

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 15th November 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)	
Cllr Jeremy Findlay, Elected Member East Lothian Council (JF)	
Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB)	
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)	
Steven Polwart, Aberlady Community Association (Depute in absence of LF(SP))	
Colin Campbell, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (CC)	
Alison Clark, North Berwick High School Parent School Partnership (AC)	
Simon Metzner, NB District Association of Churches (SM)	
Katie Reid, Support from the Start (KR)	
Jonathan Taeuber, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (JT)	
Nicky Fox, North Berwick Community Centre Management Committee (NF)	
Ruth Hunter Pepper, Sustaining North Berwick (RHP)	
Tim Harding, Lime Grove TRA Community Group (TH)	
Simon Paterson-Brown, Dirleton Village Association (SPB)	

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)
 Rhona Hartley, SOLE (RH)
 Dawn Alexander, SOLE (DA)
 Ryan Robertson, ELC EV Infrastructure and Roads Asset Officer (RR)
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)
 Libby Morris, Chair of North Berwick in Bloom (LM)
 Charlotte McMillan – Development Officer Community Arts (CMM)

Apologies:

Sarah Gibson, Gullane School Parent Carer partnership committee (SG)
 Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LS)
 Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)
 Lauren Cowie, NB Area Youth and Children's Network (LC)

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 the table introductions were made and apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		
	The Minutes from the meeting held on the 31 st of August 2022 were agreed and accepted.	
3. Matters Arising		
	HS advised all matters will be covered during the meeting.	
4. Declaration of Interest		
	This is a standing item on the agenda. Please declare any conflict of interest when voting. KR declared conflict of interest on Kindness and playgroup applications. GMC declared a conflict on the Digital Speed Camera application.	
5. Guest Speakers		
	<p>SOLE: Dawn Alexander and Rhona Hartley, Community Engagement Specialists with SOLE (Support Our Local Economy), a free platform and app that acts as a local single point of contact and discovery. They have been working in EL since March 2022. 750 businesses and community groups now have SOLE profiles. Rhona highlighted that the first phase of SOLE had been to get businesses and community groups engaged with the platform in East Lothian. It's been very busy, attending lots of events to raise awareness. SOLE are providing sponsored offers if a business sells £100 worth of products. They can invoice SOLE and they will give £100 back. Been wonderful finding out about all the different places and creating shops - 10 so far. JF asked if there was any data available yet re users. DA/RH replied there is a team dealing with this and they will ask for figures and report back to DH who can share them with the Partnership.</p> <p>RHP asked if the platform could be used for highlighting volunteer groups. DA replied it isn't just for business, all community groups can utilise it. HS thanked SOLE for their update and encouraged everyone to engage. RH mentioned that she had been speaking to people who had only attended events because they saw info about them on the SOLE site. One stop shop for what's on your door step. HS mentioned the funding and asked how long staff would be available to support people in using the app. DA advised the funding is for 3 years, and then depends on the success. HS advised 9-10 months into the first year of funding. DA thanked everyone for listening. Feel free to get in touch if SOLE can help. RH asked everyone to download the app.</p> <p>Charlotte McMillan – Development Officer, Community Arts CM advised she wears 3 different hats:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Development Officer, Youth Music Initiative. Separate funding from Council, schools and freelance provision. Can help support projects that may not be able to continue due to funding. Using music to target creativity. Creative Scotland targeting funding at areas of deprivation in communities. 2. ELJAM coordinator. Has a huge network of contacts, equipment, training opportunities, and support on offer to those that work with young people. ELJAM doesn't have the same amount of funding as in previous years, but the network is still there. Steering group in place, with young people central to all work undertaken. A 3 year strategy is in place. Currently looking at the best ways to implement and roll out priorities. Will send flyer to DH to circulate. Would love to see Fringe by the Sea and Haddstock having a youth stage and 	

