

# North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

## Notes – Meeting of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 7-9pm at Gullane Recreation Hall, Gullane

### Meeting Chaired by:

Sue Northrop, North Berwick Community Centre (SN)

### Members (and substitute members) present

Sheila Sinclair, North Berwick Community Council (SS) (part)

Hilary Smith, North Berwick Community Council (HS)

Donald McDonald, Gullane Area Community Council (DM)

JF, Gullane Primary School Parent Council (JFe)

Niall Bradley, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (NB)

Ian Watson, North Berwick Area Children and Youth Network (IW)

Lesley Kay, North Berwick Area Children and Youth Network (LK) (Co-Chair)

Jeremy Findlay, Gullane Area Community Council (JF)

### Others in attendance

Stephanie Kerr, Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (SKerr)

Katie Nevans – Community Development Officer, East Lothian Council (KN)

Lauren Cowie, North Berwick Youth Project

Katie Boston Young Person,

Rachel Eadie Young Person,

Friend Vipanitchankan Young Person

Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
<b>1. Welcome</b>	<p>SN welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that it was a special meeting with the sole purpose of allocating the Area Partnerships budget to the short-term priorities identified through the 3 wishes exercise and prioritised at the Annual Public Meeting.</p> <p>SN noted that this meeting was not quorate and it was disappointing that members had not sent their apologies in advance of the meeting.</p>	The AP to discuss membership at the next meeting.
<b>2. Standing Orders</b>	<p>SK distributed paper copies of the standing orders and highlighted some key points which would be relevant to take the allocation of the budget forward, especially as the meeting was inquorate.</p> <p>These points are as follows:            Under 12.3 the number for quorum that has been agreed – 50% of members plus 1            Under 22 As the meeting was inquorate, the members would</p>	

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	<p>have to agree a method for confirming the decisions made at the meeting (see Taking the allocation of the budget forward". When a decision cannot be taken at a meeting members would be asked to agree to the proposed budget allocations by email and that the decision would be confirmed if the majority of members agreed.</p>	
<p><b>3. Annual public meeting review</b></p>	<p>SN asked what members thought about the annual public meeting.</p> <p>SS said that she felt that there was not enough opportunity at the APM for all those there to place their dots on each different subject. The young people present at the meeting stated that they felt they had been given the chance to contribute and that the pieces of paper had been brought to their table so it may have appeared like they didn't get the chance to participate but they did.</p> <p>DM raised the point that he didn't feel that the process for allocating the money was fair and it was agreed that there had been insufficient time within the Council-set timescale for us to discuss and agree an approach we could all agree with. We all agreed to build on this year's experience and our collective knowledge and skills to agree and deliver a better process next year.</p> <p>SS also mentioned that they felt the Community Council wasn't given enough information on the purpose or delivery of the 3 wishes exercise.</p>	
<p><b>4. Discussion on agreeing the priorities for allocating the budget</b></p>	<p>Members present discussed and agreed spending proposals. The key points from the discussion are detailed below.</p> <p>The members then went on to discuss the priorities listed on the Short Term high ranking priorities sheet.</p> <p>JF questioned why the traffic calming measures in Gullane hadn't been clearly identified on the priorities list and SK explained that it was noted under the traffic calming in Gullane but would specifically add it to the list for clarity.</p> <p>JF stated that he wasn't sure if allocating money to substance misuse services was a good use of the budget and that perhaps it set a precedent that the Area Partnership had a grant making function and that his understanding was this was not the purpose of the budget. NB stated that allocating</p>	

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	<p>money to projects like this meant that there might be annual re-occurring costs if the projects continued to need support. There was then discussion around how the projects may then be able to support themselves if they were successful because they could evidence their success to other funding bodies. It may also show that they offer good value for money at a local level. The group then had a similar discussion around the bursary scheme which again, like the issues around the substance misuse support project was discussed. Ultimately they were both agreed to be worthwhile project to allocate the partnership budget towards.</p> <p>The discussion then focussed on the seagull proof bins. SS explained that these were, although expensive, very efficient bins because they crushed the litter inside them and also notified the Council of when they needed emptied. They run on power generated through solar panels. The members did not reach agreement that these would be a good use of the partnership budget.</p> <p>The members then discussed the Art Centre Feasibility study and agreed that this could be a good use of the partnerships money as it allowed for a variety of other ventures to be set up and that it would benefit residents and tourists alike.</p> <p>The discussion then moved to the beach showers which was agreed to be explored as it might be that coastal car parking money could be used to fund these.</p>	<p>SKerr to add this to the priorities list</p> <p>Agreement not reached.</p> <p>S King to find out what the money raised from coastal car parking will be used on</p>
<p><b>Taking the projects forward</b></p>	<p>SN then proposed that partnership would establish working groups on the above themes to take forward planning required to take the projects forward. The sub groups will be made up of members from both the Partnership and the public.</p>	
<p><b>Taking the allocation of the budget forward</b></p>	<p>The members at the meeting agreed that the list of priorities should be circulated to the members who had not been able to attend the meeting to give them an opportunity to agree the list. If enough additional members agreed the list ie an equivalent number to a quorum, then action could be begun to implement priorities list.</p>	
<p><b>Items for discussion at the next meeting</b></p>	<p>At our next meeting we will discuss Membership and whether there are things we need to do about attendance.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any other items you would like to add to the agenda</p>	

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<b>Dates of next meetings</b>	<b>APM Tuesday 10th November , 7-9pm – Aberlady Primary School</b>	Please send any apologies to: <a href="mailto:nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>
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