**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

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

**Tuesday 2nd February 2021**

**Present:**

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

**Also present:** ELC Cllrs Jeremy Findlay & Jim Goodfellow, Kirsty Towler, Doug Haig, Ewan Stewart, Tony Thomas, Liz Norbury and Emma Duncan (local press)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the eleventh Zoom meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Mairi Benson, Nikki Ford & Ingrid Gibson |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the Zoom meeting on 5th January which had be circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Moodie. |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 - ***4.5 Safe route to school:*** It was understood that the Area Partnership was to take this forward. It was noted that a pelican crossing was being installed on Dunbar Road.  4.2 - 10.2 ***Road safety:*** Peter Forsyth had confirmed that double yellow lines on Dunbar Road at its junction with Lochbridge Road would be put on the list of TTROs.  4.3 - ***10.3 82 High Street:*** It was noted that the application to build a house behind 82 High Street had been refused. |  |
| **5 New Community Councillor** | 5.1 The Chairman reported that Nikki Ford had been interviewed and was pleased to join the Community Council.  5.2 Her appointment was proposed by Cllr Maher and seconded by Cllr Kelly. |  |
| **6 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 day trippers from Edinburgh were being ticketed for breaching Covid regulations.  5.3 It was disappointing to note that there had been an increased number of anti social noise complaints in Lochbridge Road and that there had been more shoplifting of liqueur from the Co-op in the High Street. |  |
| **7 Planning matters** | 7.1 The January 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 –  ***Land at Upper Kaimend –*** erection of one house and associated works  ***12 St Margaret’s Road –*** alterations to house  ***18 Cromwell Road [Marine Hotel] –*** internal alterations to building  ***29 Williamstone Court –*** erection of porch  ***Edradour, Strathearn Road –*** replacement of windows  ***19A Law Road –*** extension to house  ***5 Tantallon Terrace –*** demolition of wall/railing  7.3 The following new application was viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***The Chalet, Canty Bay –*** after a detailed discussion, although it was argued that the proposed extension was *inter alia* dominant and out of character with the other properties in the bay, it was decided, on the casting vote of the Chairman, not to comment on the planning application for the extension to the house and formation of a decked area with balustrade  7.4 Decisions since last meeting –  ***5 Westerdunes Park –*** extension to house, formation of balconies, roof terrace and hardstanding area – **withdrawn**  ***99 High Street –*** painting of front of shop; display of advertisements – **granted**  ***62 Glenburn Road –*** formation of vehicular access and hardstanding area - **granted**  ***125 High Street [Lucky House] –*** alterations to building – **granted**  ***65 Old Abbey Road –*** extension to house and erection of carport – **granted**  ***10C Marine Parade –*** alterations to flat (retro) – **granted**  ***Garden ground of 51 St Baldred’s Road –*** erection of one house and associated works – **refused**  ***41 Brodie Avenue –*** material changes to scheme of development of planning permission 18/01253/P – **granted**  ***Leuchie House –*** installation of lift – **granted**  ***3-5 Station Road*** – alterations to building to form one house – **granted**  ***Cedarwood, 8A Hamilton Road –*** alterations to house and formation of dormer – **granted** subject to obscure glazing in rear dormer  ***8 Creel Court –*** erection of bike shed – **granted**  ***26 Glenorchy Road –*** extension to house and part re-roofing – **granted**  ***83 Rhodes Park –*** erection of garden cabin – **granted**  ***48-52 Dunbar Road [Aldi] –*** variation to condition 1/2 of planning permission 14/00968/P & 14/00967 to extend Sunday opening times from 19.00 to 20.00 – **granted**  ***10 Dirleton Avenue –*** erection of summerhouse and shed – **granted**  ***Cotgreen, Dirleton Avenue –*** erection of gates and fencing – **withdrawn**  ***98D High Street –*** replacement widows **– granted** subject to astragals not being ‘planted on’  ***17 Green Apron Park –*** erection of porch, pergola and summerhouse (retro) – **granted**  7.5 ***Rocketeer –*** A High Street restaurateur expressed her concerns about the impact on other eating establishments in the town if permission was granted for additional outdoor seating on Anchor Green. She was pleased that the Community Council had objected. The applicant’s planning consultant commented that he understood that it was recommended for refusal unless taken off the list by the end of the week. |  |
| **8 Treasurer’s Report** | 8.1 The Treasurer confirmed that £38 had been paid to Cllr Smith for the Minutes.  8.2 The balance of £1,897.11 from gofundme for the Christmas lights had been received. The unspent balance of funding relating to Christmas Lights of £849.67 had been transferred to the Christmas Lights account. |  |
| **9 Area Partnership** | 9.1 Although Cllr Maher was happy to continue with On the Move she wanted to give up being the Community Council’s representative on the main group. This would be discussed further at the mid month business meeting.  9.2 Doug Haig announced that a new area plan was being drafted in the Spring and that Community Council representation was essential.  9.3 ELC had appointed someone to look at parking in North Berwick. It was agreed he should be invited to a meeting. |  |
| **10 Spaces for People** | 10.1 Although Peter Forsyth had agreed to increase the time limit in the Glebe car park to 4 hours the old signage was still in place. The Chairman would write to him. |  |
| **11 Skate Park** | 11.1 Cllr Evans had not heard back from her contact with details and costings though she understood he was still interested in being involved.  11.2 It was agreed that the skate park and pump track should be looked at together. An area should be defined and a group to take it forward established before looking at the finances. |  |
| **12 Any other competent business** | 12.1 ***Dog fouling –*** as a result of an increase in dog fouling in the new housing south of Grange Road, a resident had written asking for support in a request to ELC for more bins in the area. ELC Cllr Goodfellow pointed out that as the roads in that area had not yet been adopted it was the responsibility of the developers to provide bins.  12.2 ***Wild camping consultation –*** ELC Cllr Goodfellow commented that a paper would be coming to ELC on wild camping and encouraged the Community Council to participate in the consultation.  12.3 ***Community Centre consultation –*** Doug Haig announced that the Community Centre were looking to do a public consultation in the spring on what activities and services people would like to see happening at or from the Centre with particular emphasis on ascertaining what post Covid services or activities would be useful e.g. food bank, mental health initiatives etc.  12.4 ***Christmas lights -*** the Christmas Lights Committee had turned off the remaining tree lights at the end of January. Following a number of requests, it was decided by 4 votes to 3 with one abstention that 3 trees (Lochbridge Rd, Dirleton Rd and the Lodge) would continue to be lit until the end of February so as not to interfere with nesting birds. It was felt that although Christmas was over, the boost to morale was worthwhile. |  |
| **13 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next (virtual) meeting would be Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.30 pm. |  |