

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 8 October 2019, 7-9pm in the Hope Rooms

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Cllr Jeremy Findlay, Elected member ELC (JF)	
Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Elected member ELC (JG)	
Cllr Jane Henderson, Elected member ELC (JH)	
Judy Lockhart, North Berwick Community Council (JL)	
Ian Watson, North Berwick Community Council (IW)	
Tom Drysdale, Gullane Area Community Council (TD)	
James Barbour, Gullane Area Community Council (JB)	
Eric Martin, Dunpender Community Council (EM)	
Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)	
Tim Harding, Lime Grove TRA (TH)	
Deborah Ritchie, NB Health & Wellbeing Association (DR)	
Tillie Baird, NBC Health & Wellbeing Association (TB)	
John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)	
Simon Metzner, North Berwick District Association of Churches (SM)	
Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JB)	
Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)	

Others in attendance:

Christiane Maher, North Berwick Community Council (CM)
 Bill Macnair, North Berwick Community Council (BM)
 Ann Orr, Dirleton Good Neighbours (AO)
 Shona Queen, Dirleton Good Neighbours (SQ)
 Libby Morris, North Berwick In Bloom (LM)
 Helen Harper, Dunbar Community Development Officer (HH)
 John Amis, Bass Rock Cricket Club (JA)
 Jake Amis, Bass Rock Cricket Club (JAM)
 Graeme Armstrong, Bass Rock Cricket Club (GA)
 Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
 Ros Richardson, Aberlady Community Association (RR)
 Issy Anderson, First Responder Group (IA)
 Jackie Reid, PTC Law Primary/Fringe by the Sea (JR)
 Irene Galloway, Law Tenants & Residents (IG)
 Emma Duncan, East Lothian Courier (ED)
 Sandra King, Area Manager, East Lothian Council (SK)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)

Apologies:

Zoe Lovell, Law Primary School Parent Council (ZL)
 Nicky Fox, NB Community Centre Management Committee (NF)
 Lesley Kay, Lime Grove Asset Transfer Group (LK)
 Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)
 Leanne Nicklas, Gullane Primary School Parent Council (LN)
 Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)
 Lauren Rodger, Head Teacher North Berwick High School (LR)
 Laura Forrest, Sustaining North Berwick (LFO)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FOR THE ATTENTION OF
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies, Minutes from Previous Meetings		
	HS welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from 11 th June 2019 were agreed	
3. Matters Arising		
	Team East Lothian Meadowmill – All ability bikes. SK confirmed that £1,333 was the correct amount. Funding had been agreed at the last meeting.	
4. Declaration of Interest		
	It was agreed that everyone is responsible for declaring any conflict of interest. Members agreed that they were comfortable about discussing issues together and no one was being asked to leave the room. IA had previously suggested using the wording from the Oscar web site. This was noted in the Standing Orders. CM/BM declared an interest in the Christmas Lights application and HS declared an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Application. From time to time local priorities may conflict with council priorities and In these instances councillors may choose not to exercise their vote.	
5. Priorities 2019/2020		
	<p>Duke of Edinburgh - £800 This was agreed by 13 member votes.</p> <p>Holiday Club Bursary – £2,000 This was agreed by 14 member votes.</p> <p>East Lothian Ranger Service - £9,850 (£4,750 leaflets & £5,000 interpretation boards) As requested two applications were submitted. Interpretation boards - member queried costings and design of boards. More information is required on design and permissions, application will be taken to the November meeting following discussions between Ranger Service and NB Environment Trust. The application for leaflets, equipment etc. This was agreed by 15 member votes.</p> <p>Bass Rock Cricket Club - £9,908 This was agreed by 14 member votes.</p> <p>North Berwick Community Council – Christmas Lights £4,000 This was agreed by 14 member votes Members acknowledged that the North Berwick Christmas Lights can have unexpected and significant costs. The application had not been resubmitted with revised costs so the Partnership voted on the existing application of £4,000.</p> <p>Dirleton Village Association – War Memorial Green Improvements Amenity Service Costs, Planning permission £220 and Manse Road £35,000</p>	

	<p>These were agreed (8 members voted – 3 against) An initial vote was taken and resulted in 6 members for, 1 against, 7 abstained. This indicated a level of uncertainty and insufficient discussion of the facts that would allow members to vote one way or another. This proved to be the case as once the time tabling of work/allocated funds was explained, some members felt more comfortable in expressing their opinion (both positive and negative). A second vote was taken and was 8 for, 3 against and 3 abstained. This was agreed by 8 member votes.</p> <p>STEM Event – Transport Costs £1,650 – North Berwick High School This was agreed by 13 members votes.</p> <p>NBC Health & Wellbeing Association – Compassionate Communities It was agreed to defer the application to the 2020/2021 general budget.</p>	
6. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>NBC Health & Wellbeing Association Compassionate Communities - On Thursday 3 October a meeting was held with key organisations in North Berwick to establish interest in the concept of a compassionate community. A briefing was given about the national Truacanta Project, a new initiative being run by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, and funded by Macmillan Cancer Support. The Truacanta Project will identify four communities based on their vision for a compassionate community. The association has applied to be a compassionate community. Four communities will be chosen out of eleven on 6th December 2019. An open meeting will take place on the 9th November 2019 in St Andrew Blackadder church to discuss this further. This would be a prestigious award for the town. For more information see: www.northberwickhealthandwellbeing.co.uk</p> <p>NBC Community Connections 26 people have been referred to date from GP's and self-referral. Age range 18 – 90. Scone café is running every Monday. Working with the North Berwick Youth Project on Intergenerational projects to help reduce social isolation. Weekly clinics are being held in the GP surgery on Mondays 10-12. The project has achieved a great deal in a short time.</p> <p>As a Pathfinder project we are perusing all avenues for sustainability. Community Link workers are to be employed across East Lothian in GP surgeries and we aim to negotiate on the model we have in North Berwick.</p> <p>DR/TB will have completed two terms in office and are succession planning for a new chair and co chair for the Association. Anyone interested please get in touch. HS thanked DR/TB for all their hard work and the positive outcomes for the community.</p> <p>NBC Voluntary Car Scheme is celebrating 30 years and were recognised as providing and excellent service. Members acknowledged this with a round of applause.</p> <p>The Carers consultation is open and a link is on the above mentioned web site</p> <p>JA mentioned that the Bass Rock Cricket club are trying to involve more people who may feel isolated to come along and support the club. The Bass Rock Cricket</p>	

	Club coffered to work together with NBC Health & Wellbeing Association to make more connections.	
7. Village Representation		
	Carry over to November meeting	
8. Review of NBC Area Partnership		
	Carry over to November meeting. Review questions will be circulated prior to the meeting	
9. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>IA outlined the vital role of a First Responder. They are looking to recruit new volunteers. Volunteers need to live/work within a 7 km distance from North Berwick. IA is aiming to engage with employers in the North Berwick area to see if they would be willing to release employees (similar to RNLI/Fire Service volunteers) wishing to consider this role. There would be a four day training course provided. Anyone with any interest in being a volunteer or anyone with any employer contacts to speak to IA after the meeting.</p> <p>The recreation park play equipment has reduced and not been replaced. A contribution from local housing developers to fund play equipment was proposed. JF offered to find out if this is possible. A future application to the Area Partnership from the Law Tenants & Residents or the Community Council could be considered.</p> <p>HS spoke with a member of the emergency planning, risk and resilience team at East Lothian Council who is looking at the capacity of village halls (as crisis centres) to host generators in an emergency. They are considering ways to build capacity and may approach the Area Partnership for feasibility costs.</p> <p>Aberlady Village Association Development – our next Area Partnership meeting will be meeting in Aberlady and this will be an ideal opportunity to hear from members of the Aberlady community on their plans to improve their community.</p> <p>HS thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting tonight.</p>	JF
Dates of Next Meetings	19 th November 2019 *CHANGE OF VENUE* Aberlady Primary school 7pm – 9pm	Apologies to nbc- ap@eastlothian.gov.uk