**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

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

**Tuesday 4th January 2022**

**Present:**

Judy Lockhart-Hunter (Chairman), Gordon Moodie (Vice chairman), Kathryn Smith (Secretary), Christiane Maher (Treasurer), Peter Hamilton, Carol McFarlane, Bill Macnair and Ian Watson

**Also present:** Paul Gillon & Brett Walker (On the Move)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the twenty second Zoom meeting of the Community Council and wished everyone a Happy New Year. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Nikki Ford, Bill Macnair & George Johnstone, Community Warden Donna Montgomery and Kirsty Towler (late) |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Moodie and seconded by Cllr Watson. |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 ***10.5 Shelter on Glasclune Path*** – No decision had been made yet but discussions were ongoing with planning as to what should be done about the shelter. |  |
| **5 Police Report** | 5.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  5.2 The hotel which had reported 2 thefts could not be named for data protection reasons.  5.3 The parking ticket numbers were not available for the last month.  5.4 Community warden, Donna Montgomery had intimated that she was being moved to Fa’side on 25th January and would be replaced by Leona Douglas. |  |
| **6 Planning matters** | 6.1 The December 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 –  ***23 Dundas Road –*** extension to house  ***31 Old Abbey Road –*** erection of antenna  ***The Doocot, Rockville –*** erection of garden room  ***8 Heugh Road –*** extension to house – design changes to planning permission 20/00017/P  ***7a Forth Street –*** replacement doors & erection of log store  ***8 Redside Farm Steadings, Whitekirk –*** alterations to house  6.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***Redside Farmhouse –*** after discussion it was agreed not to comment on the application for the erection of a conservatory, garage, outbuildings and change of use of part of the paddock to form new vehicular access.  ***8 Westbay Road –*** after discussion, although concern was expressed about the large glass frontage of the roof terrace and the colour of the window frames, it was agreed after a vote not to comment on the application for alterations and extension to the house with balcony and balustrade, formation of raised platform with wall and steps and erection of gate.  ***Castleton Farm –*** after discussion it was agreed not to comment on the application for change of use of agricultural land for siting of a storage container to be used for a bakery (class 4), farm offices, formation of car parking area and associated works ( part retrospective).    ***4 Rhodes Cottages, Lime Grove –*** after discussion, although there was no objection to the application for the ground floor extension and alterations, it was agreed to object to the attic extension on the north side of the building on the ground that it was an overdevelopment of a small cottage in a row of other small cottages and would be a dominant feature.  6.4 Decisions since last meeting –  ***9 Marine Parade –*** widening of vehicular access and formation of hardstanding area – **granted**  ***17 Victoria Road –*** alterations and extensions to flat – **granted**  ***16 Glasclune Gardens -*** replacement doors - **granted**  ***2 Church Road –*** alterations and change of use of domestic garage to retail (Class 1) – **granted**  ***5 Abbey Crescent –*** re-slating of roof and erection of wall and screen– **granted**  ***11a Dirleton Avenue –*** installation of replacement widows and part re-roofing of building – **granted**  ***16 Glenburn Road –*** extension to house – **granted** |  |
| **7 Treasurer’s Report** | 7.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the following payments had been made during the month - £500 to the Friends of the Edington, being the agreed contribution towards the campaign commissioning group’s costs; £166.17 for AED materials; and £20 to NBRFC for room rent.  7.2 A payment of £3,500 had been received which was later identified as the Area Partnership grant towards the cost of the new town projector. |  |
| **8 Area Partnership/ Spaces for People** | 8.1 ***East end of High Street*:** As the methodology being developed for the footway widening was proving to be too problematic to install, mainly because of the very irregular existing footway and kerbs, ELC’s Graeme Brown had presented 2 options to the Community Council earlier for consideration – one reverting to pedestrianisation and the other the re-instatement of bollards. Although the suggested bollards looked rather ugly, option 2 was preferred, with the proviso that he tried to identify a more aesthetically pleasing style of bollard. No further information was available but the details were to be shared at the Area Partnership meeting on 25th January.  8.2 ***Haddington Road Traffic proposal:*** A parent of a child attending Law Primary (Paul Gillon) asked for the Community Council’s support in his request to the Area Partnership for consideration to be given for the installation of traffic calming measures on Haddington Road in the run up to and directly outside Law Primary. After discussion it was agreed to support his request and to write to the ELC’s Roads Officer to request that (a) as the current flashing lights were not working, they be replaced by new signs on the approach to the school from both the north and south with the south one being moved nearer the bend so that traffic coming round the corner was alerted that it was entering a school zone; (b) the speed re-active sign which had been moved from Dirleton Avenue to Lochbridge Road be relocated behind the 20 mph sign on Haddington Road; and (c) the two blocks of zig zag lines outside the school be joined up.  8.3 ***Potholes:*** Cllr Smith had counted around 30 potholes between the east end of the High Street and Westgate. There were also potholes forming on Dunbar Road at the junction with St Baldred’s Road. She would contact Keith Scott, ELC Roads Officer. | KES/JLH  KES |
| **9 Edington Cottage Hospital** | 9.1 The Campaign Commissioning Group had not met recently as no further information had been received.  9.2 The Steering Group had met with Calum Campbell, Chief Exec of NHS Lothian (CC) and Alison MacDonald, Chief Officer at East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership (AM). AM gave a presentation which has been posted in full on the NBCC Facebook page. The presentation contained the reopening criteria which the Steering Group agreed to discuss separately in detail. CC committed to communicating better with the Group. Monthly reviews would take place going forward with the Group receiving context thereafter. Another meeting may take place. The meeting was not without its challenges, NHS Lothian were focusing on bed numbers rather than taking into account the full range of benefits that the Edington provides. It was noted that there was a definite commitment for the hospital to be reopened 'as soon as it is clinically safe'.  9.3 The Steering Group was due to meet virtually the Health Secretary on 17th January.  9.4 The proposed carol singing with the Gospel Choir outside the Edington was cancelled due to the Omicron variant but it was hoped to re-arrange something with the choir later.  9.5 It had been suggested that the threat of legal action was a hindrance to negotiations with ELC and that mediation would be a better option. It was agreed to continue with the lawyers. |  |
| **10 Correspondence** | The following correspondence had been received –  10.1 An e-mail had been received from a resident suggesting creating signs across the seafront with information on who to contact when various birds and mammals needed help. It was agreed that the British Divers Marine Life Rescue should be contacted about this.  10.2 It had been reported that a group of ladies were experiencing difficulty in obtaining court times for their regular badminton games at the Community Centre as the school was being given priority. It was agreed that they should take up their complaint with Enjoy Leisure. | JLH |
| **11 Any other competent business** | 11.1 Further to item 8.2, it was agreed to support the request for the installation of a speed table on Haddington Road, subject to the bus companies’ agreement, at the next Area Partnership meeting. Apparently there was a precedent for this in Brodie Avenue, Dunbar. |  |
| **12 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next (virtual) meeting would be on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7.30 pm. |  |