

# North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

## Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 10 November 2020, 7-8.30 pm ZOOM MEETING

| Voting Members present:  | Substitute members present |
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| 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)                             |                            |
| Janice Macleod, NBC Children & Youth Network (JM)                                  |                            |
| Lesley Kay, Lime Grove Asset Transfer Group (LK)                                   |                            |
| Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)                                   |                            |
| John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)  |                            |
| 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) |                            |
| Lorna Sinclair, Co Hair Health & Wellbeing Association (LS)                        |                            |
| Zoe Lovell, North Berwick Primary School, Parent Representative (ZL)               |                            |
| Charlotte Rooney, Law Primary Parent Council (CR)                                  |                            |

### Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)  
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)  
 Tillie Baird, Resident (TB)  
 Libby Morris, North Berwick Trust (LM)  
 Jenny Gries, Forrest School Leader (JG)  
 Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LSc)  
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MMc)  
 Gordon McLelland, Gullane Village Association (GM)

### Apologies:

Bill McNair, North Berwick Community Council (BM)

| AGENDA ITEM  | KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS<br><i>Actions</i>   | FOR THE<br>ATTENTION<br>OF |
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| <b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies, Minutes from Previous Meetings</b> |  |                            |
|  | <p>HS welcomed everyone to the meeting. DH new Connected Communities manager for NBC was introduced. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>HS advised that this meeting would be recorded. HS asked members to you the chat function which is very helpful to ensure equality and fairness.</p> |                            |

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| <b>2. Minutes Previous Meeting</b> |  |           |
|                                    | <p>AO had advised that the amount awarded to Dirleton Good Neighbours for Reasons to be Cheerful project was £1,000 and not £1,300 as stated in previous mins. SG has already amended this.</p> <p>Notes from zoom meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were agreed and accepted with the appropriate change.</p>  | <b>SG</b> |
| <b>3. Matters Arising</b>          |  |           |
|                                    | <p>HS advised most matters arising will be discussed later in the meeting. HS advised that the Healthy Minds/Happy Babies project was successful and approved by email votes. HS thanked all members.</p>  |           |
| <b>4. Declaration of Interest</b>  |  |           |
|                                    | <p>KN advised the meeting that she had a conflict of interest for the Support from the Start application.</p> <p>Jenny Gries although not a voting member was present during the discussion of her application.</p>  |           |
| <b>5. Reports from Sub Groups</b>  |  |           |
|                                    | <p><b>NBC Children &amp; Youth network</b></p> <p>JMc informed the meeting that Martin Lahiffe was successful in obtaining a Mental Health Youth Worker position at NBC High School which is great news. JMc felt that because of the projects success this was rolled into all other high schools and thinks that the NBC partnership should be very please and deserved a pat on the back. A zoom meeting will be held in the near future to look at building connections with primary schools and looking at an action plan for 2020/2021.</p> <p>LK confirmed that East Lothian Council had successfully secured £60,000 from the Youth Work Education Recovery Fund which was fantastic news and will enable many groups and organisations to carry on their excellent work with vulnerable groups.</p> <p><b>NBC Health &amp; Wellbeing Association</b></p> <p>LS informed the meeting that they have been working on aims and objectives. Specifically what is our purpose? Where are we going? The Association will be looking at recommendations for better networking and partnership building. The Association is working on a scoping research project and the first stage is a survey monkey that has recently been sent out. It looks specifically at project operation, strategy and how the H&amp;W Association can support gaps or barriers. The Survey Monkey will be followed up with 1-to-1 interviews, focus groups and culminate with an event next year.</p> <p>LS described different levels of kindness e.g. 'planning pavements'. Being caring and kind to one another, how we coped with resilience, our basic needs and broader ways to make kindness work.</p> <p>A short term group has formed to explore kindness and what is being done already.</p> |           |

