**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 7th March 2023**

**In the Community Centre, Law Road**

**Present:**  Kenny Miller (Chairman), Judy Lockhart-Hunter (Vice chairman), Kathryn Smith (Secretary), Christiane Maher (Treasurer), Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, Ian Watson, George Johnston (zoom), Marie Benson (zoom), Jacq Cottrell (zoom), Don McKee & Liz Martin

**Also present:** ELC Cllr Carol McFarlane, Doug Haig, Tetiana Hurn, Martin Brown (NBFC), and Gregor Millar (local press)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the fifth in person meeting of the Community Council. |  |
| **2 Apologies** | ELC Cllrs Jeremy Findlay & Liz Allan |  |
| **3. Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February, which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr McKee and seconded by Cllr Hamilton. |  |
| **4. Matters Arising** | 4.1 ***5.2*** ***Old North Berwick sign:*** This was in hand and further details were expected from the Signman shortly.  4.2 ***5.5 North Berwick Connect:*** Cllr Lockhart-Hunter confirmed that Local Life had quoted £1,400 + vat for a 9 pages spread per edition. She would enquire if the cost could be £1,400 inclusive of vat.  4.3 ***14 Big Belly Bins:*** Sustaining North Berwick had confirmed that they had now received all the required funds and ELC were about to order their 6 bins. The Community Council was thanked for its generous support of the project.  4.4 ***15.1 Glasclune Shelter:*** ELC had been informed by the Chairman that the building needed a new roof. Cllr Macnair had reported that the blocked gutters in the public toilets in Quality Street needed cleared. |  |
| **5 Police Report** | 5.1 This month’s abbreviated police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  5.2 It was understood that another community council had objected to the style of report now being produced and had been successful in having the previous form re-instated.  5.3 The CAPP meeting on 1st March had included a discussion about the amount of graffiti in the town. The community warden had taken this on board and as soon as any was identified it was being dealt with by ELC.  5.4 The current priorities were speeding near Aberlady PS, speeding in Gullane and graffiti.  5.5 The next CAPP meeting would be on 12th April. |  |
| **6 Planning matters** | 6.1 The February planning applications were led by the Cllr Maher.  6.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no comments were made –  ***Flat 10, 1 Station Road –*** replacement doors  ***Land south east of 35 Clifford Road –*** renewal of planning permission 20/00378/P for erection of 1 house etc  ***4 Glasclune Gardens –*** erection of summerhouse and hardstanding area  ***Seafield, 10 Forth Street –*** alterations and extension to flat, formation of second floor balcony  ***51-53 Forth Street*** – s42 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 01/00279/FUL – no more than 2 guests at a time and general request of no disturbance of neighbours  ***Marine Lodge, 21A Westgate –*** certificate of lawfulness for an existing use as short term holiday let  ***19 St Baldred’s Crescent –*** alterations, extension to house, formation of steps and balustrading and installation of flue  ***Gin Head, Tantallon –*** renewal of planning permission 18/01362/P for 7 houses  ***Grantchester House, 12A Strathearn Road –*** alterations to house  ***The Lodge, 1 Westerdunes Park –*** replacement windows  ***Scout Cottages, Tantallon –*** formation of dormers, replacement door and installation of window  6.3 The following new applications were viewed, discussed and commented on as follows –  ***3C Church Road –*** after discussion it was decided to object to the planning application for change of use of the flat to a short term holiday let as the policy in recent months had been to object where there was a common shared entrance to the building***.***  ***1 Glen House, Tantallon Terrace –*** after discussionit was agreed that whether or not to object to the planning application for change of use of the flat to a short term holiday let was dependent upon whether or not the access was shared which was not clear from the application.  It was agreed to enquire of ELC its policy on short term holiday lets.  ***Land northeast of 5 Rhodes Holdings –*** after discussion it was decided to object to the planning application for the erection of 1 house on the ground that it did not comply with development in the countryside policy.  6.4 Decisions since last meeting –  ***8 Melbourne Place –*** replacement window and doors - **granted**  ***56 High Street (Greggs) –*** change of use of shop (class 1) to café (class 3) and change of use of café (class 3) to shop (class 1) – **granted**  ***21 St Baldred’s Crescent –*** extension to house, installation of flue and erection of fencing – **granted**  ***118 Lochbridge Toad –*** extension to house – **granted**  ***56 High Street(Greggs [LBC]) –*** alterations to building – **granted**  ***12 Westgate –*** alterations, extension and subdivision of building and part change of use to form 2 class 2 units an a class 3 café – **granted**  ***Windie Edge, Abbotsford Road –*** alterations to house, formation of hard standing area, installation of canopy and balustrade **– granted**  ***Land at Castleton Farm, Tantallon*** – change of use of agricultural land, grass verge to dog walking facility, formation of vehicular access and associated works – **granted** |  |
