour. 4. *Community Rail Partnership:* Cllr Maher reported that Harry Barker would be resigning as Chairman at the AGM. A query was raised about the Bus Forum as notice of meetings had not been received for some time. 5. *Town Plan:* Cllr Moodie commented that there would be a meeting the following week as to how North Berwick Trust would take forward the Plan. As NBCC had set up the plan it was felt that the Community Council should be leading. It was agreed that the Chairman of the Trust should meet with NBCC to discuss further. |  |
| **15 Correspondence** | The following communications had been received –   * Invitation to the Maritime Air Trust & CCMAA Service of Commemoration at the Scottish Seabird Centre on 3rd May – the Chairman had agreed to attend on behalf of NBCC * Invitation to the formal launch of the Scottish Seabird Centre Marine Festival and Discovery Experience in this Year of Coast and Waters on 25th March – Cllr Moodie had agreed to attend on behalf of NBCC * E-mail about road closures on Station Hill and Westgate during carriageway resurfacing works starting on 9th March |  |
| **16 Any other competent business** | 1. Cllr Macnair again raised the issue of the remedial works required to the Old Council Chambers. It was agreed to write formally requesting funding from the Common Good Fund so that the work could be carried out. 2. Cllr Macnair had met representatives from Scottish Water who were inspecting the ‘top hats’ on the sewage pipe on the West Beach. When he questioned them about what they would be doing about the exposure of the sewage pipe and erosion of the sea wall at Forth Street they were not interested. | KES |
| **17 Date of Next Meeting** | Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Hope Rooms, Forth Street |  |