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|  | <p>Community Connections have been supported to move to charitable status which is great. HS will still have a management responsibility until fully set up and operational.</p> <p>LS stated she had not been involved from the start of the project and that GP practises had supported an initiative to combat social isolation and loneliness. The group are looking at a new plan to support loneliness and isolation through COVID. A telephone befriending service has already got trainers in place. Buddy walks and coffee chats are all great ideas that are currently being explored. The benefits of these projects are having on the community can be seen already.</p> <p>Compassionate Communities - NBC Fringe by the Sea was cancelled due to COVID and the opportunity to do an event in tandem was missed. Great plans were in process but all stopped due to COVID. NBC has just been formally recognised as a Compassionate Community. Only one of only four communities in Scotland to receive this official status. Brilliant news. Now organising another on line event linking in with an established author. The one line event has 2 arms, big conversation and emotional support.</p> <p>A new project with furloughed Columbus Hospice workers is coming to fruition. Compassionate Neighbours will specially support people suffering serious illness and isolation. The project will be rolling out in North Berwick imminently.</p> <p>Re-provisioning – It was advised that the Health &amp; Social Care Partnership would be taking forward issues and concerns raised at the last Health and Wellbeing Association meeting.</p> <p>Health Improvement Scotland – are particularly interested in the work that is happening in North Berwick and looking at how information on good practices can be made available Scotland wide to allow communities to learn from each other and share. This is an exciting development and lots of good things are happening.</p> <p>GM advised he found completing the circulated Survey Monkey difficult and complicated. TD felt the same. LS/HS acknowledged and will take these concerns on board.</p> <p><b>NBC On the Move</b><br/> HS advised the group met last week. Very positive meeting. Discussing spaces for people, looking at measures, temporary and more permanent. There is a meeting with transport, police, RNLI etc next week and HS looked forward to being able to provide feedback on the Charrette and other pressing matters from the meeting.</p> <p>Safer routes to school, consultant’s recommendations are going through an ELC safety audit. Once that is complete, details will be circulated.</p> <p>HS highlighted the need for future planning in relation to roads and transportation. HS asked for ideas for the future - short, medium and long term goals. Some longer term ideas that are now starting to be discussed included a new paths. Short term initiatives included kindness re sharing spaces, consideration for others and looking at new signage.</p> | <p>LS/HS</p> <p>KN</p> |
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|  | <p>A new and exciting proposal will be hopefully put forward to AP early next year. The group continue to deliver and promote the message of share with care. HS asked if anyone is interested in the position for Chair of OTM please get in touch. It's a lovely group to be involved with. HS felt she had lead the group long enough and that new blood would be welcomed.</p> <p><b>Support from the Start</b><br/> KN feels they are in a status of flux at the moment. SW (former Public Health Practitioner based within East Lothian Council) is not being replaced which puts extra pressure on local leads who will need to take on more responsibility. The group have not met for some time. KN to check if everyone wants to remain on the committee. All very keen that early years work is prioritised. PEEP, Stay and Play, baby massage should all be prioritised to continue.</p> <p>Community Centre – KN described that this was a very busy time of the year. Projects currently being undertaken included Christmas Cheer, with the main hall looking like Santa's grotto with left over presents from last year. KN and partners will be identify families who may require additional support from external organisations. 113 local individuals needing support over Christmas. Support that could be offered included food, and help with children and family gifts. There are currently 27 families still accessing the Resilience hub. KN advised those present to share that this service is readily available to anyone in the ward needing the support.</p> <p>HS advised that there is still funding available from the Scottish Government Food Fund. This will support current initiative into the new year and beyond.</p> |  |
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## 6. Village Representation

