

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 8 September 2020, 7-9 pm ZOOM MEETING

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Elected member ELC (JG)	
Cllr Jeremy Findlay, Elected member ELC (JF)	
Tom Drysdale, Gullane Area Community Council (TD)	
Christiane Maher, North Berwick Community Council (CM)	
Kelly Evans, North Berwick Community Council (KE)	Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB)
Eric Martin, Dunpender Community Council (EM)	
Janice Macleod, NBC Children & Youth Network (JM)	
Lesley Kay, Lime Grove Asset Transfer Group (LK)	
Nicky Fox, North Berwick Community Centre Management Committee (NF)	
Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)	Ros Richardson, Aberlady Community Association (RR)
John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)	
Simon Metzner, North Berwick District Association of Churches (SM)	
Leanne Nicklas, Gullane School Partnership (LN)	
Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)	
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)	
Anne Orr, Dirleton Good Neighbours, on behalf of Dirleton Village Association (AO)	

Others in attendance:

Bill MacNair, North Berwick Community Council (BM)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)
 Caitlin McCorry, Service Manager Connected Communities, East Lothian Council (CM)
 Tillie Baird, Resident (TB)
 Libby Morris, North Berwick Trust (LM)
 Harry Armstrong, North Berwick Rotary Club (HA)
 Ian Malcolm, Aberlady Conservation & History Society & Aberlady in Bloom (IM)
 Alice Beveridge, Athelstaneford Primary School Parent Council (AB)
 Maria Houseman, Pump Tract Presentation (MH)
 Lisa McClure, Community Connections Project (LMC)
 Hayley Flannigan, Traders Association (HF)
 Lorna Raeburn, Gullane Blue Stane Project (LR)

Apologies:

Ian Donald, Association Day Care Centre (IM)
 Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)
 Laura Forrest, Sustaining North Berwick (LF)
 Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JB)
 Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)

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. Apologies were noted. HS advised that this meeting would be recorded.	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		
	IM advised that his designation should be amended to Ian Malcolm, Aberlady Conservation & History Society & Aberlady in Bloom (IM). Notes from zoom meeting on 28 th July 2020 were agreed and accepted with the appropriate change.	SG
3. Matters Arising		
	Youth Worker – covered by Children and Youth Network report. Traffic and road signage confusion – All concerns received have been directed to Transportation	
4. Declaration of Interest		
	No declarations other than those of the applicants.	
5. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>NBC Children & Youth network JMc reported that no meetings have been held yet. JMc confirmed the group would be focusing on the impact COVID has had and building up resilience for children, families and the young people in the community. JMc will report back at the next partnership meeting with an update. LK gave update re Mental Health Worker. Interviews are being held soon to fill 6 new Mental Health Youth worker posts for each High School in East Lothian. LK thanked the Partnership for agreeing to continue its support of the current project as appointments are made. CM added that there were also additional resources to provide a counselling service across all cluster areas to help address the Mental Health needs. This will cover primary schools also.</p> <p>Lime Grove Group LK informed the meeting that the appeal had been turned down by the Scottish Government. HS thanked LK and everyone involved in the Lime Grove Asset Transfer for their hard work and commitment.</p> <p>NBC Health & Wellbeing Association The group has reviewed its aims and objectives and set a number of goals it will work to achieve over the coming months. Details will be circulated to the AP members.</p> <p>Community Connection Project: Chair of the new Management Group reported that they are hoping to become a charitable organisation, recognised by OSCR very soon. The Befriending aspect, created in response to COVID is continuing to</p>	HS

	<p>develop and will need more support very soon. They are looking to appoint a treasurer. If anyone can help, please get in touch via nbc-communityconnections@outlook.com.</p> <p>NBC On the Move Safer Routes to School: email circulated from Stantec has generated some confusion re duplication. HS agreed to contact Transportation for clarification</p> <p>Being a considerate community. The group discussed increasing tensions between road and pavement/path users. HS reported the groups concerns re specific instances of poor behaviour and their wish to "badge" the North Berwick Area as being a considerate community, one where kindness is fundamental to all that goes on. HS asked that AP members think about how this might be achieved and share their suggestions.</p> <p>HA asked if anyone had done a survey regarding commercial vehicle using the roads through the towns. HS will check with transportation if any surveys/consultations have been carried out.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>HS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>HS</p>
6. Village Representation		
	<p>Whitekirk – EM advised they were in discussion regarding buying the village hall from the Church of Scotland. Have had donations amounting to £22,000 and are looking forward to being able to use it.</p> <p>Dirleton – AO reported on the ongoing work with Dirleton Good Neighbours in helping residents stay active, healthy and connected.</p> <p>Gullane – TD mentioned the ongoing concerns in Gullane regarding speeding. JF reported that the Gullane Village Association is active.</p> <p>Aberlady – LF reported that the Community Association will meet next week. The Aberlady post office is closing. LF expressed thanks to JG and Sam Robertson for their support in trying to arrange a pop up post office.</p>	
7. Pump Track		
	<p>MH gave a presentation to the meeting. See attached document for more information on contacts and Video. You can also get in touch with Maria on mariahouseman@hotmail.co.uk or through the Facebook page-just search for North Berwick Pump Track</p>	
8. Applications		
	<p>HS stated that as a direct result of COVID, the usual annual public meeting to agree the Area Partnership’s priorities couldn’t take place in May and the focus has so far been on supporting community resilience. As agreed at the last meeting, applications for AP general fund can now be considered. HS confirmed there was £45,000 remaining to be allocated before the end of March. All applications have been circulated as soon as they were received along with the scoring matrix and area plan to provide a framework for members to make their decisions. CM reported that NBCC were unable to discuss those that had been received after their meeting therefore they would not be able to vote on these.</p> <p>The following applications were discussed</p> <p>A) Blue Stane project, improving social space and seating outside public toilets, Gullane.</p>	

	<p><i>Members voted to approve costs of £4964.25 (from the Amenity Services budget) and funds of no greater than £2500 for materials. (General Fund)</i></p> <p>B) Stepping Out, Lodge Pavilion <i>Members voted to approve funds of £1600 (general fund)</i></p> <p>C) Aberlady In Bloom, Memorial Garden <i>Members voted to approve in principle allocation from amenity services budget</i></p> <p>D) Aberlady Community Association, Community Day and PB project <i>Members voted to approve £3000 (general fund)</i></p> <p>E) Dirleton Good Neighbours, Reasons to be Cheerful PB project <i>Members voted to approve £1000 (general fund)</i></p> <p>F) Dirleton Bowling and Social Club, renovations <i>Members voted to approve £5000 (general fund)</i></p> <p>G) Youth worker, based in NBHS <i>Members voted to approve £7327 (general fund)</i></p> <p>Additional applications AB reported on proposed work for Athlestaneford Primary School playground. Athlestaneford is in HLAP however primary pupils are in NBHS cluster. HS suggested that HLAP would also need to be approached. JG asked for clarification on co-funding and also on this specific cross boundary application. CMC agreed to clarify and provide information about Loose Parts Play. No vote taken.</p> <p>Healthy Minds, Happy Babies NF reported on the loss of funding for this successful project. She estimated the funds needed to provide a project worker for 6hours pw was £3840. NF will submit an application form for members to consider</p>	<p>CMC</p> <p>NF</p>
9. Review 2020		
	<p>HS there is a need for a review of the area plan but a much wider review could look at membership and governance. HS will contact members separately with a proposal.</p>	
10. A.O.C.B		
Dates of Next Meeting	Tuesday 10 th November 2020 7pm on Zoom	Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk