

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Meeting Tuesday 20 November 2018, 7-9pm at Hope Rooms North Berwick

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Tom Drysdale, Gullane Area Community Council (TD)	
James Barbour, Gullane Area Community Council (JB)	
Sue Northrop, NB Community Council (SN)	
Ann Orr, Dirleton Village Association (AO)	
Lesley Kay, NB Area Children & Youth Network (LK)	
Simon Metzner, North Berwick District Assoc of Churches (SM)	
Tim Harding, Lime Grove TRA (TH)	
Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)	
Donald Hay, Aberlady Village Association (DH)	
Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JB)	
John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)	
Tillie Baird, NBC Health & Wellbeing Association (TB)	
Gordon Gray, Vice Chair (GG)	
Deborah Ritchie, NB Health & Wellbeing Association (DR)	
Cllr Jane Henderson, Elected member ELC (JH)	
Zoe Lovell, Law Primary School Parent Council/Bike ability	

Others in attendance:

Sandra King, Area Manager, East Lothian Council (SK)
 Elma Danks, North Berwick Day Centre
 Syl Caw, North Berwick Rotary
 Kirsten Murray, Bike Ability
 Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MMcN)
 Isabel Anderson, North Berwick Harbour Trust/First Responders

Apologies:

Laura Forrest, Sustaining North Berwick (LF)
 Nicky Fox, North Berwick Community Centre Management Committee (NF)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FOR THE ATTENTION OF
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies		
	HS welcomed everyone. Apologies received were noted.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meetings		
	Minutes from the meeting of 25 th September 2018 were accepted as correct	
3. Matters Arising		
	Christmas Displays/Villages – no response from Community Councils.	

	The memorial ceremony for Sheila Sinclair at North Berwick Station was well attended and very poignant.	
4. Draft Area Plan		
	<p>Feedback from members - A request to have the draft plan circulated in an A4 format. Stats for older people to show over 60s and over 80s and East Lothian average.</p> <p>High Street Footfall figure to be checked as this differs from figures shown in the Draft Town Centre Strategy.</p> <p>Discussion re-establishing measureable outcomes in the plan as the priorities allow for funding applications to include base line figures and outcomes. East Lothian Partnership priorities do not currently offer guidance on how communities can help meet these priorities as there is no base line or measurable outcomes. Evaluations from all the funded priorities need to measure outcomes in a meaningful way e.g. where we are now, the impact of the intervention and recommendations for the future. It was suggested that the IJB could provide user friendly data. SK to contact IJB for relevant data.</p> <p>Under 'Prosperous' add improvement to digital infrastructure to the plan e.g Wi-Fi on High Street, quality of mobile phone signal as many micro businesses can benefit through the digital economy. This links with the Economic Development Strategy – East Lothian aims to be the best connected place (transport and digital technology).</p> <p>Include the Carers Strategy in the tree diagram and within Health & Wellbeing Priorities.</p>	SK
5. North Berwick Town Plan / Town Centre Strategy Consultation / Communications		
	<p>North Berwick Plan. Over the last two years North Berwick Community Council (NBCC) has discussed the need to develop a Town Plan. This would be a document which would bring all the different strands of consultation and intelligence gathered together including the town centre Charrette. The Town Plan would be a 'go to' social document providing a sense of place, identity including future aspirations. A brief outlining what is required is being prepared. It will be important to work together with the NBC Area Partnership to develop the Town Plan. IA suggested that helping to integrate new residents to North Berwick would be an important element as the town is changing at such a rate. Just getting to know the number of new street names in the local developments is difficult as many are not yet on the map. It was felt that communication with residents on the new estates should be strengthened. A suggestion was to consult residents on the new estates to find out their expectations and how they wish to be engaged with the community. JB suggested the Parking Strategy needs to take account of North Berwick being a coastal town and the number of visitors wishing to spend a day on the beach. It was noted that both Gullane and Aberlady have increased populations of a similar proportion and many of the residents come into North Berwick for services. A suggestion was that the NBC Area Partnership facilitate a conversation connecting people to place and involve the schools in the process. A 'welcome pack' for new residents to help make connections and strengthen their sense of belonging could be put together by NBCC.</p>	

