**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 1st November 2022**

**in the Community Centre, Law Road**

**Present:**  Judy Lockhart-Hunter (Chairman), Kathryn Smith (Secretary), Christiane Maher (Treasurer), Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, Ian Watson, George Johnstone (via zoom) Mairi Benson (via zoom), Jacq Cottrell, Kenny Miller & Don McKee

**Also present:** ELC Cllr Carol McFarlane, Gregor Millar (local press), Doug Haig, Hilary Smith, Jim Goodfellow and Kirsty Towler (part via zoom)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the third in person meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | ELC Cllrs Jeremy Findlay & Liz Allan |  |
| **3 East Lothian Climate Action Network** | Ian Malcolm, coordinator of ELCAN was unable to give his presentation but hoped to do so at next month’s meeting. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Macnair and seconded by Cllr Hamilton. |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 ***5.2*** ***Old North Berwick sign:*** A quote from Signman was still awaited.  5.2 ***5 Pumpkin Patch Nursery:*** Questions had still not been answered. The parents had thanked the Community Council for its support. It was noted that ELC had forbidden the Community Council from using its funds to support the parents but it was explained that the funds being offered were from the NBCC Resilience Fund which had been raised from other sources. |  |
| **6 New members** | 6.1 The Chairman was pleased to welcome 2 new members who were proposed and seconded as follows –  **Kenny Miller** proposed by Cllr Cottrell and seconded by Cllr Hamilton  **Don McKee** proposed by Cllr Cottrell and seconded by the Chairman. |  |
| **7 Police Report** | 7.1 This month’s short police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read. Apparently a more detailed report cannot be given for data protection reasons.  7.2 The first CAPP meeting since pre-Covid was held on 19th October. It was attended by Sgt Rhona Meikle and PC Natalie Dalziel who was starting as the new community police officer the following Monday. It was chaired by ELC Cllr Allan.  7.3 The 2 priorities for the police set at the meeting were (a) anti social behaviour and (b) speeding.  7.4 It was emphasised by the police that ASB incidents must be reported to the police by phone 101 (non urgent), 999 (if urgent), by the contact form on the Police Scotland website or by contacting the ELC ASB team on 01875 824 307 before any action can be taken.  7.5 There was an alarming report on Facebook of gangs of youths setting off fireworks and terrorising people in the High Street and surrounding areas the previous night.  7.6 Sgt Meikle was keen to reverse the one way system in Law Road but Cllr Macnair thought it more important to make St Margaret’s Road one way before an accident happens.  7.7 The next CAPP meeting would be on 7th December. |  |
| **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 –  ***11 Millar Gardens –*** erection of fences (retrospective) withdrawn  ***7 Kirk Ports -*** erection of fencing, gate, shed, summerhouse, change of use of open space to form vehicular access and hardstanding area  ***90e High Street –*** renewal of planning permission for extension to top floor flat for further 3 years  ***3a York Road –*** alterations to flat  ***Arngask House, 6b St Margaret’s Road –*** erection of fencing  ***14 Rhodes Cottages, Lime Grove –*** erection of garden room and formation of decked area (retrospective)  ***25 Balfour Street –*** replacement windows  ***6 Forth Street –*** replacement door (retrospective)  8.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***55 High Street –*** after discussion it was agreed not to comment on the planning application for replacement windows and door.  ***48-52 Dunbar Road –*** after discussion it wasagreed to object to the planning application to alter delivery hours from 7.00-23.00 to 5.30-23.00 Monday to Sunday because of the disturbance caused by the sound of the reversing bleepers and the refrigeration unit from the vehicles.  ***12 Glasclune Gardens –*** after discussion it was agreed not to comment on the planning application for replacement windows and doors.  ***Flat3, 8 Quality Street –*** after discussion it was agreed to object to the planning application for change of use of the flat to a short term holiday let (retrospective) on the ground that that flats in buildings with communal entrances are not suitable for holiday lets out of consideration for the neighbours.  