**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

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

**Tuesday 1st June 2021**

**Present:**

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

**Also present:** ELC Cllr Jeremy Finlay, Jackie Shuttleworth & Rory Steel (FBTS), Tony Thomas 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 fifteenth Zoom meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Ian Watson & Ingrid Gibson (late) and ELC Cllr Jim Goodfellow **Absent:** CllrsNikki Ford & Kelly Evans |  |
| **3 Fringe by the Sea - presentation** | The Chairman welcomed Rory Steel, Director of FBTS and Jackie Shuttleworth, General Manager who gave a presentation on their plans for this year’s Festival which would run from the 6th to 15th August.  Their theme was ‘open minds, open spaces, open arms – an uplifting, friendly and immersive experience’ with an increased focus on connecting communities through creativity by championing the power of the arts to heal and bring the best out of people.  There would be the usual line up of music, comedy and book events and also events for children.  Because of COVID restrictions there would be no Spiegeltent at the harbour and venues would be throughout the town. Situated in the Lodge would be the Belhaven Big Top which would be the venue for the main music events with a standing capacity of 1,000 and a curfew of 11.00 pm. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the Zoom meeting on 4th May which had be circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Macnair and seconded by Cllr Moodie. |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 – ***4.1 Dog fouling:*** The Chairman had received a response from Amenity Servicesto the effectthat they were not allowed to put in more bins without the factor’s approval and that in any event there were enough bins in the town. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the factor to discuss the matter.  5.2. – ***4.3 Beach wheelchairs:*** The Chairman had e-mailed the Resilience Group volunteers but as far as she was aware no-one had responded.  5.3 – ***4.5* *Traffic speed in Dirleton Avenue:*** There had been no further response from ELC.  5.4 – ***4.7 Calder Cup:*** Cllr Smith commented that there had been no further information from Enjoy Leisure about the opening of the putting greens, although it was understood this would be happening on 5th June. She would contact them to ascertain what the operating conditions would be so that a decision on whether or when to hold the competition would be made.  5.5 – ***7.2 North Berwick in Bloom:*** An e-mail from the Chairman of NBiB thanking the Community Council for its £500 donation towards the cost of the planters had been received.  5.6 – ***12.1 Common Good Fund:*** ELC Cllr Goodfellow had confirmed that the external work to the Old Council Chambers would be carried out in October. A separate application for the internal work would require to be submitted.  5.7 – ***Frank Bryant lorries:*** Neither of the developers to the east of the town had admitted responsibility for the speeding lorries but it was no longer a problem. | JLH  KES |
| **6 Police Report** | 6.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  6.2 It was noted that PC Dougie Kerr was now in the community post and that PC Marco Crolla would be joining him the following day. |  |
| **7 Planning matters** | 7.1 The May 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 –  ***Law Primary School –*** alterations to building  ***5a Dirleton Avenue –*** installation of roof window  ***1 Marmion Road –*** alterations to house  ***9 The Quadrant –*** alterations to building  ***9 Marly Green –*** extensions and part re-roofing of house  ***28 Rhodes Park –*** extension to house and formation of decked area – consent already granted [certificate of lawful development]  ***26 Forth Street –*** painting frontage of house  ***Balgone Dean, Kingston –*** erection of porch  ***Engine Cottage, Abbotsford Road –*** extension to house and car port and formation of hardstanding area  ***18 Marine Parade –*** replacement windows  7.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***27 High Street –*** after discussion it was agreed not to comment on the planning application for the change of use of shop (class 1) to office (class 2)  ***Land south of Anchor House, 1 Ware Road –*** after discussion it was agreed not to comment on the planning application for the erection of 1 house with home office and associated works  ***48-52 Dunbar Road*** – after discussion it was agreed to object to the application for variation of condition 1 of planning permission 20/01120/P to allow Aldi deliveries 7 days a week from 5.30 am instead of 7.00 am on the ground of unacceptable disturbance to neighbouring residents  ***Grounds of Chilliwack, Tantallon*** – after discussion it was agreed not to comment on the planning application to demolish the 85 year old timber cottage and to replace it with one holiday let unit and associated works although there were serious concerns about ground stability which were