**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

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

**Tuesday 5th January 2021**

**Present:**

Judy Lockhart-Hunter – Chairman, Gordon Moodie – Vice Chairman, Kathryn Smith – Secretary, Christiane Maher – Treasurer, Mairi Benson, Kelly Evans, Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, and Ian Watson

**Also present:** ELC Cllrs Jeremy Findlay & Jim Goodfellow, Kirsty Towler, Doug Haig and Emma Duncan (local press)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming all to the tenth Zoom meeting of the Community Council.  |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllr Ingrid Gibson |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes**  | Adoption of the Minutes of the Zoom meeting on 1st December which had be circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Moodie and seconded by Cllr Macnair. |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 ***10.1 Area Partnership:*** The Chairman was pleased to confirm that that the grant of £1,047.44 for replacement Christmas lights had been approved by the Area Partnership (AP). This meant that all the grant applications to the AP, NBGC, SMT and NBT had been successful.4.2 ***12.1 Skate park:*** Cllr Evans had contact with someone with experience of skate parks who was interested in helping. It was agreed that he should be asked to submit a paper with his proposals and costings. A meeting would then be arranged with him.4.3 ***12.2 CCMT:*** A letter had been received from Barbara Clark thanking the Community Council for the tablets which would allow better use of the wifi system in the building.4.4 ***12.3 PC Paterson:*** Cllr Smith had written thanking PC Paterson for his service to the community. He would now, however, be remaining in post till the beginning of March.4.5 ***12.4 Safe route to school:*** Cllr Hamilton had received a letter from a resident in Glenburn Road objecting to the proposed ‘safe route to school’ behind Glenburn & Lochbridge Roads. There appeared to be a number of residents unhappy about the proposal. It was suggested that they should speak to the Area Partnership and Parent Council as it was not really a Community Council issue. It was noted that it would be a costly exercise to implement. |  |
| **5 Police Report** | 5.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.5.2 It was pleasing to note that there had been a reduction in youth anti social behaviour but disappointing that there had been an increase in shoplifting in the Co-op. |  |
| **6 Planning matters** | 6.1 The December 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 – ***Leuchie House*** – installation of lift***98D High Street*** – replacement windows***17 Green Apron Park*** – erection of porch, pergola & summerhouse (retro)***Tantallon Road*** – formation of vehicular access & associated works of Heugh Brae***125 High Street*** – alterations to building [replacement entrance door to Lucky House]***8 Hamilton Road*** – alterations, extensions to house, erection of store & associated works***65 Old Abbey Road*** – extension to house and erection of car port***10C Marine Parade*** – alterations to flat (retro)***62 Glenburn Road*** – formation of vehicular access and hardstanding area***99 High Street*** – painting of front of shop; display of advertisements***13 Couper Avenue*** – extension to house and formation of hardstanding area***25 Station Hill*** – alterations and extension to house***13 Cromwell Road-*** erection of garden room and formation of decked area***North Berwick Tennis Club*** – resurfacing of tennis courts 4-6 and installation of floodlighting***Troon, Dirleton Road*** – extension to house, widening of vehicular access, erection of gate and double garage and alterations etc***Shamba, Dirleton Road*** – extension to house***3 Heugh Steadings*** – erection of porch and formation of raised platform with steps7.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –***26 Victoria Road*** ***(Rocketeer)*** – after discussion it was agreed to object to the planning application for change of use of open space to outdoor seating for a servery/takeaway (class 3) for a temporary period of 3 years and formation of hardstanding areas because it would mean the loss of amenity space to a commercial venture in an iconic and historic part of the harbour area***5 Westerdunes Park*** – after discussion, although it was it was agreed that the proposal was out of character with the other buildings in the estate, it was decided not to comment on the planning application for the extension to the house and formation of balconies, roof terrace and hardstanding area***8 Westbay Road*** – after discussion it was decided to object to the planning application for the extension to the house, formation of balconies with balustrade and raised platform with wall and steps on the ground that the large glass areas, together with the cedar cladding on the top floor of the east elevation were totally out of character with a row of buildings that were not only part of the Conservation Area, but form an iconic seafront viewed by locals and visitors both from the beach and the golf course7.4 Decisions since last meeting –***Teviotdale, 3 Abbotsford Road:*** alterations & extension to building etc. – **withdrawn*****1 Stair Park:*** extension to house **- granted*****10A Couper Avenue:*** reroofing of house, formation of external stairs/steps with handrails & balcony with balustrade - **granted*****11 Victoria Road:*** formation of dormers – **refused*****18 Cromwell Road:*** internal alterations to building – **granted*****33 Gilbert Avenue:*** extension to house – **granted*****26 Forth Street:*** alterations to house, formation of dormer, erection of fence and formation of terraced area with balustrade & steps – **granted** with several conditions regarding neighbour’s privacy and character of Conservation Area***6A Clifford Road:*** alteration to flat – **refused*****Blinkbonny House, 26 Marmion Road:*** formation of vehicular access, hardstanding area, erection of gates & fence – **granted** with some detailed conditions***9 Glasclune Gardens:*** formation of raised platform with balustrade and external staircase with handrails – **granted** subject to installation of obscure screen |  |
| **7 Treasurer’s Report** | 7.1 The Treasurer confirmed that £5,000 had been paid to ELC for the benches.7.2 A payment of £1,047.44 had been received from ELC which she did not understand. It was suggested it was the AP grant for the Christmas lights. Doug Haig agreed to investigate. |  |
| **8 Area Partnership** | There were no other matters arising relating to the AP. |  |
| **9 Spaces for People** | 9.1 Peter Forsyth had agreed to increase the time limit in the Glebe car park to 4 hours. The Law Brae car park would remain at 60 minutes.9.2 The planters in the High Street would be removed once the charrette was implemented. |  |
| **10 Any other competent business** | 10.1 ***Speeding in Tantallon Road:***  Concern had been raised by residents in the Tantallon Road area about speeding in Tantallon Road. ELC Cllr Finlayson commented that ELC was aware of the situation and was looking into how it could be resolved.10.2 ***Road safety:*** Cllr Maher raised the issue of the sight line when turning right out of Lochbridge Road into Dunbar Road which was obscured by vehicles parked too close to the junction. It was understood that there was guidance in the Highway Code that vehicles should not park within 10 meters of a junction. It was agreed that she should write to Peter Forsyth requesting a double yellow line for the minimum distance required.10.3 ***82 High Street:*** Cllr Maher had just received notice that this application had been called in and would be considered by the planning committee on 12th January. As she was unable to attend Cllr Moodie volunteered.10.4 ***Resilience:*** Doug Haig confirmed that there were no plans to introduce shielding boxes during the current lockdown. The connected communities’ team would be providing food, toiletries and essential household goods to people finding themselves in difficult circumstances. Anyone requiring help should contact the Community Centre.10.5 ***Deputy SPoC:*** Cllr Benson had offered to be SPoC Cllr Watson’s deputy and this was agreed. |  |
| **11 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next (virtual) meeting would be Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.30 pm. |  |