

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 7-9 pm ZOOM MEETING

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Judy Lockhart-Hunter, North Berwick Community Council (JLH)	
Eric Martin, Dunpender Community Council (EM)	
Gordon McLelland, Gullane Area Community Council (GM)	
Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)	
Brett Walker, Chair On The Move (BW)	
Janice Macleod, Chair NBC Children & Youth Network (JMc)	Lesley Kay, NB Area Youth and Children's Network (LK)
Simon Metzner, NB District Assoc of Churches (SM)	
Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)	
Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LS)	
Time Harding, Lime Grove TRA (RW)	
Jim Conway, Economic Development (JC)	
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
Hilary Smyth, Gullane Community Children's Hub (HSM)	
Nicky Fox, NB Community Centre Management Committee (NF)	
Ruth Pepper, Sustaining NB (RP)	
Stevie Wands, North Berwick Community Sports HUB (SW)	
John Baird, Voluntary Car Scheme (JB)	
Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)	

Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)
 Alex Hutchison, NB in Bloom (AH)

Apologies:

Carol McFarlane, North Berwick Community Council (CM)
 Libby Morris, North Berwick Trust (LM) and NB in bloom
 Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FAO
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies		
	HS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted. HS advised we would not be following the order of the agenda tonight as we wanted to start with the budget applications as a priority and see how much we can	

	get covered in the meeting. DH advised that this meeting would be recorded, kept for 21 days then automatically deleted.	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 25 th January 2022 were agreed and accepted. A few small amendments needing made.	
3. Matters Arising		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gullane Village Association – Recreation Hall Furniture DH thanked everyone for voting by email for this project. 15 supporting the application. 2 conflict and no one against. One member still to vote is JHL who asked for more time. JHL confirmed she does support this application. £5,000 approved for this project Request bullet points from community groups – if community groups could submit bullet points would be really helpful to ensure accurate minutes are taken of all the great work that is being done in our community High street obstacles – DH/BW through the OTM move are taking this forward. The matter is in hand and will continue to pursue with East Lothian colleagues. Bench refurbishment – DH/EF along with others are continuing to meet to restore some benches. 	
4. Declaration of Interest		
	HS asked members to declare any conflict of interest they may have in any of the applications being voted on tonight. NF declared a conflict for the application from Fringe by the Sea. SW/RP declared conflict of interest for the Skate Park Application. LS/EF declared a conflict of interest for the North Berwick Youth Project Application. LS/GMc declared a conflict of interest for the Gullane Village Association. NF declared a conflict of interest with the Stepping put Application.	
5. Membership		
	HS advised if anyone is in doubt if they are a voting member please vote and we will double check them later.	
6. North Berwick Costal Area Plan 2021 - 2024		
	To be discussed at May meeting	
7. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>Children & Youth Network – JMc advised there is lots of energy in this group and the meetings have been well attended and regular meeting dates have been arranged. At the next meeting it is hoped that a group of young people from the High School will be able to attend. £1,000 had it for years want an event and would like young people to help with what should be done. Could visit other areas. Rotate round the villages. If anyone would like to join the C&Y network we'd really welcome the support.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing – HS explained LS is stepping down from being co-chair on this group so there is a vacancy if anyone is interested please get in touch. Please share this information as widely as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main focus of the group has been working with Friends of Eddington and North Berwick Community Connections with a campaign to keep the Eddington open. This is still ongoing and trying to keep positive. There has been no formal decision to close it. Very difficult but we will keep on fighting. Hoping for more information in April. Health & Social Care for the whole area is currently under review. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Show – HW proposed Road Shows in Village Halls which can be used to showcase what happens in areas. Needs ideas. In September will use the gathered evidence on priorities for the H&WA and Area Plan. • HW is running a Walking festival for East Lothian wide and really excited about this. Setting up a steering group and anyone wishing to get involved please get in touch. • Compassionate Communities previously hosted by the H&WA is now operating independently. Compassionate Communities’ worker Charlie will come along to H&WA and share with everyone with a work interest, and from other areas too. • Menopause Café – First meeting last Saturday which went great. Looking at regular meetings. Saturday best day but maybe look at mid-week also. Looking at a mens’ menopause group. For more information keep an eye on facebook or get in touch. <p>On The Move – BW advised the draft minutes have gone up – DH to follow up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being optimistic hoping to get the X5 bus back by 1.5.22. • Clutter is still a big issue. Disabled really struggling to get around bins etc. BW thanked JHL for support. • Trying to get a meeting arranged Ken Reid and wheel chair users to demonstrate. JHL enquired if Community Council be involved. Agreed. • £36,000 Roads Budget remaining as East End of N High Street project delayed. HS, BW and DH will write formally. It is not the Area Partnership’s fault and should be carried over to next year’s budget. • DH advised only 7 working days before the end of the financial year so trying to identify projects would be a knee jerk reaction and no time for consultation. Suggest wait and see the outcome of the request to carry this forward due to unprecedented circumstances. • JC in favour of writing to ELC. A meeting to look at a more fundamental plan for the high street. DH has had no formal feedback. Looking to have a meeting with colleagues in Roads and direction of travel. <p>Support from the Start KN advised that Jan has funding for another year which is brilliant. They have a student (Michael) who is preparing a funding application from the digital inclusion money to purchase an ipad that could be used for families in the community. Lost Morven’s post but waiting to hear who will take over the post. HS thanked Michael for completing the funding application.</p>	
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8. Reports from Village Representatives

