**Royal Burgh of North Berwick Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held at 19.30 on**

**Tuesday 3rd June 2025**

**in the Community Centre, Law Road**

**Present:** Kenny Miller (Chairman), Kathryn Smith (Secretary), Christiane Maher (Treasurer), Peter Hamilton, Bill Macnair, Ian Watson (via zoom), and Jacq Cottrell (via zoom)

**Also present:** ELC Cllr Carol McFarlane, Doug Haig, Jim Goodfellow, Wilma Shaw and Steven Brown (local press)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **1 Welcome** | The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all to the 33rd in person meeting of the Community Council (since Covid). |  |
| **2 Apologies**    **Absent** | ELC Cllr Jeremy Findlay and Cllrs Don McKee, Julie Cetingez & Sally Egan  ELC Cllr Liz Allan |  |
| **3 Harbour Trust Association -presentation** | The presentation had been postponed till the August meeting. |  |
| **4 Previous Minutes** | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May which had been circulated previously, was proposed by Cllr Macnair and seconded by Cllr Maher |  |
| **5 Matters Arising** | 5.1 ***5.4 Glasclune Shelter –*** Cllr Macnair reported that the graffiti had been painted over. The shelter was dedicated to the veterans who would take care of its maintenance in future.  5.2 ***14.1 Beach footprint signs –*** The Chairman confirmed that 2 of the signs had been completed and the other 2 would be finished shortly. |  |
| **6 Police Report** | 6.1 This month’s abbreviated police report, which had been circulated beforehand, was taken as read.  6.2 At the CAPP meeting on 14th May Colin Boyd, the new community protection officer for the area was introduced. He was keen to attend a community council meeting.  6.3 PC Bath had confirmed that speed checks were being carried out at the primary school twice a week.  6.4 Apparently there were 4 volunteers in North Berwick setting up a Speed Watch in the town.  6.5 Shoplifting was set as a priority in view of the recent increase in the town.  6.6 The next CAPP meeting would be on 2nd July |  |
| **7 Planning matters** | 7.1 The May planning applications were led by Cllr Maher.  7.2 The following new applications had been viewed beforehand and, following a brief discussion, no comments were made –  ***55 Westgate*** – change of use of flat to short term holiday let (retro)  ***4 West Bay Road*** – demolition of gates, erection of fencing, gates, formation of hardstanding, seating areas, installation of railings & lighting  ***Carrick, Abbotsford Road*** – alterations, extension to house, formation of dormer window, 1st floor roof terrace, erection of garden room, and associated works  ***66 Gilbert Avenue*** – extension to house  ***6 Dunbar Road*** – formation of dormer  ***Flat 1, 12 Dirleton Avenue*** – change of use of flat to short term holiday let (retro)  ***Scottish Seabird Centre*** – installation of seawater heating pump system and associated works  ***Kingshill, 1B Bank Street*** – alterations, extension to house, formation of dormers, erection of greenhouse and associated works  ***21 Stair Park*** – extension to house  ***26 Glenorchy Road*** – alterations to roof, extension to house  ***33 Brodie Avenue*** – extensions to house, erection of fencing and gate  7.3 Decisions since last meeting –  ***Pointgarry Road –*** installation of parking meters – **withdrawn**  ***30B High Street –*** certificate of lawfulness for existing use short term holiday let – **granted**  ***Woodville, 17 Cromwell Road –*** change of use of care home(class 8) to form one house ***–* granted**  ***Links Lodge, Links Road*** – installation of solar panels – **granted**  ***2 Fidra Road –*** demolition of gate; widening of vehicular access, erection of gate and formation of hardstanding area – **granted**  ***Mizzentop, 9A Westerdunes Park*** – alterations, extension to house, erection of domestic workshop and formation of decking area - **granted**  ***10 Redholm, Greenheads Road*** – alterations to building; alterations to flat – **granted**  ***10A Balfour Street*** – alterations to flat – **granted**  ***Canty Bay House, Tantallon*** – change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden ground, erection of polytunnel and seating area - **granted**  ***1 Richardson Crescent*** – extensions to house and extensions to garage as ancillary residential accommodation – **granted**  ***16 Forth Street*** – alterations, 1st floor extension to house, formation of ramps with handrails and balustrading – **refused**  ***3 Castleton Farm Cottages*** – extensions to house, formation of first floor balcony with balustrading – **withdrawn**  ***Flat 3, 6 Cromwell Road*** – replacement windows and doors – **granted**  ***9 & 9A Marmion Road*** – alterations, heightening