**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

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

**Tuesday 4th May 2021**

**Present:**

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

**Also present:** ELC Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Kirsty Towler, Jonathan Best & Brett Walker 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 fourteenth Zoom meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllr Kelly Evans **Absent:** CllrNikki Ford |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the Zoom meeting on 6th April which had be circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Moodie. |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 – ***4.1 Dog fouling:*** The Chairman still had received no response from Amenity Services*.* She would send a reminder.  4.2. – ***4.3 Beach wheelchairs:*** The Chairman had still to e-mail the Resilience Group volunteers.  4.3 – ***8.1 Provisional License:*** The provisional license for an online delivery service had been granted  4.4 - ***8.2 Occasional licenses:*** Despite 16 objections from members of the public, the three applications for occasional licenses for the Rocketeer had been granted based on no objections from the police, licensing standards officer and environmental health. The explanation given regarding the drinking in public spaces bylaw was that once a license had been granted for an outdoor area it became part of the licensed premises and subject to much tighter licensing controls regarding the sale and consumption of alcohol than those provided by the bylaw which is why bylaw provisions no longer apply to licensed areas. So far as enforcement of the planning decision against use of the site is concerned, a pattern of activity on the site would require to be noted.  4.5 – ***12.2* *Traffic speed in Dirleton Avenue:*** Cllr Maher reported that she had not heard back from the people dealing with the traffic lights who appeared to be dragging their feet as they did not understand the concept involved.  4.6 – ***13.2 Notice board survey:*** The Chairman thanked Jonathan Best for producing the comprehensive survey of the notice boards in the town. Unfortunately, after discussion, it had been decided that overseeing the replacement and maintenance of the boards was a big responsibility which the Community Council could not take on at the present time.  4.7 – ***Calder Cup:*** Cllr Smith reported that Enjoy Leisure was intending to have the putting greens back in operation this summer, the beginning of June being the aim. She felt that until the operating conditions were confirmed a decision on whether to hold the competition should be deferred. |  |
| **5 Police Report** | 5.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  5.2 It was noted that PC Dougie Kerr would be taking up the community post early in May with PC Marco Crolla joining him shortly thereafter. |  |
| **6 Planning matters** | 6.1 The April 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 –  ***5 Marine Parade –*** replacement windows as changes to scheme of development of 17/00469/P  ***5a Tantallon Terrace –*** alterations to flat and formation of first floor balcony with balustrades  ***1 Kings Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** erection of 4 flats and associated works  ***1 Kings Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** demolition of part of wall  ***22 Lord President Road –*** replacement roof for conservatory  ***2 Melbourne Road –*** alterations to house  ***13 Market Place –*** repainting frontage and part change of use of building (class 1) to beauty salon (class 2)  ***The Bothy, Williamstone Farm Steading –*** erection of garage  ***4 Marmion Road –*** alterations to house  ***2 Redside Farm Cottages –*** extension to building, formation of hard standing area and erection of retaining wall  ***4 Dirleton Avenue –*** repainting of door, installation of lighting, flue, alarm box and cameras (retro)  ***Windygates, Windygates Road –*** alteration to building  6.3 Miscellaneous  (a) **Certificate of lawfulness** for erection of porch and installation of windows, *3 Heugh Steadings* – already granted  (b) **Certificate of lawfulness** for existing use as short stay let accommodation, *Flat 4, Tusculum, Links Road*  (c) **Notice of Review** against decision to refuse application for erection of house in garden of *51 St Baldred’s Road*. Local Review Body would meet on 17th June.  6.4 Decisions since last meeting –  ***22 Fidra Road –*** alteration and extension to house - **granted**  ***7 Ware Road –*** extension to house - **granted**  ***Inch Cottage, Dirleton Road –*** extension to house - **granted**  ***Manager’s Office, Dirleton Court –*** erection of 2 stores– **granted**  ***Tantallon Road* –** formation of vehicular access and associated works off Heugh Brae - **granted** with a few conditions for safety and trees  ***11 & 11A Beach Road –*** alterations, extension to flats, formation of first floor terrace, installation of external staircase and associated works – **granted** subject to obscure glazing  ***1 Ben Sayers Park –*** erection of double garage, fencing and gate -  **granted** |  |
| **7 Treasurer’s Report** | 7.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the only payment during the month had been £14.93 for the Zoom subscription.  7.2 The Secretary proposed that a donation of £500 be made to North Berwick in Bloom towards the cost of purchasing 100 new hanging baskets. This was agreed. |  |
| **8 Area Partnership** | 8.1 The Chairman and Cllr Moodie would be attending a virtual meeting on 10th May with the Area Partnership Chairman and representatives from Gullane & Area Community Council and Dunpender Community Council to review the standing orders, membership list and voting arrangements.  8.2 It was felt that Community Councils should have a larger representation as elected bodies and that meetings tended to be dominated by a few with their own agendas. |  |
| **9 Spaces for People** | 9.1 Concern was expressed that the cones were disappearing in the High Street with the result that people were parking between the planters.  9.2 The pinch point outside Gregg’s had now gone.  9.3 The plans were being ignored. ELC kept saying that the charrette would be implemented soon so there was no need to do anything in the meantime.  9.4 The white lines in Westgate needed to be repainted. |  |
| **10 Skate Park** | 10.1 Cllr Macnair commented that the plans were still being drafted and costed.  10.2 In response to Cllr Hamilton’s criticism of the project Cllr Macnair explained that the intention was to upgrade what was there so that it was more useable by all age groups without the need to apply for planning permission and incurring high costs.  10.3 It was suggested that the North Berwick Development Company could be used as the vehicle for any funding application. |  |
| **11 Correspondence** | The following correspondence had been received –   1. *An e-mail regarding potholes in Marine Parade* – the potholes in Tantallon Terrace had now been filled. 2. *An e-mail regarding blocking the disabled parking* *spaces at the SSC by ice-cream vans* – reported to ELC but, although they would monitor the situation, a solution to the problem was not likely this summer. 3. *An e-mail about the proposal to have parking on the Haddington Road site* 4. *A Facebook post about queuing at Alanda’s in Quality Street* |  |
| **12 Any other competent business** | 12.1 ***Common Good Fund*** – it was agreed that a request for funding to carry out the essential work to the Old Council Chambers should be made.  12.2 ***Red flags for safe swimming*** – as a result of a recent swimming incident it was suggested that red flags should be re-introduced in the harbour area as the map showing the no swimming zone produced by the Harbour Trust was being ignored. It was agreed to write to the RNLI group to ascertain if they would put up the flags.  12.3 ***Frank Bryant lorries* –** it was noted that Bryant lorries were speeding back and forth along St Baldred’s Road again. ELC Cllr Goodfellow agreed to investigate as no response had been received from ELC.  12.4 ***Snow shovels –*** Cllr Watson in his capacity as SPoC had taken delivery of 20 snow shovels and other snow clearing items. |  |
| **13 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next (virtual) meeting would be Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.30 pm. |  |