	<p>The Town Centre Strategy Consultation takes place on Friday 23 November at St Andrew Blackadder Church between 12noon and 7pm. Details had been circulated. Members expressed their disappointment that this draft strategy had been pulled together without community involvement. The Town Centre Charrette has been taken in account but given the role of the NBC Area Partnership in local community planning the important issues raised by the community should be heard. Strategies would be better if co-produced with partners.</p> <p>Communications. The Area Partnership disseminates most of its correspondence via emails which relies on everyone to keep the Partnership informed if changes to their contact emails. HS suggested that the East Lothian Council – Area partnership web page hold more information than just Agenda/Minutes for meetings. This could include dates of all the partnership sub group meetings once agreed. It would also be useful to include a link to the Consultation Hub with links to all current consultations and strategy documents. SK to raise this with the Communications team at ELC.</p>	SK
6. Priorities 2018/2019		
	<p>The Budget priorities list for 2018/19 was circulated. Currently there is £15,622 still to be allocated in the Educational Attainment Budget and £34,685 in the General Budget. There are priorities already agreed which may not take place this financial year. HS requested that all sub groups consider their priorities and make any applications before our next meeting in January.</p>	
7. TAG – Town Arts Group		
	<p>SN outlined a proposal to create a new community based Town Arts Group which would respond to, initiate, encourage, develop or in other ways support, visual arts projects. TAGs vision is to encourage the participation of everyone who has a desire to make, enjoy, learn or support the visual arts, perhaps via a physical ‘arts space’. To explore how visual arts projects can support the area by enriching the visual experience for residents and visitors, encourage footfall to businesses in its High Streets or village centres and to support the contribution arts and culture can make to the concept of the ‘healthy High Street’ across the area.</p> <p>The engagement and involvement of the NBC Area Partnership members will be welcome. This might be achieved by communities, groups or other organisations appointing a representative to attend the first meeting of TAG early in 2019 at which a way forward for TAG will be discussed. New projects will be identified that could be put in place in any part of the North Berwick Coastal area and funding applications made. Applications could be made to the NBC Area Partnership, the North Berwick Community Council, the North Berwick Trust, Stella Moffat Trust and other sources of funds to which communities or groups across the area have access.</p>	SN/GP
8. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>Lime grove – The formal community asset transfer request was validated by ELC who have now requested more details on the submission (15 pages). Members of the group are meeting ELC officials on Friday. There is also a meeting tomorrow night at 7pm in the Hope Rooms to discuss the Business plan and funding.</p> <p>On The move – HS/SK met with Peter Forsyth from ELC Transportation and the Charrette Steering Group will meet with him on Wednesday 5 December at 2pm in North Berwick Community Centre. ELC will be appointing a consultant to</p>	

consider all the options for 'Safe route to School' and it will be important that work carried out by Cycleforth be included in this. The group wish to develop a Core Paths Leaflet for all the core paths in and around North Berwick Coastal area. There are already leaflets for local paths around Aberlady, Gullane and Dirleton. The feasibility for toilets at North Berwick Station was conducted and this now needs to be considered and an option for temporary toilets installed over the summer period could be considered. There was concerns re cost of ongoing maintenance. Sites have been identified in the study. An application could be made via the North Berwick Community Council.

Support From the Start – Currently addressing needs of families over Christmas. Advent Book calendar being put together. Need volunteers to cover books, over 300 donations. Application will be made to the NBC Area Partnership Education Attainment fund for Resilience training aimed at primary school teachers. Resilience in children is an issue in all 5 primary schools. The Resilience programme links with the Raising children with Confidence programme and is well researched. The school based programme was developed in Morningside which has a similar demographic to North Berwick. This promotes positive mental health in children who are not able to bounce back from adversity. All schools want to participate in the training. Cost £2,500. Partnership approved programme subject to discussion with Head Teachers and Education department.

NBC Children & Youth Network has agreed that the Support from the Start Family Worker and the Mental Health Youth worker are making a significant difference in the community. Evaluations for both posts have been positive including feedback from parents. The network is exploring how to make these posts sustainable. The partnership agreed that these post need to be secured. SK to discuss this at the next Head Teachers meeting.

Health & Wellbeing Association – A public meeting is planned on Monday to give an update on the IJB reprovisioning proposals. 3 representatives have been identified (Deborah Ritchie and Tillie Baird from the association, Sue Northrop from East Lothian dementia friendly and Murray Duncanson from the Friends of the Edington) all will attend the IJB meeting on 22 November. They will feedback to the IJB AND raise concerns which are still unresolved. Next Steps include: how and when will the implementations take place, the need for good co-production, extra care houses and new form of care support, minor injuries clinic and the need for a new health centre and provision for palliative care. The quality of care needs to continue to be as good as we've got – nothing should go. The Association didn't receive a copy of the paper that is going to the Board in December and papers are not available as yet. Our aim is to make sure everyone is up to speed for consultations and workshops in May 2019.

The Gold Crest Development presentation at North Berwick Community Centre shouldn't be confused with the IJB proposals. The Goldcrest development is for private BUPA health care and private housing aimed at older people. This is not included in the Local Development Plan and there is no planning application as yet. Concerns were raised about this proposal as it didn't fit with the IJB strategic plan and would put additional pressure on an already overstretched health centre and infrastructure. The shortage of staff and affordable housing for people working in the Care Sector was also highlighted.

	The Association outlined a proposal for funding to employ a worker to help address social isolation. This would be a six month pilot project which would include social prescribing via GPs in the health centre identifying people who would benefit, café/chat model in local cafes and volunteers to chum people to local community groups. This would also include a Retirement Fresher week event – to encourage newly retired people to volunteer and engage in community activities. Costs to be agreed but likely to be a budget of £20,000. The issue of who would employ the Worker is still to be resolved and it was suggested that the Area Partnership raise the capacity and infrastructure of community groups to employ staff through the East Lothian partnership forum as this needs to be addressed. The Partnership members agreed to support the project.	
9. Membership List/Standing Orders		
	The proposed changes to the Standing Orders were circulated and members were asked to read through this and send any comments back before the next meeting. This document outlines the way the Partnership operates and will help to tighten up on some areas in response to the development of the Area partnership over the past 4 years.	ALL
10. Poverty Champion		
	To be discussed at our January meeting.	SG
11. A.O.C.B		
	TH reminded everyone that the deadline was approaching for comments on the planning application for the Whitekirk Golf Course Development which includes 100+ holiday lodges to be built on the former Golf Course. Diary dates email – HS asked if this email has been useful and it was agreed to continue to provide a list of diary dates.	
Dates of Next Meetings	Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7pm in the Hope Rooms. 19 th March 2019 21 st May 2019 (Annual Public Meeting) 11 th June 2019 24 th September 2019 (Review & Development Meeting) 19 th November 2019	Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk