

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 19 November 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)	
Tom Drysdale, Gullane Area Community Council (TD)	
Eric Martin, Duncroon Community Council (EM)	
Niall Bradley, North Berwick High School Parent School Partnership (NB)	
Tim Harding, Lime Grove TRA (TH)	
Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)	
Deborah Ritchie, NB Health & Wellbeing Association (DR)	
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
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)	
Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)	
Lesley Kay, Lime Grove Asset Transfer Group (LK)	

Others in attendance:

Bill MacNair, North Berwick Community Council (BM)
 Gordon McLelland, Gullane Area Community Council (GM)
 Ann Orr, Dirleton Good Neighbours (AO)
 Libby Morris, North Berwick In Bloom (LM)
 Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
 Ros Richardson, Aberlady Community Association (RR)
 Sandra King, Area Manager, East Lothian Council (SK)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)
 Clare De Mowbray, Aberlady Resident (CD)
 Anita Hashtrudi, Aberlady Resident (AH)
 Elizabeth MacDonald, Aberlady Resident (EMc)
 Anne Bissett, Aberlady resident (AB)
 Samantha Robertson, Aberlady Community Association (SR)

Apologies:

Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)
 Judy Lockhart, North Berwick Community Council (JL)
 Leanne Nicklas, Gullane Primary School Parent Council (LN)
 Stephen Wands, Community Sport Development Officer, (SW)
 Kelly Evans, North Berwick Community Council (KE)

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 thanked members of the Aberlady Community for attending. Apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from October 2019 were agreed.	
3. Matters Arising		
	JF will continue to pursue what contribution could be made from local developers to replace play equipment at North Berwick recreation park.	JF
4. Review of NBC Area Partnership		
	<p>HS outlined the funding application process and this was distributed at the meeting.</p> <p>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Review Questions</p> <p>How can we ensure that the views of people with lived experience of inequality/poverty/disadvantage are represented on the NBC Area Partnership?</p> <p><i>People who are experiencing disadvantaged may not be able to come to us. We need to go to them. Get the partnership out there more. Some people still not heard of the Area Partnership. Hold more meetings in villages so people can hear about us. Get the message out. Look at press coverage and social media. Talk to staff at the Food Bank, GP surgeries, and day centres. Encourage people to join us. We need to talk to people and promote the partnership.</i></p> <p>How can Sub Groups be more representative and effective to take forward the work of the NBC Area Partnership?</p> <p><i>Need a clear definition of all the Sub Groups and their remit. Look at ways to encourage young people to engage more. Sessions just for young people - especially for children and youth. Dedicated short meetings in school. Look at social media or survey tools available e.g. SLACK etc. Offer free travel for young people to see if that will help them attend. Support from the Start and Children & Youth Network need to be more active and visible. Go to different venues. On the Move is stationary! Make it move. On The Move and Health & Wellbeing meetings could also be taken to villages. NBC H&W is a good model run by volunteers with a great web site. Health & Wellbeing would be more effective if it got out of North Berwick. Need more volunteers from villages to join the group. Dirleton is very active and all groups work together in partnership. Communication is key to sharing information. Need to address isolation.</i></p>	

How does the NBC Area Partnership represent the views of young people?

Problem is that sometimes it is the views of the professionals asking the young people rather than the young people themselves. Danger of promising things that can't be achieved. Need to go to where these young people are. Look at going into schools, Scouts, Guides etc would be a good way to talk to them about who the Area Partnership is. Maybe offer some money for projects to do with young people and they could brainstorm ideas. Who would be able to go into schools? Discussed Musselburgh Participatory Budgeting event with young people. Can we have a list of all the projects that have been funded through NBC Area Partnership that involve young people? Think there will be a lot. This could be used to show young people how the Partnership has supported young people in the past and discuss how we can help further. There is a video link to the Musselburgh Area Partnership <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHqVmlyM9UE&t=3s>

How effective are the NBC Area Partnership decision making structures?

New representatives from Aberlady had no idea how the partnership make decisions and were not sure who representatives were. Not sure of sub groups and criteria for membership and the Area Plan is. Criteria needs further discussion. Need to frame it. Move forward with it. Some confusion as how things fit together. Area Partnership still viewed as the new kid on the block. We are a lot better than we were. It is not a competition. How much funding is available and how we can tap into this? Needs explained all the different parts. Need help navigating. Prepare a road map about who we go to. Maybe have a road show about everything that we have achieved. Strengthen the Decision making process and role of representative scrutiny group.

How can we help build capacity in the community to take projects forward? e.g. employing staff.

Overarching need for Community Developing Company/Community Hub providing an infrastructure to support emerging projects and sustainability. Concerns regarding this. Area Partnership "setting the hare running without knowing where it is going" Look at the infrastructure and share across community. Employing Staff is very challenging e.g. regarding public liability, employment law etc. This has an impact regarding willingness of volunteers to move forward. Area Partnership could have more representation from local workers/developers. East Lothian Partnership Forums meet 3 or 4 times a yearned for more dialogue on issues within and across Area Partnerships.