highlighted to ELC Cllr Finlay to investigate further  7.4 Decisions since last meeting –  ***13 Market Place –*** repainting frontage and part change of use of building (Class 1) to beauty salon ***(***Class2) ***–* granted**  ***2 Melbourne Road –*** alterations to house ***–* granted**  ***Meldorf, Dirleton Road –*** extension to house, formation of dormers and heightening of existing dormers – **granted**  ***22 Gilsland Grange –*** extension to house – **granted**  ***3 Teviotdale, Abbotsford Road –*** alterations to house and formation of 1st floor balcony with external staircase – **granted** subject to approval of colour  ***17 Law Road –*** widening of vehicular access, formation of dormer, decking, extension to house, erection of gates, fencing, pergola & reroofing parts of house – **granted**  ***Cotgreen, Dirleton Avenue –*** erection of gates and fencing – **granted** on condition of hand digging  ***59 Forth Street –*** alterations to house and formation of a third floor roof terrace with decking, balustrade and handrails – **granted** for internal alterations but not for roof terrace  ***18-26 High Street*** – display of advertisement – **drawings refused**  ***11 Lorne Lane –*** alterations to flat, including formation of 2nd floor terraced area with balustrade – **granted**  ***The Harbour Victoria Road –*** display ofadvertisements **– granted** for 5 years  ***12 Quality Street* –** change ofuse of rear grounds, parking area to form ancillary outdoor eating, seating, drinking areas etc. – **granted** with a 3 year limit, limited hours, & no music  ***1 King’s Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** erection of 4 flats and associated works – **withdrawn**  ***1 King’s Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** demolition ofpart of wall **- withdrawn** |  |
| **8 Treasurer’s Report** | 8.1 The Treasurer confirmed that £500 had been paid to NBiB as a donation to their hanging basket appeal and £900 for the latest edition of *Connect North Berwick.*  8.2 £9,671 had had been received from ELC being £8,690 from the Local Priorities Scheme Budget and £981 from the Administration Budget.  8.3 The budget for 2021/22 would be discussed at next month’s meeting. | CM |
| **9 Area Partnership** | 9.1 A brief update on the High Street elements of the charrette had been received from Graeme Brown.   1. The embargo on any non-essential public facing construction work was due to be lifted at the end of August. The Council’s engineering team had penciled in the works for the end of October. 2. A suitable construction programme would have to be agreed with the traders. 3. It was estimated that the works would involve approximately 4-6 days worth of traffic management and would cause some disruption to that area of the High Street. The work could be done over 2 weekends or over a week. 4. It was agreed that it would be better to have one focused effort to get it done as quickly as possible.   9.2 It was believed that the main pinch point for pedestrian safety was outside Greggs and that the planters and cones were not resolving the problem. It was agreed that ELC should look at this area again.  9.3 Complaints had been received from residents regarding the impact of the one way system on Law Brae on traffic flow in neighbouring streets. Cllr Macnair had raised the matter on a number of occasions at On the Move meetings and had suggested introducing a one way system in St Margaret’s Road and St Andrew’s Street to encourage vehicles to take the loop rather than the short cut through areas which are tight with on street parking but there had been no positive response to date. It was agreed that ELC should continue to be pursued on this point.  9.4 The Chairman would write to Graeme Brown on those 3 points. | JLH |
| **10 Spaces for People** | There was nothing further to report. |  |
| **11 Skate Park** | 11.1 There was no update on the skate park.  11.2 Progress seemed to be being made with the pump track with sites on NBT land or the Recreation Park being identified.  11.3 It was noted that no approach had been made to NBT.  11.4 It was agreed to invite Stephen Wands to give a presentation on the proposed plans at the mid month business meeting. |  |
| **12 Correspondence** | The following correspondence had been received –   1. *An e-mail of thanks from the Coastal Communities Museum Trust for the permanent loan of the WW1 & WW2 Books of Remembrance.* 2. *Notice of Review of the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the Rocketeer to use open space on Anchor Green.* 3. *An e-mail regarding tables on the pavement outside Zanzibar causing an obstruction – referred to police to investigate.* 4. *An e-mail about the issuing of parking tickets – referred to Graeme Brown.* |  |
| **13 Any other competent business** | **13.1 *Leuchie House’s The Big Hare Trail –*** it was agreed to donate £300 to the Business Association to sponsor 2 hares. |  |
| **14 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next (virtual) meeting would be Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30 pm. |  |