8.4 Decisions since last meeting –  ***2 Bramerton Court, 27 Dirleton Avenue –*** replacement windows – **granted**  ***17a East Road –*** replacement glazing in windows - **granted**  ***9 Eeles Mound –*** extension to house - **granted**  ***Flat 2, Eastfield Court, Marine Parade –*** replacement windows - **granted**  ***3 Kirk Ports –*** erection of CCTV cameras (retrospective) - **granted**  ***1 York Road –*** widening of vehicular access, erection of gate and installation of garage door; demolition of gates (CAC) – **granted**  ***12 Clifford Road –*** extensions to house - **granted**  ***22 Macnair Avenue –*** extensions to house, formation of raised terrace with steps - **granted**  ***Puffin’s Nook, 63 Dirleton Avenue –*** demolition of wall and gate (CAC) - **granted**  ***53 & 51 Berriedale, Forth Street –*** alterations, change of use of holiday let unit to incorporate into existing flat and associated works - **granted**  ***Glenquicken, 3 West Bay Road –*** alterations to house, formation of hardstanding area, erection of solar panels, air source heat pump, fencing and gate – **granted subject to noise limit**  ***Puffin’s Nook, 63 Dirleton Avenue –*** alterations, extension to flat, formation of vehicular access and parking area – **granted** but it was noted that the application had changed from white render to stone matching house  ***Grounds of Chilliwack, Tantallon –*** erection of 1 holiday let unit and associated works - **granted**  ***23 St Andrew Street –*** alterations to house (part retrospective) – **granted**  ***5 Rhodes Holdings –*** extension to house – **granted** |  |
| **9 Treasurer’s Report** | 9.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the following payments had been made during the last month - £13 to Scottish Power for the store; £14.39 for Zoom; £324 to Tree Services; £69.80 for 2 wreaths; £38 for Minutes; £22 for gift for auditor. A refund of £13 had been received from Scottish Power. |  |
| **10 Area Partnership/ Spaces for People** | 10.1 The next meeting of the Area Partnership would be on 14th November.  10.2 The parking consultation was due to start on 2nd November and would run for 6 weeks until 13th December It would be widely advertised.  10.3 There would be public walk in events at the Community Centre on Thursday 24th November 1.00 pm – 8.00 pm and Saturday 26th November from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. |  |
| **11 Edington Cottage Hospital** | 11.1 The update given by Fiona Wilson, the new chief officer of NHS Lothian at the last mid month business meeting was not hopeful.  11.2 Palliative care locally was still a problem with 2 beds in the Abbey replacing the Edington's 9 beds. There was apparently potential for more palliative care beds to go into the new care home but it was understood that no discussions between NHS Lothian and the care home had taken place to date.  11.3 It was interesting to find out that, because of the services previously provided by the Edington, North Berwick was the only town without a minor injuries facility. |  |
| **12 Re-provisioning Group** | 12.1 There had been miscommunication regarding the Re- Provisioning meetings with NBCC inadvertently missing the invite. Cllr Benson would follow up to find out when the next meeting would be. |  |
| **13 Christmas Lights** | 13.1 It was confirmed that, for a variety of reasons, the Christmas Lights sub-committee had decided reluctantly that there would not be a major in-person switch-on ceremony. The switch-on would take place on Saturday 26th November at 4.30 pm. |  |
| **14 Remembrance Sunday** | 14.1 The Town Service would be held in Abbey Church at 10.30 on 13th November followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 12 noon. Sir Hew Dalrymple DL would be in attendance.  14.2 Preparations were well in hand though a few more stewards were required.  14.3 The Chairman agreed to read one of the lessons at the Church service. |  |
| **15**  **Correspondence** | The following correspondence had been received –  15.1 E-mail from a resident complaining about the clutter of bins at the corner of Market Place and Forth Street. ELC Cllr McFarlane agreed to investigate.  15.2 Message from a veteran and other veterans in the town, expressing disappointment at the state of the war memorial, noting that there was even grass growing on the top. Johnn Stevens at ELC had been asked to investigate.  15.3 E-mail from concerned resident about the state of the lettering on The County sign. The Chairman had spoken to Star Pubs, owners of The County who advised that they would have the lettering repaired and gutters cleared at the same time. |  |
| **16 Any other competent business** | 16.1 ***Old Council Chambers:*** Cllr Macnair asked when the refurbishment of the building was due to start and was advised by ELC Cllr McFarlane it was due to start the following day.    16.2 ***North Berwick Environment & Heritage Trust:*** Cllr Cottrell was considering becoming a Trustee. It was confirmed this would not be a problem. |  |
| **17 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next meeting would be on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30 pm. |  |