**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

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

**Tuesday 3rd August 2021**

**Present:**

Judy Lockhart-Hunter (Chairman), Gordon Moodie (Vice Chairman), Kathryn Smith (Secretary), Christiane Maher (Treasurer), Marie Benson, Ingrid Gibson, Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair and Ian Watson

**Also present:** ELC Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Kirsty Towler, Katie McLellan, Richard Rogers & Fiona Taylor 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 seventeenth Zoom meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Nikki Ford & Kelly Evans (late) |  |
| **3 Bass Rock Community Group** | 3.1 Richard Rogers and Fiona Taylor gave a presentation on this new group, a satellite of the Rotary Global Hub, supporting the local community and working on local community projects.  3.2 It was born out of the Resilience Group in October last year and is a group of individuals and families who want to put something back into the community but have limited time to do so.  3.3 Its aim was to make Rotary active, attractive, affordable and fun.  3.4 It has been involved with a variety of projects including the Lime Grove Community Garden, litter picks, cleaning and varnishing benches at the harbour and cleaning and painting benches and planters in the Lodge grounds.  3.5 Its next big project between 3rd and 10th October will be ‘Window Wanderland’. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the Zoom meeting on 6th July which had be circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Macnair and seconded by Cllr Moodie. |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 – ***3 Fringe by the Sea:*** An amended TTRO for no parking on the north side of St Baldred’s Road had been issued. No parking in front of the Edington had been removed after a complaint. The Edington apparently had not been informed about what was happening. ELC Cllr Goodfellow suggested that feedback be sent to SAG with a request that they ensure sufficient community consultation takes place in the future.  5.2 - ***4.1 Dog fouling:*** There was nothing further to report.  5.3 –***5.3 Rocketeer:*** Stirling Stewart was still putting out chairs for people to use though the tables had been removed. The Chairman would write to the planning department about this.  5.4 – ***13.3 Camper vans:*** Nothing had been done yet though ELC was hoping to paint double yellow lines on Tantallon Terrace to ease the flow of traffic.  5.5 – ***14.2 Temporary car park:*** The planned temporary car park had to be abandoned because it would have had to be marshaled the whole time and this was not feasible.  5.6 – ***14.4 Bins at Harbour:*** The Chairman had written to Landscape & Countryside regarding the efficient emptying of the bins in the harbour area. | JLH |
| **6 Police Report** | 6.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  6.2 Further enquiries would be made about where the large crowd of young people who had gathered on the beach, as reported last month, had come from. |  |
| **7 Planning matters** | 7.1 The July 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 –  ***3a Baldersone’s Wynd –*** alterations to flat, formation of decked area, erection of handrails & side screen (part retro)  ***13 Market Place –*** display of advertisements  ***1 Balfour Street –*** erection of summer house  ***Marly Lodge, Windygates Road –*** alterations to building  ***Sandbanks, 4 Westerdunes Park –*** erection of home office building, landscaping works, formation of balustrade and erection of flue as design changes to scheme of development (18/01074/P) (retro)  ***17 Moffat Place –*** erection of garden room and fence  ***24 Victoria Road –*** installation of satellite dish  ***1 Westgate Court –*** installation of gas meter box, pipe work and flue  ***Fidra Cottage, 17 Westerdunes Park –*** extension to house  ***65 Old Abbey Road –*** installation of windows as change to scheme of development (20/01279)  ***North Berwick Delivery Office, 2 Westgate –*** installation of doors and painting of building  7.3 Decisions since last meeting –  ***The Bothy, Gasworks Lane –*** erection of garage**– granted** with condition to replant  ***4 Dirleton Avenue –*** repainting of door, installation of lighting, flue, alarm box and cameras (retro) – **granted**  ***41 High Street –*** display of advertisements (retro) – **granted**  ***Land south of Anchor House, 1 Ware Road –*** erection of 1 house with home office and associated works – **granted** with conditions  ***9 Marly Green –*** extension and part re-roofing of house – **granted**  ***13 Rhodes Cottages -*** repainting of door – **granted**  ***26 Forth Street –*** painting of frontage of house – **granted**  ***40 Keppel Road –*** extension to house – **granted**  ***Flat 3 8 Quality Street-*** installation of gas pipe – **granted**  ***1 Kings Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** erection of 3 flats and associated works – **withdrawn**  **It was noted that the deadline for any further appeal against the Castleton development had passed. The matter was now at an end.** |  |
| **8 Treasurer’s Report** | 8.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the following payments had been made during the month - £14.39 for Zoom subscription; and £27.16 to Scottish Power for store at 43 Melbourne Place.  8.2 The Treasurer presented the budget for 2021/22 which is attached to these Minutes.  8.3 She explained that the carry forward figure included the balance of the resilience fund amounting to £4,181.05 and projects for that purpose would require to be identified.  8.4 The budget was unanimously approved. |  |
| **9 Area Partnership** | 9.1 The proposed meeting regarding the allocation of votes at meetings had not yet taken place.  9.2 In the meantime Doug Haig had suggested an informal chat with the Chairman. |  |
| **10 Spaces for People** | 10.1 The final plans had not yet been received.  10.2 It was noted that the proposal in the new Highway Code of giving the right of way to pedestrians and cyclists at junctions was an accident waiting to happen. |  |
| **11 Skate Park** | 11.1 There was nothing further to report. |  |
| **12 Correspondence** | The following correspondence had been received –   1. A number of e-mails had been received regarding litter, including one from Kylie Reid of Egg, a platform for women and good, who would love to further engagement with the community about protecting the environment. It was agreed to invite her to our next meeting. In the meantime her contact details would be sent to Richard Rogers. 2. A number of e-mails had been received regarding the disgusting state of the public toilets. Apparently ELC was short of staff but that was unacceptable. 3. An e-mail had been received from Craig Hoy MSP requesting the Community Council’s nomination for a local hero who would be invited to the opening of the next session of the Scottish Parliament. It was unanimously agreed to put forward Sue Northrop’s name. |  |
| **13 Any other competent business** | **13.1 *Spaces for People* –** An invitation to a Future of Transport Webinar on Creating Better Streets had been received but no-one was interested in attending.  **13.2 *Renewing white line –*** Cllr Macnair asked that ELC (Keith Scott) renew the faded white lines in the town.  **13.3 *Lodge gate -*** It was noted that the chain on the gate from the Lodge onto Dunbar Road pending repair of the automatic closing mechanism had been removed. It was agreed that a barrier on the pavement to prevent children running out on to the road was required. |  |
| **14 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next (virtual) meeting would be Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30 pm. |  |