**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of Zoom Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 2nd June 2020**

**Present:**

Judy Lockhart – Chairman, Gordon Moodie – Vice Chairman, Kathryn Smith – Secretary, Christiane Maher – Treasurer, Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, and Ian Watson

**Also present:** ELC Cllr Jim Goodfellow

**Apologies:** Sue Northrop,Kelly Evans & Ingrid Gibson

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all to the third Zoom meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the Zoom meetings on 7th April & 5th May, which had be circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Maher. |  |
| **3 Planning matters** | 3.1 The May planning applications were led by Cllr Maher.  3.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no comments were made –  ***13 Richardson Crescent –*** formation of dormers  ***55 High Street –*** alterations, extension to building and formation of dormer and balcony  ***2 Law Road (Law Cycles) –*** repainting of building  ***1 Kings Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** demolition of part of wall  ***1 Kings Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** erection of 3 flats and associated works  ***100 High Street (Baguette Bar) –*** installation of vent and painting of building  ***1 South Hamilton Road –*** erection of fencing and gate as design changes to the scheme of development subject of planning permission 18/00649/P  ***Tantallon Road (Barley Brae) –*** substitution of house type on plot 54 as changes to the scheme of development subject of planning permission 19/00474/P  ***19 St Andrew Street –*** alterations, extension to house  ***6 Green Apron Park –*** extension to house  ***Kennels to the west of Sheriffhall west gate, Congalton –*** alterations, extension to building to form 1 house, erection of garage and associated works  3.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***Tantallon Road (Barley Brae) –*** after discussion, in view of the shortage of bungalows in the town, it was agreed to object to the application to change the scheme of development to replace the bungalow on plot 58 with a 2 storey house.  ***Garden Ground of 51 St Baldred’s Road –*** after discussion it was agreed to object to the application for the erection of 1 house and associated works on the grounds of (a) overdevelopment of the site and (b) the unsuitability of the style of the building which is completely out of character with the buildings on the south side of St Baldred’s Road.  3.4 **Castleton –** ELC Cllr Goodfellow commented that amendments had been made to the planning application, principally reducing the height of the main building from 4 to 3 storeys, which he did not consider to be a material change. He confirmed the application would not be heard at the June planning meeting – it was likely to be the August meeting at the earliest - but he felt there should be another public meeting before then. He undertook to update on the position as soon as he heard anything further. |  |
| **4 Budget for 2020/21** | 4.1 The East Lothian Council Budget Allocation for 2020/21 had been confirmed as £970 for administration and £8,540 for the local priorities scheme.  4.2 The following proposed Budget for 2020/21 was discussed and agreed –  Zurich Insurance £114  Minutes Honorarium £456  ELYC donation for fireworks £500  Website maintenance and updates £500  Poppy wreaths £75  North Berwick Connect £3,000  Pilmar Smith Memorial £50  Zoom subscription £180  Key people ‘thank you’ £500  4.3 The Christmas Lights committee would be meeting shortly and it was agreed that an amount for approval would be proposed at the next meeting.  4.4 The Chairman commented that it was likely that funds would be required for a community event once it was safe to hold one.  4.5 Cllr Evans was to be asked to confirm the amount to be reserved for the AED pads etc.  4.6 As ELC Cllr Goodfellow confirmed that the public putting greens would not be opening any time soon the Centenary Calder Cup would be postponed till next year.  4.7 Due to the current restrictions the Raft Race would not be taking place this year.  4.8 The Chairman asked members to give some thought to ideas for spending. |  |
| **5 Postponement of Elections** | 5.1 The Chairman confirmed that the community council elections which were due to take place in October had been postponed till October 2021. She thanked everyone for agreeing to continue for the extra year.  5.2 It was agreed that the two vacancies should be advertised as soon as possible through the usual channels.  5.3 It was hoped that one or two members of the Resilience Group might be interested in joining |  |
| **6 Resilience Plan** | 3.1 Cllrs Lockhart gave an update on the Community Resilience Emergency Plan.   * It was hoped to stand down the Emergency Plan by the end of June. * As this was Volunteers Week the Chairman thanked all volunteers and the Resilience Group for all the work they have done and continue to carry out. * It was hoped to keep the Street Links going long term and also the Resilience websites, e-mail address, phone and Weelocals. * Recognising the efforts of about 10 key people was discussed and £500 was suggested to cover the cost of doing something. * Local projects like the Puffins and Send a Smile should continue. * How to develop a Community Assets Register for the future was to be discussed at a meeting the following week with North Berwick Trust, the Area Partnership and the surgery. * There were about 300 people on the Volunteer Database. They were to be asked if they wanted to remain on it. * One of the main projects was making masks. 27 had been delivered already to Astley House. * A grant of £3,000 had been received from Foundation Scotland ring fenced for the provision of ipads. To date 3 reconditioned ipads had been delivered to Astley House. * The Community Centre had provided 383 lunches, 52 kids’ lunches, 401 frozen meals and 339 kids’ activity packs. |  |
| **7 AOCB** | 7.1 ***Charrette Implementation Group*** – The Group had had an on-line meeting the previous week. A county wide survey on how to carry on post lockdown finished on 31st May. It was pointed out that the High Street could be a health hazard with the narrow pavements and social distancing. ELC would look at the problems and come up with an alternative proposal. It may mean a limited closure from Quality Street to Church Road. The Transport Department would make the final decision. To help local businesses in the event of outside tables being allowed in Phase 2, using the green beside St Andrew Blackadder Church for establishments such as Zanzibar, Cake & JP was discussed. ELC Cllr Goodfellow would follow up with the Church. Elcho Green & Anchor Green were also suggested as possible sites.  7.2 ***Public Toilets*** –ELC Cllr Goodfellow commented that the decision regarding opening public toilets was to be made by the Health Directive of the Scottish Government. Meanwhile, notices that there were no public toilets open in East Lothian were being put up. It was noted that the radar key for the disabled toilets in Quality Street was being used but they were in a bad state. ELC Cllr Goodfellow agreed to follow up.  7.3 ***Coastal car parks*** -The advice from Police Scotland is that, unless there are particular circumstances, car parks should remain closed.  7.3 ***Resilience Group*** – The Chairman confirmed that a grant of £2,500 had been received from STRIVE. The feedback from ELC was that they were very complimentary about the Community Council’s support of the Resilience Group.  7.4 ***Beach litter*** *–* An e-mail from a resident about the litter problem around the town had been received with the suggestion that a competition for a ‘Carry in, Carry home’ poster be instigated. It was agreed to investigate further.  7.5 The date of the next virtual meeting would be Tuesday 7th July at 7.30 pm. |  |