

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 31st August 2022, 7-9 pm North Berwick Community Centre & zoom

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Cllr Liz Allan, Elected Member East Lothian Council (LA)	
Phill Coll, Gullane Community Council (PC)	
Jacqueline Cottrell, North Berwick Community Council (JC)	
Carol McFarlane, North Berwick Community Council (CM)	
Gordon McLelland, Gullane Area Community Council (GM)	
Brett Walker, Chair On The Move (BW)	
Frank Neate, Gullane Area Community Council (FN)	
Janice Macleod, Chair NBC Children & Youth Network (JMc)	
Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)	
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
Ruth Wolstenholme, Lime Grove TRA Community Group (RW)	
Sarah Gibson, Gullane School Parent Carer partnership committee (SG)	
Katie Reid, Support from the Start (KR)	
Steve Wands, NB Sports Hub (SW)	
Nicky Fox, North Berwick Community Centre Management Committee (NF)	

Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SGi)
 Alison Brown, Volunteer centre East Lothian (AB)
 Alex Hutchison, NB in Bloom (AH)
 Craig Entwistle, Housing Strategy Officer (CE)
 Anne Orr, Market on the Green (AO)

Apologies:

Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB) zoom
 Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)
 Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)
 Simon Metzner, NB District Assoc of Churches (SM)
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)
 Rhona Harlley, SOLE (RH)
 Judy Lockhart-Hunter (JLH)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FAO
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies		
	HS welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Community Centre for hosting the meeting. Round table introductions were made and apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		
	The Minutes from the meeting held on the 21 st of June 2022 were agreed and accepted.	
3. Matters Arising		
	<p>SW updated Members regarding all ability sport chairs.</p> <p>In answer to questions the following <i>post meeting update</i> was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would suggest going for a multisport chair, that way it could be transferable across the variety of sports. • Suppliers I would recommend would be RGK wheelchairs, Bromakin Wheelchairs or Top end Wheelchairs. <p>RGK specialise in basketball chairs but offer tennis and multisport as well (based in Manchester)- https://rgkwheelchairs.com/wheelchairs/sport-wheelchairs/interceptor.html</p> <p>Bromakin cover all range of chairs from racing wheelchairs to multisport (based in Loughborough)- I have a contact detail for their manager I can call for advise if required http://www.bromakin.co.uk/index.php/products/sports/wheelchair-basketball</p> <p>Top end are a USA based company who are similar to Bromakin but the prices may be different https://topendwheelchair.invacare.com/basketball-chairs/category/basketballchairs-topend</p> <p>Pricing for the chairs can vary depending on how custom they are made. It would be worth contacting the supplier as they can advise from there.</p> <p>DH advised RH from SOLE had emailed an update. Over 2000 accounts in East Lothian since launched in June. A big mix of business types. NB area around 58 organisations signed up. Will keep all updated. HS encouraged Members to download the SOLE app. HS confirmed this is a free app. SW highlighted that this is an incredible platform for sporting information and activities too.</p> <p>HS gave a Skate Park update from RHP:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including the generous funding allocated by CAP, have now raised £70,000 towards target of £140,000. • Anticipate news on an application with Sport Scotland in the next few weeks - indications are this will be in the region of £35,000. • In communication with ELC providing updates on funding progress regarding application for CIF funding. Understand ELC will seriously consider the application in full when project has reached funds in excess of £90,000 and hopefully 'top up' the difference. • Start date for work commencing on the skatepark is March 2023 – this will however be dictated by - a. Allowing time to raise all the money b. Availability of contractor commissioned to do the build c. Weather. 	