of roof and formation of roof terrace with balustrading to flats – **granted**  ***Land north of 5 Rhodes Holdings*** – conversion, extension, alteration and change of use of agricultural buildings/land to buildings for business (class 4) and non-residential institutions (class 10) and associated works – **granted**  ***Kingshill, 1B Bank Street*** – alterations, extensions to house, formation of dormers, erection of shed, greenhouse and associated works – **withdrawn**  ***15D Balfour Street*** – change of use of flat to short term holiday let (retrospective) – **refused**  ***Aldi 48-52 Dunbar Road*** – installation of air source heat pumps, refrigeration equipment and associated works – **granted**  ***Land north west of Haddington Road*** – construction of community park and pump track (wheeled sport facility), access paths and associated works – **granted**  ***5 York Road*** – alterations, extension to flat, formation of vehicular access, raised terrace, steps, erection of gates and piers – **granted**  ***Scottish Seabird Centre*** – installation of seawater heating pump system and associated works - **withdrawn** |  |
| **8 Treasurer’s Report** | 8.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the following payments had been made during the last month - £13 to Scottish Power for the store; £38 to the Secretary for the Minutes; £360 for marquee (Picnic in the Park); £250 to Cameron Phair (VE Day 80); £265 for bouncy castle (Picnic in the Park); £120 to Tall Hut for Q2 web maintenance and £5.25 bank charges  8.2 £671.91 had been received as a donation from the Photographic Society following its disbandment.  8.3 ELC’s budget allocation for 2025/26 had been received – Administration Budget - £964; Local Priorities Scheme - £8,363 making a total of £9,327 which was £218 less than last year.  8.4 The activation code to enable the Secretary to finalise registration for online banking with RBS was expected within the next few days. |  |
| **9 Parking Management Proposals** | 9.1 The Chairman commented that he had written to the new Chief Executive requesting a public hearing.  9.2 It was noted that the public consultations had opened in Dunbar and Haddington and robust public demonstrations against the proposals were planned. |  |
| **10 Health & Wellbeing Association** | 10.1 The next meeting would be on 10th June which Cllr Egan would attend. |  |
| **11 Picnic in the Park** | 11.1 The Chairman confirmed that all was set for the event though the weather did not look good.  11.2 Four charity stalls would be on site – Together in Health, North Berwick in Bloom, Volunteer Car Scheme and Beach Wheelchairs.  11.3 There would be a kids’ zone with games and a bouncy castle.  11.4 The Youth Project would be providing teas, coffee & cakes. A pizza van and Luca’s Ice-cream would also be on site. |  |
| **12 Correspondence** | 12.1 ***VE Day 80*** – the Lord Lieutenant had written to thank the Community Council for its excellent support of the historic and important event and to congratulate it on the very well-chosen programme for the evening.  12.2 ***Station CCTV –*** in light of recent thefts of bicycles from the station a resident had written expressing concern at the poor quality of the CCTV and asking if the Community Council could apply for funds for the installation of good CCTV covering the bike racks. It was agreed to refer the matter to the On the Move group to take up with ScotRail.  !2.3 ***Tesco Stronger Starts/blue token funding –*** an e-mail requesting applications to support activities for children and young people in the Oct-Dec customer vote had been received. It was agreed it was worthwhile considering for funding next year’s Picnic in the Park. Deadline for applications was 31st July. |  |
| **13 Any other competent business** | 13.1 ***Calder & Crawford Cups –*** the Secretary reported that the dates for this year’s event had been confirmed for 22nd & 24th July. She was pleased that George Johnstone had agreed to run the competitions again but the Community Council would require to organise the BBQ if it was decided to have one on Finals Night. Cllr Egan had indicated that should would be happy to help with that.  13.2 ***Bass Rock Group –*** the Chairman commented that the group had completed the repainting of the seats in the Lodge. It was agreed to write to thank them.  13.3 ***Council Chambers Clock*** – ELC had confirmed that the Common Good Fund application for funding for the repair of the clock was not necessary, as there was a mechanism for them to access the fund for the money and that they would be carrying out the repair work. |  |
| **14 Date of Next Meeting** | The date of the next meeting would be on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre |  |