| **7 Treasurer’s Report** | 7.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the following payments had been made during the last month - £13 to Scottish Power for the store which was then refunded; £38 for the Minutes; £151 for Zurich insurance premium; £140 & £105 for Vote Pedro; and £35 for retiral gift for Gordon Moodie.  7.2 A payment of £34.90 had been received from ELC in reimbursement for the poppy wreath for the Lord Lieutenant. |  |
| **8 Area Partnership/ Spaces for People** | 8.1 There was nothing to report. |  |
| **9 Local Place Plan**  **Development Plan Scheme** | 9.1 Cllrs Miller, McKee Cottrell & Martin had attended an on-line presentation of a free mapping tool. They had since met and signed up for this extremely useful facility.  9.2 Cllr McKee was still awaiting a response from Keith Dingwall about arranging a meeting.  9.3 North Berwick Trust was meeting that evening to decide whether to provide financial support. |  |
| **10 Edington Cottage Hospital** | 10.1 There was no further update.  10.2 ELC Cllr McFarlane would follow up with Paul McLennan MSP  10.3 There was to be a re-provisioning meeting the following Friday. |  |
| **11 East Lothian Community Benefit Plan** | 11.1 There was a meeting that evening to discuss what to do with the money if the plan proceeded. |  |
| **12 King’s Coronation** | 12.1 The North Berwick Gospel Choir and pipe band were proposing holding a concert on the harbour esplanade on Monday 8th May from 7.00-8.00 pm to celebrate the Coronation.  12.2 As public liability insurance was required, the Community Council would have to take ownership of the event and complete the necessary paperwork.  12.3 It was agreed to take ownership of the event. |  |
| **13 Mural – Tetiana Hurn** | 13.1 Tetiana Hurn had put forward another proposal for the north gable whereby the size of the mural had been reduced.  13.2 As the repositioning had been tested and there was now no overlapping with the projection, it was agreed to support the proposal. |  |
| **14 Beach footprint signs** | 14.1 It wasagreedthat the beach signs would require to be replaced as their condition had deteriorated.  14.2 Drem Timber could produce signs in marine ply at a cost of £48 each. It was agreed to purchase 8. |  |
| **15**  **Correspondence** | 15.1 ***12 Westgate –*** e-mail from Natalie & Christopher Pyrkosz thanking the Community Council for its help and support regarding the contentious planning application.  15.2 ***Skatepark –*** e-mail from Ruth Hunter Pepper reporting that £160,000 had been raised to rebuild the skatepark and thanking the Community Council for its support of the initiative and encouragement from the start. The work was due to start on 20th March and to be completed in 16 weeks.  15.3 ***Community Champion event –*** e-mail from Craig Hoy MSP who was looking for community champions in health, sport and wellbeing to join him for a reception in the Scottish Parliament to celebrate their work supporting the local community. |  |
| **16 Any other competent business** | 16.1 ***NBFC football pitch –*** Martin Brown, chairman of NBFC, raised his concerns about the Pilmar Smith Pavilion which provided changing room facilities adjacent to a full size grass pitch installed by ELC in 2018. The Pavilion was meant to open in August 2021 but was not fit for purpose for a number of reasons including issues with the toilets, fire doors not functioning properly and problems with the heating system which resulted in flooding over the Christmas period. Although some use of the pitch was allowed, with the growing number of children playing, £10,000 had been spent on hiring the 3G pitches. The building had also been vandalized. The Community Council agreed to write to ELC about the matter.  16.2 ***Defibrillators –*** There had been a couple of incidents in the High Street recently when it was alleged that the defibrillator was unregistered when someone had tried to use it. Cllr Hamilton commented he had been notified that it had been used and confirmed it was properly registered.  16.3 ***Photograph exhibition –*** The Chairman had been approached by John Fergie who wanted to do a photographic exhibition of the High Street as it was in June/July next year. He had also suggested putting large photos on gables but planning permission might be required for that. The Community Council was broadly agreeable to the project.  16.4 ***Youth Network representative –*** Cllr Cottrell commented that as meetings were held in the afternoon it was difficult for her to attend. Cllr Martin agreed to take over from her. |  |
| **17 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next meeting would be on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. |  |