**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

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

**Tuesday 7th December 2021**

**Present:**

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

**Also present:** Doug Haig, Brett Walker (On the Move), Kirsty Towler & ELC Cllr Jim Goodfellow

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the twenty first Zoom meeting of the Community Council. Unfortunately it had been necessary to revert to a virtual meeting because of further restrictions resulting from the new Omicron variant of Covid.  |  |
| **2 Apologies** | Cllrs Mairi Benson & Nikki Ford, Community Warden Donna Montgomery & Graeme Brown (ELC) |  |
| **3 Previous Minutes**  | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr McFarlane. |  |
| **4 Matters Arising** | 4.1 ***3.2 Fringe by the Sea:*** Information from the meetings with ELC was to be shared later. Cllr Macnair suggested any fee for holding the event in the Lodge should be ring fenced for the Lodge or North Berwick.4.2 ***5.1 Edington Cottage Hospital:*** *(a)*The review meeting would be taking place on 9th December. *(b)* The 3 MSPs had met with NHSL and ELHSCP who confirmed that there would be no consultation because of Covid emergency powers. They were asked for a monthly review. Despite repeated requests, the re-opening criteria was still awaited from NHSL though they had been told that money was not the issue and bed capacity was the concern. *(c)* After constant pressure Humza Yousaf, Health Secretary had finally given dates for a meeting but not until January. 17th January had been confirmed.*(d)* On 16th December there would be a candle lit vigil at 5.30 pm outside the Edington when the Gospel Choir would be performing,*(e)* On 20th December there was to be a Santa stunt outside the Edington which it was hoped would be taken up by the media.4.3 ***6.1 Election of Vice chairman:*** Cllr Moodie confirmed that he would be willing to continue as Vice chairman and this was unanimously agreed.4.4 ***11 Remembrance Sunday:*** Cllr Smith was pleased to report that everything had run smoothly on the day. She thanked Cllr Johnstone for acting as Chief Marshall and all those who had helped, including representatives from the Bass Rock Community Group.4.5 ***12.1 NBiB:*** ELC’sGraeme Brown had spoken to Greggs and there might be a way forward regarding removal of the bins. The police have also confirmed they would organise the cleaning of the windows and the painting of the door of the Police Station in January.4.6 ***12.4 Safe route to school:*** Further e-mails from concerned parents had been received. ELC’s Sustainable Transport Officer had confirmed that the Council was actively pursuing a range of actions. It had also been agreed that the speed re-active sign should be moved from Dirleton Avenue to Haddington Road with the speed calibrated to 20 mph. |  |
| **5 Police Report** | 5.1 This month’s police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.5.2 In response to the comment in the previous month’s Minutes about being more pro-active, the community warden had pointed out that she patrols the whole of the Coastal Ward and not just North Berwick so unless incidents are reported to her she is not always aware. She had been working closely with the High School and had delivered 2 assemblies on graffiti to S2-S6 pupils. She had also personally removed graffiti and reported more stubborn or large pieces to amenities. 5.3 ELC Cllr Henderson was looking into resuming CAPP meetings. |  |
| **6 Planning matters** | 6.1 The November 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 – ***1-6 Carlekemp, Abbotsford Road –*** alterations to building***16 Glenburn Road –*** extension to house***31 St Andrew Street –*** replacement windows and doors (retrospective)***1 Quadrant –*** replacement windows***11a Dirleton Avenue –*** installation of replacement windows and part re-roofing of building***10 Links Road –*** painting of window surrounds and re-pointing of stonework***13 St Baldred’s Crescent –*** formation of dormer to house, erection of summerhouse, fence, gate and garage/gym/workshop for domestic ancillary use with roof terrace***2 Church Road –*** alterations and change of use of domestic garage to retail (class 1)***5 Abbey Crescent –*** re-slating of roof and erection of wall and screen***7 Marmion Court –*** alterations and extension to house***9 Marine Parade –*** widening of vehicular access and formation of hardstanding***7 Forth Street –*** erection of shed (retrospective)***53 Lochbridge Road –*** formation of vehicular access and hardstanding area6.3 Decisions since last meeting –***40 Lime Grove –*** erection of summerhouse, fencing, trellis, arbour, formation of decking and steps (retro) – **granted*****1 Marmion Crescent –*** extension to house and formation of access ramp with covered porch – **granted*****28 Macnair Avenue -*** enlargement of balcony and erection of balustrade - **granted*****Dinghy Park by the Harbour, Victoria Road –*** erection of storage shed (class 6) for a temporary period of 5 years – **granted*****Land south of 4 Rhodes Holdings –*** erection of 1 house and