	HS advised this was very impressive in such a short timescale. Amazing.	
4. Declaration of Interest		
	This is a standing item on the agenda. Please declare any conflict of interest when voting. No applications to be voted on tonight.	
5. Membership		
	HS welcomed new members and guests and thanked them for coming along tonight. EB advised members that she is retiring as Chair of the Day Centres and Colin Campbell will be taking over. HS wanted to say on behalf of everyone a big massive thank you for all the hard work and commitment on NBC AP, NBC CC and the Day Centre. Huge big thank you. A round of applause followed.	
6. Craig Entwistle – East Lothian Council Housing Strategy & Development Officer		
	CE came along and gave members an update on East Lothian Councils Housing Strategy. <i>Presentation attached.</i>	
7. East Lothian Walking Festival		
	<p>HS gave following update.</p> <p>An East Lothian wide event this year. There were 18 bookable walks and events in the programme plus a further 12 suggested routes across the 6 AP areas. In addition, the website had downloads and app/orienteering trails for children and families to use. The Festival promoted trails that were step-free and held a Wheely Good Day at Whitekirkhill where people with impaired mobility could access the countryside with friends and family using speciality equipment provided by Beach Wheelchairs and Beyond Boundaries East Lothian. Full details of participation numbers, website use and social media impact, including breakdown of spend, will be available with evaluation shortly. Note that some unspent funds are allocated and awaiting invoice.</p> <p>Thanks to all partner organisations: NBC AP, Musselburgh AP, Haddington and Lammermuir AP, Venturing Out CIC, Ramblers Scotland, Paths for All, Ageing Well East Lothian, Queen Margaret University, The Woodland Trust, NBC Community Connections, Hiddentoun Nordic Walking, Fantoosh Sketching, Barbara Gardner-Rowell and Changes CHP, plus huge thanks to Mo and D!</p>	
8. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>Children & Youth Network + Bursary Update JM advised members that the schools have been on holiday and a meeting has been arranged for next Tuesday the 6th of September 2022. Network is working with Kelly McInnis on new Youth Strategy.</p> <p>DH advised of summer holiday provision. Gullane – H Smythe delivered events. KR added they had focussed on the Gullane area with stories and no cook cake making. SG advised her children attended and loved the activities.</p> <p>Jan Guant Family Support Worker provided support to families in Athelstonford, getting them provision utilising C&YN funds.</p> <p>Aberlady - CDeM (Mo) ran number of events including parkour, skateboarding etc. HS added she would like to see some photos. DH will bring evaluation from Mo and photos to the next meeting.</p> <p>DH advised there was news hot of the press. KR confirmed she had applied to Education Scotland and been awarded £6000 over 2 years for the development of STEM projects for children. HS praised excellent news. SW added that the school's sports department would love to be part of this with providing physical activities. JM will pass on date of meeting.</p>	

Health & Wellbeing Association – HS provided a short report from the H&W association.

The summer usually provides a hiatus in terms of community groups’ activities. This is, therefore, a short update on what the HWA have been involved in over the last 2 months.

- **Scottish Food And Welfare Fund**
There is an increasing demand for support for vulnerable members of our local communities. Much is channelled through NB Community Centre and Support From The Start. Since June, £3,700 has been used in this way but more will need to be put in place given the impending cost of living crisis, fuel and food poverty and associated issues.
- **Menopause Café**
Feedback from those who attend is very positive. Meetings at Glen Golf Club.
- **Community Capacity Building fund**
As per previous meeting £3000 was allocated in June to CYN bursary scheme.
- **HSCP**
Work is continuing on report looking at future health and social care need for older people. This project is being conducted with DELAP HWA.
- Continuing discussions with HSCP and wider HWA networks across East Lothian including participation in HSCP consultation events.
- Edington Hospital remains closed (in its previous form and with its compliment of services). Continuing to be part of group lobbying for its reopening. Lack of staff cited as fundamental reason for current status.

What’s left at the bank

Scottish Food/welfare fund	3458.30
Menopause Cafe	324.20
Walking Festival	1634.30
Community capacity building	1552.20
Smarter choices, smarter places	3000.00
General (including web)	1235.86
TOTAL	£ 11204.86