	<p>How can we improve Communication?</p> <p><i>Many people still don't know about the Area Partnership and what it does. Communication is key. Need some eye catching leaflets/posters that will attract elderly who are isolated etc. Look at schools, web site, facebook, churches, press, pop up events. Need to constantly raise the profile. Word of mouth is really important. Pharmacies would be a great place to put up posters etc. Lots of footfall in pharmacies.</i></p> <p><i>Capacity issues. All these suggestions require people to carry them out. Need people who are great with social media etc. Partnerships need to be significantly resourced. If ELC really want Area Partnership to work then they need to put in the resources. NBC Health & Wellbeing has a great web site but this has ongoing costs. Minutes and agendas are up loaded, this needs to be available for all sub groups. Have had 3000 people looking at the web site. £40 a month to have this kept updated. Main focus of Area Partnership is to reduce inequalities.</i></p> <p><i>Having a microphone was suggested at meetings as there was no loop system at the school.</i></p>	
<p>5. Declaration of Interest</p>		
	<p>There was no declaration of interest made.</p>	
<p>6. Priorities 2019/2020</p>		
	<p>SK tabled the financial report and highlighted that the partnership is still awaiting an application from the NBC Health & Wellbeing group for Compassionate Communities project. TB said that they had run a successful event and now have support from the community to take this project forward. Funding will be requested which will include events/training/film showings.</p> <p>East Lothian Rangers Service Interpretation boards – This had been agreed at the June meeting, the new information requested was now in place following a meeting with the NBC Environmental Trust and Rangers Service. Funding will be processed.</p> <p>Roads Project Dirleton Manse Road. A meeting between DC and ELC Roads this week; proposed start by February; planning application documents now complete and ready for submission.</p> <p>North Berwick Neighbourhood benches. HS carried out a neighbourhood walk and bench repairs were identified. Men's Shed have repaired benches. An application for a contribution of materials will be submitted. NB suggested that all partnership projects be branded to highlight the work undertaken and promote community participation. DR suggested that if a sign is placed on a bench that one could be identified as "chat bench" to help reduce social isolation.</p>	
<p>7. Aberlady Village Priorities Village Representation</p>		
	<p>HS was delighted to see so many Aberlady representatives who welcomed the Partnership. LF from Aberlady Community Association highlighted speeding as a</p>	

	<p>major concern for local residents. HS invited representatives to attend the On The Move meeting to put forward priorities which included the creation of gateways into the village, 20 mph zones, zebra crossing, lowering the hedge and enhanced planting at the War Memorial. Advice from ELC Transportation will be necessary to explore these suggestions further and evidence need. HS had received information from IM which also highlighted the issues raised. CD gave some ideas from local school children which focused on Climate Change. TD had circulated a link to the Dirleton Sustainability Policy, which is a good example of how a village can take the climate change agenda forward.</p> <p>https://amazon.clikpic.com/dirleton/clik_media/DVA_sustainability_policy_Final.pdf.</p>	
8. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>NBC Health & Wellbeing Association <u>Reprovisioning</u> - Work on this has been delayed due to the priority of the new hospital being signed off. Integrated Joint Board expect to start the local project work in January. The group asked for plenty of notice of a date from IJB for a meeting. There is no point in holding another public meeting until we have answers to the questions already raised eg Is it a parallel process between Dunbar, Musselburgh and North Berwick? Need for new health centre? Minor Injuries Unit.</p> <p>The next NBC H&W meeting is 3rd December 2019 10.30 at North Berwick community Centre. http://northberwickhealthandwellbeing.co.uk/</p> <p>Lime Group Community Asset Transfer Request was turned down by East Lothian Council and there was a subsequent appeal which was also turned down. North Berwick Community Development Company will now take the appeal to the Scottish Government.</p> <p>There was insufficient time to get a full update from all the subgroups. This will be taken to the January meeting.</p>	
9. Village Representation		
	<p>Everyone agreed that having the meeting in Aberlady had been very productive and that the Partnership should continue to reach out to all the rural villages. DR would like to see co-chairs for the sub groups include village representatives. It was noted that currently there are no Tenants and Residents Association village representatives.</p>	
10. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>North Berwick Community Council had submitted a further application for £2,000 to fund Christmas Lights. This had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Partnership members voted on the application which was not supported. The votes were 3 in favour, 11 against and 2 abstained.</p>	
Dates of Next Year's Meetings	<p>Tuesday 28th January 2020 - Hope Rooms North Berwick Tuesday 24th March 2020 Tuesday 12th May 2020 APM Tuesday 9th June 2020 Tuesday 8th September 2020 Tuesday 10th November 2020</p>	<p>Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>