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|  | <p>HS welcomed Gullane Village Association to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Aberlady Community Association</b><br/> EF advised that they are doing a lot of Health &amp; Wellbeing community events. Also working on Resilience planning and have designed a very helpful, one sheet, mind map of how organisations connect and who to contact in an emergency ie police, fire, gas and electricity etc. EF thanked the Area Partnership for the funding to hold a community day. Leaflets will be going out this week with the event hopefully happening in the Spring. A third defibrillator is going to be placed in the village soon which is brilliant. There may also be a possibility of a fourth defibrillator. The flower boxes in the village are all filled and looking great. Planning is underway for a memorial garden. The post office has closed but there is a pop up post office in the village hall on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday morning which is vital for the community. A book swap has started in the village on a Saturday morning. The village would welcome Christmas lights and possible a Christmas tree so watch this space. There will be an online Christmas event which will be a lot of fun. On The Move are looking at the village gateway and are working with East Lothian Council. The Association are also gathering information and costings etc for signage for the village and may come to the Partnership next year for some funding. HS thanked EF for the update and said it is amazing all the work that is being done. EF advised there are a lot of people working together for Aberlady as it is a fantastic place to live.</p> |  |
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|  | <p><b>Dirleton Village Association</b></p> <p>AO advised that things are starting to come together after the set backs due to COVID. They are working with Ageing Well and looking to have a programme of walks set up in the New Year as they now have people that have been trained up. Hoping to do some small walks in the village before Christmas.</p> <p>AO thanked the Area Partnership for the funding for the Reasons to be Cheerful project. The first event will take place next week. It is a scarecrow competition which is exciting. A Coffee Connection project based on Carol Stobie project in North Berwick has started where people can get together for a chat. Unfortunately venues where these meetings can take place are limited just now. Working with Ros Richardson in Aberlady regarding a Community Day participatory budget event and hoping to get the voting done soon. Looking at loneliness issues and how and how jigsaws and books can be shared. There's an application underway to the Scotland Loves Local Fund. AO stated she would appreciate any help from DH Connected Communities Manager with this. DH happy to help and will contact AO. Deadlines have been noted. HS thanked AO for the update and again lots of exciting things happening.</p> <p><b>Gullane Village Association</b></p> <p>LSC said it was lovely to hear all the great work going on in the villages. LSC/GM have been working on the resilience side of things for over two years out of the village hall and this has been really successful. Gullane Scrubbers have moved from the Village Hall to Recreation Hall/Scout Hall. GM working hard to establish Gullane Village Association (GVA). A constitution, steering group and core group have all been set up. GM making sure everyone has a vote whether young or old. Time has been spent looking at the role the GVA can play in the Community. An initial meeting has already been set up. They hope to invite DH to future meetings. A book exchange has been set up recently within the village as the library hasn't re-opened yet. GM highlighted the library is a really important part of the village. Not many things to do in a small village. For some the library is the only contact some people have. The GVA have recognised the library as a community priority. GM informed the meeting that the Council are putting the Recreation Hall up for sale in the near future. The GVA would be devastated to lose another space in the community. Other groups are always looking for space and it would be a real shame to lose this space. Need everyone's support with this. GM added that LSC has done a fantastic job. HS thanked LSC for the update and is delighted that GVA is going ahead with some great ideas and that everyone is learning from each other.</p> <p><b>Resilience</b></p> <p>HS asked if anyone had been at the Association of Community Councils meeting the previous evening as there was going to be a discussion about Resilience and future planning. HS asked for feedback. No one knew there had been a meeting. HS mentioned the Community Recovery Renewal group was looking at lots of different aspects of recovery/renewal. Communication is key between everyone. At a strategic level, it's very important if we are to make our own community even better. HS highlighted the importance of engaging with the wider community to do this. HS will ask if anyone can feedback regarding the key points from the Association of Community Council Meeting at the next Area Partnership meeting.</p> | <p><b>DH</b></p> <p><b>HS</b></p> |
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|   | GM mentioned that Sandy Baptie re-enforced the importance of SPOCs and all information shared through SPOCs only. HS said this was very helpful as no one knows what is going to happen in the future. It is important that any information is circulated as the SPOCS have a very important role to play.  |   |
| <b>7. Roads Priorities Update</b>             |   |   |
|   | DH updated everyone that the bollards on Law Road have been removed. HS advised there is a lot that will be resolved at the meeting next week regarding Spaces for People and HS will feed back to the partnership.   | <b>HS</b>   |
| <b>8. General Budget Priorities 2020/2021</b> |   |   |
|   | <p>HS referred to budget information sent prior to meeting. HS asked AP members to agree to keep £5000 in reserve in case of further Covid resilience expenditure. If not used, this money would be made available for projects towards the end of the financial year.</p> <p>The following applications were discussed in great detail.</p> <p>A) Athelstaneford Parent Council – Playground Development</p> <p>B) North Berwick Community Council – Christmas Lights replacement</p> <p>C) East Lothian Cap Debt Centre</p> <p>D) Parenting Pathway</p> <p>Additional applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild about Life – Forrest School</li> <li>• Bike North, Bike East</li> </ul> <p>HS reminded the meeting about the scoring card. Members agreed to use the card as a means of voting on whether to support the project applications. All to return scores as soon as possible to HS/DH/SG and the collated list will be circulated. Scores will be used to indicate member priorities.</p> |   |
| <b>9. Review 2020</b>                         |   |   |
|   | HS advised that a review is needed of the Area Plan and will email members regarding this.  | <b>HS</b>   |
| <b>10. A.O.C.B</b>                            |   |   |
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| Dates of Next Meeting                         | <p>Suggested 2021 dates are</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> May 2021</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> November 2021</p>  | <p>Apologies to</p> <p><a href="mailto:nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p> |