associated works – **granted** with main condition that the holiday lets should be for only up to 28 days***9 Pattle Court –*** alteration to flat and formation of decked area – **granted*****51 St Baldred’s Road –*** extension to house – **granted*****14 Rhodes Cottages, Lime Grove –*** internal alterations, erection of door and formation of decking – **granted*****Redside Farmhouse –*** internal and external alterations to building, erection of conservatory, garage and outbuildings – **granted** subject to agreeing colours with Council***8 Fidra Court –*** erection of domestic fitness studio, walls, widening of vehicular access and formation of hardstanding – **granted*****1 Kings Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** erection of 4 flatsand associated works **– granted** with 25conditionsincluding tree protection***1 Kings Knoll, 24 Clifford Road –*** demolition of part of wall – **granted** subject to using the right stone***Whitecross Cottage, 57 Forth Street –*** alterations to house, erection of stores and heightening of wall with fencing – **granted*****3 Marmion Road –*** alterations to flat, widening of vehicular access, formation of hard standing areas, steps, erection of walls, garden stores, fencing, heightening of wall with fencing – **granted** subject to limits to fencing height and colour |  |
| **7 Treasurer’s Report** | 7.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the following payments had been made during the month - £14.39 for the Zoom subscription, 2 payments of £366.38 & £54.64 for electricity for the store, 2 payments of £38 to the Secretary for the Minutes, £20 to NBRFC for hire of the meeting room. £37.40 had been refunded by the Lieutenancy for their wreath. |  |
| **8 Area Partnership/ Spaces for People** | 8.1 It had been noted already that the proposals for the east of the High Street had been postponed till February due to problems with delivery of materials8.2 There now appeared to be a further issue with regard to the footpath widening and the difficulties ELC was facing in delivering this. It was a material issue but also an engineering problem given the existing kerb lines. Graeme Brown, who was unable to attend the meeting, was to pull together some thoughts on resolving the problem to send to NBCC.8.3 The funding set aside for this would be expiring soon which would mean that a re-think might be required.8.4 It was felt that there was a lack of wider communication and community engagement on the whole issue.8.5 Brett Walker (Chairman of On the Move) commented that although double yellow lines had been painted between the Glen Golf Clubhouse and the Scottish Water Station to prevent camper vans etc parking on the unmade pavement, the pavement was now water logging along its entire length and required to be resurfaced to an acceptable standard so that it could be used by pedestrians. The Chairman asked Mr Walker to take this up with Graeme Brown which he agreed to do.8.6 ELC Cllr Goodfellow confirmed that the external work on the Old Council Chambers had been agreed by the Common Good Fund and was scheduled for February in conjunction with the work on the east end of the High Street. Expenditure of £31,000 for the roof, guttering and external rending was to be approved at the Council meeting the following week. |  |
| **9 Correspondence** | The following correspondence had been received –9.1 An e-mail had been received from a visitor complaining about the St Andrew Blackadder clock chimes through the night. As a result, although the visit to the town had been enjoyed, she and her family would not be returning. |  |
| **10 Any other competent business** | 10.1 ***Queen’s Jubilee:*** An e-mail had been received from Insignia Ltd, who had been granted permission to produce the official Platinum Jubilee design, enquiring whether anything was planned to commemorate the Jubilee. It was agreed to give some thought to ideas.10.2 ***Treebilee:*** The Chairman had received the commemorative sapling and was considering a site for it with North Berwick in Bloom.10.3 ***Town projector:*** The Chairman was pleased to report that funding applications to the Area Partnership, Stella Moffat Trust and North Berwick Trust for the purchase of a projector had been successful and it was hoped would be in place shortly. ELC Goodfellow commented that provided any advertising did not exceed 28 days planning permission would not be required.10.4 ***AEDs:*** Cllr Hamilton confirmed that new batteries and the other essential equipment had been acquired and paid for.10.5 ***Shelter on Glasclune path:*** Cllr Macnair enquired whether anything was being done regarding the maintenance of the shelter which was in a poor state of repair. He felt because of its position it should be preserved. When this was discussed at an earlier meeting it had been agreed that ELC should be asked about its maintenance but there had been no response. It was agreed to contact Andrew Hogarth of ELC’s Landscape & Countryside again. |  |
| **11 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next (virtual) meeting would be on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7.30 pm. |  |