**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held in the North Berwick Rugby Club at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 2nd November 2021**

**Present:**

Judy Lockhart-Hunter (Chairman), Kathryn Smith (Secretary), Christiane Maher (Treasurer), Nikki Ford, Peter Hamilton, George Johnstone, Carol McFarlane, Bill Macnair and Ian Watson

**Also present:** Jackie Shuttleworth (Fringe by the Sea)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the first face to face meeting of the Community Council since March 2020. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllr Gordon Moodie, ELC Cllrs Jeremy Findlay & Jim Goodfellow, Mairi Benson, Rory Steel and the Courier |  |
| **3 Fringe by the Sea** | Jackie Shuttleworth gave an update on the success of the 2021 event and initial thinking on the 2022 event.  3.1 Success of 2021 –   * 200+ events had been spread throughout the town including Art Club artist in residence, Storm, and Makers Market; * there had been a schools competition to design the cover of the programme; * approximately £3,000 had been raised for local charities; * there had been 39,000 visitors over 100% increase with a high visitor satisfaction; * there had been a £3m financial benefit to East Lothian; * points to be considered – accessibility, noise impact, reducing waste, parking & transport.   3.2 Initial thinking for 2022   * the proposed date of next year’s event was 5th to 14th August; * a meeting with ELC was due to take place on 10th November; * funding and sponsorship was to be sourced to secure the future of the festival; * delivery had to be responsible, including proper monitoring of sound from musical events; * a diverse and inclusive programme was being planned. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the Zoom meetings held on 5th and 19th October, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Macnair and seconded by Cllr Hamilton. |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 – ***4.2/5.1*** – ***Edington Cottage Hospital:*** The Campaign Commissioning Group and the Steering Group were continuing to press for answers about the re-instatement of services. There would be a Rally in the Lodge grounds at 12 noon on Sunday 7th November. |  |
| **6 Election of Office bearers** | 6.1 As Cllr Moodie was still in hospital it was agreed to leave the position of Vice chairman vacant in the meantime.  6.2 Cllr Maher indicated that she was willing to continue as Treasurer. Her election was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Watson.  6.3 As Mairi Benson was now back in North Berwick it was unanimously agreed to re-elect her to the Community Council. |  |
| **7 Police Report** | 7.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  7.2 It was noted that the community police officers would be at COP26 till 20th November.  7.3 It was felt that the community warden should be more pro-active given the rise in vandalism and anti social behaviour in the town. |  |
| **8 Planning matters** | 8.1 The October planning applications were led by Cllr Maher.  8.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no comments were made –  ***Seaworthy Cottage, 1a Tantallon Terrace –*** replacement windows  ***16 Glasclune Gardens –*** replacement doors  ***40 Lime Grove –*** erection of summerhouse, fencing, trellis, arbour, formation of decking & steps (part retrospective)  ***Land south of Rhodes Holdings –*** extension and conversion of existing buildings to form holiday let accommodation and associated works  ***Whitecross Cottage, 57 Forth Street –*** alterations to house, erection of stores and heightening of wall with fencing  8.3 Decisions since last meeting –  ***3a Balderstone’s Wynd –*** alterations to flat, formation of decked area, erection of handrails and side screen (part retro) – **granted**  ***42 Moffat Place –*** erection of flue (retro) – **granted**  ***18-26 High Street –*** installation of ATM machine (retro); display of advertisement (retro) – **granted** for 5 years  ***49 St Baldred’s Road –*** 1st floor extensions and formation of dormer – **granted**  ***14 Sainthill Court –*** formation of access stair anddoor **– granted**  ***59 Westgate* –** extension to flat **– granted**  ***9a Marmion Road* –** extension to flat **– granted**  ***4 Stair Park* –** extension to house andheighteningof fence **– granted**  ***9 East Road* –** alterations and extension toflat **– granted**  ***Ryvra, 3 Fidra Road* –** erection of garden building for ancillary residential accommodation **– granted** on condition that it is ancillary |  |
| **9 Treasurer’s Report** | 9.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the following payments had been made during the month - £14.39 for Zoom subscription, £74.80 for 2 poppy wreaths, half of which would be recovered from the East Lothian Lieutenancy, £57.64 for materials for the yarn bomb, £25.85 for materials for the telephone exchange cabin, and £39.95 for the baby gift. |  |
| **10 Area Partnership/ Spaces for People** | 10.1 It was noted that the proposals for the east of the High Street had been postponed till February due to problems with delivery of materials  10.2 It was pointed out that the Spaces for People measures were temporary and had now expired. The planters and the parking restrictions really should be removed in the meantime but it was felt that the temporary measures would become more permanent in the next stage of the process. |  |
| **11 Remembrance Sunday** | 11.1 The Secretary confirmed that arrangements were well in hand but more stewards were needed as 2 extra were required to walk with the Parade. It was hoped that the Bass Rock Community Group would be able to help.  11.2 Contact details of all those attending for track & trace purposes was required.  11.3 The Chairman agreed to read one of the lessons. |  |
| **12 Correspondence** | The following correspondence had been received –  12.1 ***North Berwick in Bloom:*** an e-mail had been received about the state of the loading outside the police station. It was agreed to take the matter up with Greggs and the police.  12.2 ***Haddington Road sign:*** an e-mail had been received about the poor condition of the old town sign on the Haddington Road entrance to the town. It was agreed to ask Signman to look at it and the other 2 old signs to see what could be done to improve their appearance.  12.3 ***Graffiti:*** an e-mail had been received from a visitor about the increase in graffiti in the town. This had been raised with ELC.  12.4 ***Safe road to school:*** an e-mail had been received expressing concerns about road safety around Law Primary. It was understood that North Berwick Trust was discussing installing a path from Farquharson Rest to the Old Haddington Road.  12.5 ***Boundary Commission proposals:*** the proposals for the Westminster boundary had been circulated. The only comment to be made was naming the constituency East Lothian Coastal when it stretches to the Lammermuirs. |  |
| **13 Any other competent business** | 13.1 ***NBGC Community Fund***: In the absence of Cllr Moodie it was agreed that Cllr Smith should take his place at the forthcoming meeting to consider grant applications.  13.2 ***Stella Moffat Trust***: Members were reminded that there would be a meeting of the Trust the following evening to consider grant applications. |  |
| **14 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next meeting at NBRFC would be on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30 pm when hopefully there would also be a virtual option. |  |