	<p>Aberlady Community Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EF advised their 3rd newsletter has gone out and is working on their 4th newsletter. • In Bloom are back up and running with hanging baskets and have planted oak trees in response to the Queens Green Canopy. Row of apple trees school football pitch. • Looking to create a Jubilee garden at Aberlady Village Hall to smarten up the area. Suggestions of wild flowers and a new bench perhaps. A dust bin has been moved as we are not happy with the original location. • Stroll & Sit is in hand and the benches should be here by the end of the month or beginning of next month. • Youth Project coming up in the summer with art classes, skate boarding, parkour, film nights. 	
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- Pollution in Aberlady Bay situation is still on going. LF advised that she would provide further updates in due course.
- Bench Refurbishment – looking at 29 benches in Aberlady that need repainted and possibly plaques put on them. If they are not maintained they will be removed.
- Several defibrillators located in Aberlady, need to identify a team of people to look after them.
- Coffin lane is being resurfaced by ELC
- Jubilee event is being planned for 5.6.22. It is a bring and share picnic with lots of musicians coming along.
- There is a meeting tomorrow night to look in detail at the hall refurbishment which may be a huge project. Watch this space.
- KH added that the Council Safe routes to school extra crossing has made some progress. A survey has been sent to all families’.

Dirleton Village Association (DVA)

- JMc highlighted it is great to hear all the fantastic work that is happening in the surrounding communities.
- DVA £3,000 for trees for Queens Green Canopy
- DGN success lunch hub first Wednesday every month. Social enterprise model. £5 being charged and being reinvested into community.
- DGN & DVA and others are arranging a party on the lower green celebrate jubilee on 4.6.22
- Bowling Club has been refurbished and official opening is 3.4.22
- JMC advised that DGN mentioned they are having a Market on the Green on 3.4.22 11am till 3pm to raise funds for Ukraine.

HS asked if we can circulate that date too. HS added it is really lovely to hear all this great work.

JLH wanted to add that the North Berwick Community Council and The Harbour Trust are also having a fete on 2.6.22 which will include a beacon, trail (scan QR code) and are planning craft stalls and baking competition.