On The Move - BW gave update

- Visit East Lothian turned down our request to attend OtM for a Q and A on a range of matters that were of concern – through traffic arising from Destination Drive (85% of visits to EL are by car); camper vans/ overnight parking, wild camping, websites; destination boards; opportunities for slow tourism in NBC; conflicts with Climate Change Strategy. Disappointment was expressed particularly as it is in Visit Scotland’s constitution to consult with local groups and we hoped to be consulted on emerging strategies such as by Response, Recovery and Renewal Group and Visitor Management Plan.
- Noted that the Economic Unit had taken no action on clutter particularly on NB High Street and we wished this to be an inclusivity issue before someone is hurt.
- Meeting arranged with members of Dirleton CA who had traffic control issues and the poor siting, without planning permission of a destination board.
- Bike racks would be paid for from a separate ELC fund.
- Dropped Kerbs and Signage - Chris Milne has asked for locations requiring attention.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IL asked to carry out full survey and design for Abbey Road/ Westgate Junction as part of safe walking route from rail station to the beach with crossing points at Westgate and Beach Road opposite Ben Sayers statue (NB in Bloom would support). Waiting on design costs. Costs to come from 2022/2023 Roads Budget. • ELC to be asked to amend the approved traffic order to take the 20mph limit beyond (south of) Pilgrims Way in NB. It was also suggested that the 30mph be taken to the access to Whisky Bottle Wood. • Climate Challenge / Impact Assessment Work Shop to be delivered by Hanna Lundstrom at NB Community Centre, 7 pm, 10 of October. Opportunity to be used to assist with drafting new Area Plan. All AP Members and associates welcome. • Thanks to Gullane GVA for offering to host the next On the Move meeting on the 31st of October. <p>Support from the Start – KR advised that current early year’s activities for parents and children have included Baby Massage, and Stay & Play. Between October and December courses that are being planned for roll-out include Raising Teens with Confidence, Baby PEEP and Toddler Book Bug. There is an issue with North Berwick Play Group and KR is expecting an application from them to keep the Play Group running. KR advised SftS will give them £1,000 match funding.</p>	
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9. Reports from Village Representatives

	<p>Aberlady Community Association. FN provided an update -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed to get double yellow lines actioned which should be happening next week. • Golf tournaments - Move your car or be charged. Provost and MSPs have been advised. Unclear of future position. • Pollution in Aberlady Bay – Scottish Water refuse to acknowledge there is an issue. MSPs and SEPA involved. SEPA not engaging. HS was shocked by this and asked if Environmental Health at ELC involved. They don’t have powers. HS thanked FN for bringing this to Partnerships attention. <p>Whitekirk – no update available</p> <p>Gullane Village Association – GMc advised that they had had their AGM the other week and GMc and 2 others had stepped down and replacements were in place. Lorna Scott is now Chair.</p> <p>North Berwick Community Council – Lots of ongoing discussion around High Street. Consultation ongoing. Traders continue to highlight concerns. Consultation to try and get a resolution and move forward. Must make sure everyone is heard. Still collecting comments.</p> <p>JLH is involved in steering Eddington Cottage hospital. Not much progress made, but is ongoing and a very frustrating process.</p> <p>GMc mentioned there is a lack of Police attending Community Council meetings and wondered if NBC CC was the same. JC advised yes the same at NBC CC. The CAP meetings are not happening. JC have asked for these to be reinstated.</p> <p>Presentation by Derek Carter Dirleton Village Association <i>Presentation attached.</i></p> <p>Dirleton Village Association – DC advised they had had an open day which was very well attended and a great success. Lots of requests for warm rooms/spaces. JMcl helping to collate all the information. There was a real buzz about the event. Great to</p>	
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	see. DH attended and agreed a great event and felt that the amount of people attending equated to most of the village. A few new members signed up for DVA. Dirleton tree project / Climate Change / Queens Green Canopy - 80 trees to be planted in November.	
10. Budget Report		
	<p>Members discussed how the most vulnerable in the community could be supported as they face the large scale increases in food and fuel prices widely predicted for the coming winter. Members agreed to prioritise the reaming £43,456 in the General Budget to support the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Post Meeting Circular</p> <p><i>... The work currently being done in the Coastal Area was acknowledged and thanks offered to all those who contribute formally and informally to helping their community. Many existing initiatives such as The Kindness Co-operative, Children and Youth Network's Bursary Scheme and Holiday Hunger project are already working with people and families living with poverty. However, Members were concerned that many more will be pushed into difficulties over the next few months.</i></p> <p><i>As a result, the Membership decided to allocate their resources accordingly and prioritise projects that help to address the problems caused by soaring prices. This decision means that the remainder of this year's funding can be made available to organisations or groups that will provide help to our community's most vulnerable. There are many ways this help can be delivered and it is hoped that projects will come forward for funding from a wide variety of groups and from across the Coastal Area. Applications need to be submitted by 31st October in time for the next NBC Area Partnership public meeting on 15th November. Forms and further information from nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</i></p>	
11. General Budget Priorities 2022/2023		
	HS advised that no applications had been received.	
12. A.O.C.B.		
	No business.	
Dates of Next Meetings	<p>Provisional Dates for 2023 Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday the 24th of January 2023 • Tuesday the 21st of March 2023 • Tuesday the 2nd of May 2023, • Tuesday the 20th of June 2023 • Tuesday the 29th of August 2023 • Tuesday the 14th of November 2023 	<p>Apologies to</p> <p>nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>