

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 25th January 2022, 7-9 pm ZOOM MEETING

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Carol McFarlane, North Berwick Community Council (CM)	Bill MacNair, North Berwick Community Council (BM)
Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB)	Christaine Maher, North Berwick Community Council (CM)
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)	
Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LS)	
Gordon McLelland, Gullane Area Community Council (GM)	
Brett Walker, Chair On The Move (BW)	
Janice Macleod, Chair NBC Children & Youth Network (JMc)	
Simon Metzner, NB District Assoc of Churches (SM)	
Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)	
Ruth Wolstenholme, Lime Grove TRA (RW)	
Jim Conway, Economic Development (JC)	
Sarah Gibson, Gullane School Parent Carer partnership committee (SGi)	
Hilary Smyth, Gullane Community Children's Hub (HSM)	
Nicky Fox, NB Community Centre Management Committee (NF)	
Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JBe)	

Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)
 Graeme Brown, ELC Roads Department (GB) Project Manager - Parking Management
 Ian Lennox, ELC Roads Department (IL) Team Manager - Assets & Regulatory
 Libby Morris, North Berwick Trust (LM) and NB in bloom
 Elaine Morrison, Manager Food bank (EM)
 Paul Gillan, Parent of a pupil attending Law Primary School (PG)

Apologies:

Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)
 Ian Malcolm, Aberlady Conservation & History Society (IM)

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 16 th November 2021 were agreed and accepted.	
3. Matters Arising		
	Agreed that all would be covered under the following Agenda items.	
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. GM and LS declared a conflict for the application from the Gullane Village Association which would be looked at only in principle tonight. JMc declared a conflict regarding the recommendations from the C&Y network for Aberlady initiatives.	
5. Membership		
	HS welcomed new representatives and first time attendees along to the meeting.	
5a Update GB East Lothian Roads Department		
	GB made a presentation regarding the East end of the High Street to update members. The changes that were agreed previously have not been able to be implemented for various reasons and two options were explained to members. A lengthy discussion took place to see how this can be taken forward. Looking at the pros and cons of each option in detail. There was a general agreement that option B was preferred but everyone agreed that there was a need to do something on the ground. It was also agreed that there is still a need to continue gathering more information and evidence to inform the development of the High Street.	
6. North Berwick Coastal Area Plan 2021 - 2024		
	HS very keen to gain specific priorities from your community groups to collate into the future NBC Area Plan. Consultation events to be scheduled once restrictions ease.	
7. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>Children & Youth Network – JMc advised the last meeting was really good. A good survey was done by Mo from Aberlady who represents the High School pupils. Survey by 10-18 year olds around what they would like in Aberlady. Full survey results will be circulated post meeting. JMc highlighted that from this survey there are a few initiatives which the C&Y network full support and would like to bring forward to the full partnership as good practise for their views. There is £7,500 available from the Covid relief fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf/skate lessons - £1,250 • Art classes - £1,200 • One off parkour event - £795 <p>Total applied for £2,800 from £7,500. Members voted 13 YES – 1 conflict – no objections £4,700 remaining.</p> <p>JMc highlighted the proposal for a breakfast club at North Berwick High School for £3,000. DH asked members if anyone had any objections to this proposal and there were no objections. Funds to be transferred from the Health and Wellbeing Association to NB High School.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing – HS explained the main focus of the group has been working with Friends of Eddington and North Berwick Community Connections with a</p>	

	<p>campaign to keep the Edington open. It is closed just now but this is being reviewed monthly.</p> <p>HS advised there have been meetings trying to link up all the Health & Wellbeing groups all over East Lothian as well as at a local level. HS advised the group are doing a lot of great work and good connections are being made. Keen to ensure everyone has an equal say in what is needed and how this can be achieved. Still ongoing.</p> <p>On The Move – BW advised there have been two meetings since the last NBC Area Partnership. They have been assured the X5 bus will be restored but not sure when. Happy to attend further meetings if needed on this subject. Free bus passes on 31.1.22 for all under 22 so would be good to have this bus up and running to take young people to Fort Kinnaird for the cinema, shopping and restaurants. CM advised she can't take part in any discussion re buses as her husband works for Lothian buses.</p> <p>BW advised regarding the bike racks at the west end of North Berwick - awaiting a report back from Cycle Forth.</p> <p>BW advised still working on the priorities for the NBC Area Plan.</p> <p>East Scotland Regional Framework - disappointing consultation run for 6 weeks over the summer. There was an opportunity to influence the 1.3 billion yet seemed to ignore contributions from local community groups. BW asked if he could get members support for the Partnership to write how disappointed we are regarding the 6 week time frame over the summer. There were no objections from members.</p> <p>BW asked if Whitekirk had their speed cameras yet. EM advised he'd met with Keith Scott and had a walk around the Whitekirk village looking at the location points for the speed cameras. Hoping these will be in place before Christmas.</p> <p>Pot holes – ELC Roads Department is dealing with these.</p> <p>East End of High Street - NM/DH and various others to discuss proposal.</p> <p>Could ELC enforce law clutter on pavements as this is a hazard for the visual impaired and buggies etc. BW asked if he could get members support from the Partnership to write to East Lothian Council to enforce the litter law regarding the clutter on the high street. There were no objections from members. DH advised he is happy to help where he can.</p> <p>RP asked regarding the safer routes to school. BW assured members this is still ongoing and very important to everyone.</p> <p>SW to be added to the OTM distribution list.</p>	
<p>8. Reports from Village Representatives</p>		
	<p>To be carried over to the next meeting. Ran out of time.</p> <p>Aberlady Community Association</p> <p>Dirleton Village Association</p> <p>Dirleton Good Neighbours</p> <p>Gullane Village Association</p> <p>Whitekirk Village</p>	

9. General Budget Priorities 2021/2022		
	<p>HS explained that Applications for resources should be looked at with the following in mind. Using these questions when making decisions on funding applications will keep everything fair and on a level playing field.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fit with local priorities? 2. Tackle inequalities? 3. Value for money? 4. Sustainable? 5. Do-able? <p>Grounds for refusal? HS asked members their thoughts on grounds for refusal and a discussion took place.</p> <p>DH gave an update of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership finances that are still available for 2021/2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General budget £19,016.70 • Transportation £9,050.65 • COVID recovery (held by HWA: Food Poverty/Social Welfare) £14,958.30 • COVID recovery (Digital Inclusion) £1,850 • COVID recovery (Youth Work) £7,500 <p>A) Countryside Rangers – Yellowcraigs Improved wheelchair access and renewing interpretation boards - £2461.50 Members voted 15 YES – no objections</p> <p>B) Dirleton Village Association – Finger posts - £824 Much question and answering. GB will take this forward and will report back with more information. No decision made.</p> <p>C) Discuss and decide in principle only tonight as members have not had the full 2 weeks to consider this. Gullane Village Association - Furniture, Gullane Recreation Hall - £5,000 IN PRINCIPLE ONLY - Members voted 11 yes – no objections.</p> <p>D) Discuss a draft application received from Fringe By The Sea for £4,475 just to make people aware of this and more information will follow for next meeting.</p> <p>E) NBCC, OTM - Road Safety measures, Law Primary School £9,000 Good discussion and suggestions. Members were asked to vote on the remaining £9,000 from the Roads budget being spent on safety measures around Law Primary School. Members voted 12 yes – 1 member abstained.</p>	
10. A.O.C.B		
	HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight and stay safe.	
Dates of Next Meetings	<p>Dates for meetings 2022</p> <p>22.3.2022</p> <p>03.5.2022</p> <p>21.6.2022</p> <p>30.8.2022</p>	<p>Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>

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