Gullane Village Association

- Further groups are now using the Recreation Hall including the Bridge Club that formerly met in the Mallard Hotel. After a trial evening they were delighted to be able to agree to book up for the next year to enable the club to resume playing.
- In addition, a new series of art classes by Heather Macfarlane begins in May
- We are delighted to be hosting 7 events during Gullane’s first Food & Drink Festival from the 4-10 April
- The GVA in conjunction with the local parish church is hosting a Easter Saturday Family Fun event
- As of today, the Recreation Hall bookings diary has gone online on our website for the community to see
- We are still holding back time to allow a Community Café to run once the kitchen has been brought up to current standards. Conversation this week with Environmental Health has given us really useful feedback in getting this started.
- We just about had broadband up and running today and BT think its all OK despite the BT box in the hall hanging off the wall & not live. Maybe engineer No. 3 will get it finally fixed!
- A nice long meeting with Sue Northrop today has also encouraged us to look to host a Dementia friendly meeting group and to look towards making future events to be

	<p>inter-generational.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were delighted to issue our 4th Newsletter to all 1500 households in the village and this has been getting wonderful feedback particularly from those not able to use the internet. • Like to thank Katie Nevans for working with us to plan our Summer of Play week after the success of last year. <p>Whitekirk Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed camera put up but not where we wanted it. Trying to resolve this • Bus shelter promised February – still waiting on that • Having a fight with BT Paul MacLennan re fibre going into 3 villages but doesn't connect anyone. No money left. Paul MacLennan could be ELC but ELC has no money either. Right mess. • JC advised there is a company in the boarders that are putting fibre directly into homes. Scottish Government grant for individuals. Worth looking into and JC will get the correct information and share this. *information shared on chat board later in meeting. 	
9. General Budget Priorities 2021/2022		
	<p>DH gave members a full update of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership finances for 2021/2022, highlighting budgets allocated and sums remaining prior to the meeting commencing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. General Budget Allocation £54,000 - £37,444.80 remaining B. Roads Budget Allocation £50,000 - £36,000 remaining C. COVID recovery (held by HWA: Food Poverty/Social Welfare) £14,958.30 D. COVID recovery (Digital Inclusion) Allocation £2,500 - £426 remaining E. COVID recovery (Youth Work) Allocation £7,500 - £4,255 remaining <p>Applications submitted for consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Every Story Counts (Fringe by the Sea) £4,475 A good discussion took place. Members voted 5 YES – 10 NO – 1 conflict Members agreed that they would welcome a revised application should it be specific to Partnership priorities and provided further detail on costing in relation to staffing. b. Aviation Preservation Society of Scotland £3,500 A good discussion took place. A decision was taken to defer just now as there were many questions and concerns raised. DH asked to make contact and suggest that a revised application focusses on how the project will directly benefit children and young people form the North Berwick Coastal ward. c. North Berwick Skatepark £5,000 RHP gave members an update on the project so far and had a slide show for all to see. Another great discussion took place. Members voted 16 YES – No objections – 2 Conflict 	

	*Please note that the application from Aberlady Community Association was withdrawn by LF pending further information being ascertained from the hall committee.	
10. Additional Scottish Government Funding – COVID Recovery		
	<p>a. Gullane Recreation Hall (Digital Inclusion) £925 LS gave a quick update on this application. Members voted 16 YES – No objections – 2 conflict</p> <p>b. Stepping Out (Digital Inclusion) £499 NF gave a quick update regarding this application. Members voted 16 YES – No objections – 1 conflict</p> <p>c. North Berwick Youth Project (Youth Work) £4,255 This application had already been approved by the C&Y network and brought back to members for ratification. Members voted 15 Yes – No objections – 2 conflict</p> <p>HS thanked everyone for their time with these applications. JLH wanted to clarify that she was happy with the applications but had not had enough time to take back to the Community Council for consultation. DH/HS advised that all applications would endeavour to be circulated two weeks prior to meetings. DH apologised for tabling late applications, complicated by tight end of financial year time scales.</p>	
11. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>HS advised she had received a request for a Letter of support from the Sea Bird Centre. They are applying for funding for £18,000 to repair or get new cameras. Mainly equipment. Looking for a letter of support from the Area Partnership to send with their funding application. All members agreed to support this. HS will do the letter of support.</p> <p>HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight and stay safe.</p>	
Dates of Next Meetings	<p>Dates for meetings 2022</p> <p>03.5.2022 21.6.2022 30.8.2022 15.11.2022</p>	<p>Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>