	<p>if the contact details for both these organisation could be sent to CM that that would be much appreciated.</p> <p>3. General Community Music – Currently meeting with Community Councils, CLD, C&Y Networks etc. to look at the provision of music in communities. Been trying to contact NB Youth Project as there are bits of funding available that could maybe help. Dance/drama/musical theatre etc. are on offer. Open to hearing whatever may be needed and wanted so can assist and provide an arts provision. HS asked what age group ELJAM work with. CM advised 0-25. Community Arts Council arts 60+ we can bring tutors to certain groups. This is a new position. This could work with holiday clubs etc. CM is going to go around all the Area Partnerships in East Lothian to consult and find out what’s going on in each area, find out where the gaps are, and encourage groups to get in touch. CM will share her email address cmcmillan@eastlothian.gov.uk It was asked how to get more music and drama into schools. CM will look into and help with funding if required. HS thanked CM for coming along tonight.</p> <p>North Berwick In Bloom: LM gave a presentation on all the amazing work that NB bloom have achieved. HS suggested In Bloom become a full Member of NBC Area Partnership. They just need to put request in writing. HS valued NB In Blooms opinion and expertise, and stated that we are all very grateful for the great work being achieved. AB advised they could support NB In Bloom look at future funding opportunities.</p>	
<p>6. Reports from Sub Groups</p>		
	<p>Children & Youth Network – JM gave a short update as LC was not able to make the meeting tonight. DH advised members that the North Berwick Youth Project had been successful in achieving funding for a Specialist Youth Worker post (2years) and it is going really well. DH added that LC is working on a number of applications for funding and is working with AB from VCEL. There are currently 35 in the Girls Group. The Project is looking to fund a resilient residential course to build self-esteem and confidence. The costs for all elements of their work have increased. They will come back to us once the applications have all been completed in the New Year. JM acknowledge and praised the ongoing support of Law Primary and North Berwick High School for work both in and out of school.</p> <p>JM added that there is a meeting tomorrow re the cost of living and poverty crisis at the community centre. All welcome especially new members.</p> <p>On The Move - BW gave update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft minutes have been circulated on 31.10.22. • BW wondered if local councillors could help with clutter on the High Street. There are equalities issue, with the partially sighted tripping over sandwich boards. This has been discussed several times at meetings of OTM. Despite numerous requests for action to be taken, none to date. Clutter eg sandwich boards, table and chairs shouldn’t be there. LA will pass on contact details of most appropriate to take forward. • Safe routes to school – BW asked DH for info on access to new nursery. DH advised that Roads colleagues were still to get back to him with details. DH to follow up. • New purpose built nursery opening at Easter. BW asked members if it was ok to write to planning to ensure safe travel plan in place. Everyone in agreement that it is ok for BW proceed. • Buses. GM raised concerns about the lack of live information available on rural bus services. Many buses being cancelled due to lack of drivers / illness. Information not being updated. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric charging points proposed for car park at Rugby Club. Ryan Robertson gave short presentation on the roll out and need for charging points across East Lothian. Budget constraints are faced in doing this. Difficult to keep up with the number of electric vehicles now on our roads. Funds available from Scottish Government are matched funds. HS suggested that the funding of charging points be taken back to the On the Move Sub Group for consideration in January. • The on the Move Group again highlighted the need for the 20mph zone to be extended north on Haddington Road B1347, as children coming from Sim Forth going to school leave a 20 mph zone, then enter a 30 mph zone and then re-enter a 20 mph zone as they approach the school. <p>Health & Wellbeing Association – HS updated those present on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There’s an ongoing consultation the Health & Social Care Partnership. HS urged everyone to sign up for their newsletter. • Ongoing discussions regarding the Edington Hospital. The steering group met last night and will meet again next week. • Very important meeting tomorrow for the H&W, C&Y Network to focus on poverty and the cost of living crisis. Need to pull ideas together. Everyone welcome, 2pm at the Community Centre. <p>Due to time constraints HS advised that the minutes from the last H&W meeting would be circulated along with the minutes from this meeting for information.</p> <p>Support from the Start – KR advised there has been lots happening. Stay & Play, Baby Massage, and that she had started advertising for the Christmas Cheer initiative. Anyone wishing to donate, there is an angel tree in the hall with small tags. You remove one and buy the gift then re attach the tag. The Tree Angel proposal came from North Berwick Rotary. The rumours of the Play Group disbanding are not true. Needing to close early before Christmas for various staffing reasons. It is hoped the Paly Group will be open for business as usual come January.</p>	
7. Reports from Village Representatives		
	<p>HS advised due to a very busy meeting that we have ran out of time to have an update from villages. Asked members if they are able to send us an update and we can share with everyone.</p> <p>Gullane Village Association – Please use link below to view the GVAs most recent community newsletter.</p> <p>GVA Newsletter Christmas 2022.pdf (cdn-website.com)</p>	
8. Budget Report		
	<p>DH gave those present an update and reminded everyone that Members had agreed to prioritise the remaining £43,456 in the General Budget to support the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>AB highlighted that the food funding £3,000 applications close on 28/11/2022.</p> <p>DH advised that the Roads Budget currently stands at £44,000. Awaiting accurate costs and feasibility of projects already submitted to Roads colleagues. DH will come back to the Partnership with details at the January meeting.</p>	

9. General Budget Priorities 2022/2023

HS thanked everyone for sending in their scoring sheets prior to the meeting and enabled HS to collate all the replies and do a summary report for the meeting to provide members with as much information as possible.

**Please note one of the members who attended on screen was not able to take part in all decisions due to caring responsibilities, hence disparity in numbers below.*

- Gullane Area Community Council – Digital Speed Device £11,000
GM updated members of the new reduced cost which is now £7,000. BW advised that the OTM group had approved this. HS advised if £7,000 is still left nearer the end of the financial year we could look at this. **The vote was based on a revised application of £7,000.**
Members voted 10 Yes 1 Against 1 Abstain/Conflict
- North Berwick Play Group - £7,312
A discussion took place and KR highlighted the playgroup would close if they don't receive this funding. AB happy to meet with the playgroup to look at how she can support them applying for other funding. A good discussion took place and it was agreed to set some conditions if the funding was to be awarded.
Members voted 13 YES 0 Objections 2 Abstain/Conflict
- NBC Health & Wellbeing Association – Kindness Cooperative £2,158
KR advised members this is for Christmas Cheer dinner bags. Forms are sent to families to ask what they need. Lots of volunteers involved from Bass Rock and Rotary.
Members voted 13 Yes 0 Objections 1 Abstain/Conflict
- Coastal Communities Museum - £3,847 - HS reminded Members of the decision made in August to prioritise the remaining General Budget to focus on cost of living crisis. HS suggested we defer this application till March 2023 to see what funding we have remaining. AB added she could look into other funding streams that could help with this application in the meantime.
Members agreed to defer till March 2023 and await an update from AB also re other possible funding streams.

10. A.O.C.B.

HS advised members we were running out of time and quickly discussed the following points:-

- HS asked everyone to have a look over the suggested dates for 2023. There were no objections.
- If applications are sent out with a scoring sheet it is really helpful if as many people as possible complete these to help with quick decision making.
- MB asked if applications can be sent out quicker than the two weeks in advance to give NBC CC more time to discuss them at their meetings. HS advised we will try to give as much time as possible, but NBC CC is the only organisation that don't allow a representative to make decisions on the organisations behalf. HS did however advise that she did take the point on board.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMM added there are a few Youth Music Initiative posters available if anyone would like to take them tonight and an electronic version can be sent round everyone. <p>HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight.</p>	
Dates of Next Meetings	Provisional Dates for 2023 Meetings <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>