

# North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

## Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 22 June 2021, 7-8 pm ZOOM MEETING

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Eric Martin, Dunpender Community Council (EM)	
Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Elected member ELC (JG)	
Tom Drysdale, Gullane Area Community Council (TD)	
Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB)	
Kelly Evans, North Berwick Community Council (KE)	
Christaine Maher, North Berwick Community Council (CM)	
John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)	
Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)	
Zoe Lovell, Law Primary School Parent Council (ZL)	
Gordon McLelland , Gullane Village Association (GM)	
Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LS)	
Anne Orr, Dirleton Good Neighbours (AO)	
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)	
Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JBe)	
Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)	
Lesley Kay, Children & Youth Network (LK)	
Ross Anderson, covering NB Community Centre Management Committee (RS)	
Simon Metzner, NB District Assoc of Churches (SM)	
Ruth Wolstenholme, Lime Grove TRA (RW)	

### Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)  
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)  
 Libby Morris, North Berwick Trust (LM)  
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)  
 Hilary Smyth, Gullane Community Children's Hub (HSM)  
 Tillie Baird, Resident (TB)  
 Jim Conway, Economic Development (JC)  
 Ally Rooney

### Apologies:

Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)  
 Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)  
 Leanne Nicklas, Gullane School Partnership (LN)  
 Bill Brown, Treasurer NBC Community Connection (RB)  
 Janice Macleod, NBC Children & Youth Network (JM)  
 Stevie Wands, Community Sport Development Officer (SW)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FAO
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>		
	<p>HS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted.</p> <p>DH advised that this meeting would be recorded, kept for 21 days then automatically deleted.</p> <p>HS explained this would be a short meeting tonight due to Scotland playing in the Euros.</p>	
<b>2. Minutes Previous Meeting</b>		
	Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed and accepted.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	<p>HS advised most of the matters arising will be covered during the meeting.</p> <p><b>Governance</b> The review group met and have suggested two small changes for the Standing Orders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To include meetings using various digital platforms zoom, teams, skype the information to members for comments.</li> <li>b) All primary schools and high school parent councils who show up at meetings will each be allowed to vote.</li> </ul> <p>HS/DH will send out by email the revised Standing Orders so that members can vote.</p> <p>HS advised there had been another proposal from North Berwick Community Council regarding the number of votes they believe they should be entitled to which has been sent round everyone. HS suggested this be discussed at another time/meeting as everyone has not had the two weeks' recommended notice to look at the proposal. A discussion took place.</p> <p>LK highlighted that NBC Area Partnerships practice is to allow the chairs of sub groups to vote but this is not shown in the Standing Orders – HS will check.</p> <p><b>Summer Activities Programme</b></p> <p>DH advised the Scottish Government has allocated £277,000 to East Lothian Council to support summer activities. DH added that North Berwick had done extremely well with many successful applications awarded. DH thanked everyone for submitting their applications within an extremely tight timescale. Any unsuccessful organisations/individuals can apply in future with their wonderful ideas.</p> <p><b>Holiday Hunger/Food Poverty</b></p> <p>DH confirmed a further £90,000 Social Welfare Fund from Scottish Government for East Lothian Council for food poverty. North Berwick Coastal will receive £12,000. DH proposed that this be given to the Health &amp; Wellbeing sub group who facilitated similar money during previous lockdowns. KN advised they are supporting 20 local families and are struggling for space for the pantry as groups are slowly starting to use the community centre again. KN advised they are looking to run down the stores over the summer and then re stock. Looking at the fridge and freezer and possibly going to a voucher system for fuel and food which the foodbank currently use. All just ideas at the moment nothing set in stone.</p>	

	Members were asked to vote on the £12,000 going to the NBC H&W for food poverty. It was unanimous yes and no objections received.	
<b>4. Declaration of Interest</b>		
	<p>HS asked members to declare any conflict of interest they may have in any of the applications being voted on tonight.</p> <p>JB declared a conflict of interest in the Bass rock Application.</p> <p>TD declared a conflict of interest in Dirleton Village Association.</p> <p>AO declared a conflict of interest in Dirleton Village Association.</p> <p>KN declared a conflict of interest regarding the food poverty money.</p>	
<b>5. North Berwick Coastal Area Plan 2021 - 2024</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Priorities from Sub Group Chairs</b></li> <li>• <b>Priorities Support from the Start</b></li> <li>• <b>Priorities Community Connections</b></li> </ul> <p>HS advised that each sub group have come up with some new priorities. This is ongoing. HS/DH will meet to re draft the Area Plan to go forward. HS highlighted we all need to think about why this area plan is so important. It needs to reflect what we see as our part. We need to work together for a common goal. Make life better for people who are struggling, continue to reduce inequalities. This plan will help us focus on our decision making. Do applications reach or priorities and targets?</p> <p>DH advised C&amp;Y have identified priorities and OTH have a list of priorities that will be finalised at their meeting tomorrow night. HS confirmed there is still a lot of work to be done by all and is keen to make sure Climate Change and Poverty are included. HS advised once she has this drawn up it will go to all members before the next meeting in August. Maybe need to look at how we can go out and about in all the difference villages.</p> <p>GM asked if the OTM group would be discussing the X5 bus that has been withdrawn. HS advised the meeting is tomorrow night. JG thought that due to lack of passengers the East Coast Bus company may be economically struggling but suggests if a large number of people wanted to see this bus reinstated maybe writing letters to the company may help. The company do not receive and subsidy from East Lothian Council. DH will take this to the OTM meeting tomorrow. TD felt that people may not be aware of the situation and that more publicity is needed. To raise awareness. DH will share the link the OTM meeting tomorrow is people wish to attend.</p> <p>JB advised that the voluntary Car Scheme is hoping to start up in September but they require a new coordinator and would urge anyone interested to please get in touch.</p> <p>EM felt there was a lack of information regarding meetings and what sub groups are up to. HS agreed and asked if anyone would be willing to come forward and help with web site etc. to get in touch. GM felt that finding relevant information on web sites is quite difficult.</p>	
<b>6. Reports from Sub Groups</b>		
	HS asked those present if there were any immediate actions requiring attention. None were forthcoming. Updates will follow at the next meeting.	
<b>7. Reports from Village Representatives</b>		
	Again, HS asked those present if there were any immediate actions requiring attention. None were forthcoming. Updates will follow at the next meeting.	

<b>8. General Budget Priorities 2021/2022</b>		
	<p>DH gave an update of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership finances for 2021/2022</p> <p>Applications to be discussed tonight are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dirleton Village Association - Christmas Lights £4,152 DH updated every one of the revised amount for this application. A discussion took place. Members decided to look at this at a later time and maybe have a small meeting in August to discuss all applications relating to Christmas. No decision taken at this meeting.</li> <li>• Bass Rock Group – Litter Pickers £345 14 members voted yes – no objections.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. A.O.C.B</b>		
	HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight and for their help and understanding.	
<b>Dates of Next Meetings</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Apologies to <a href="mailto:nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>