

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2023, 7-9 pm North Berwick Community Centre & zoom

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)	
Simon Metzner, NB District Association of Churches (SM)	
Colin Campbell, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (CC)	
Alex Hutchison, North Berwick In Bloom (AH)	
Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB)	
Brett Walker, Chair On The Move (BW)	
Janice MacLeod, Chair NBC Children & Youth Network (JMc)	
Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)	
Sharon Wellwood, North Berwick High School Parent School Partnership (SW)	Tristian Heal, North Berwick High School Parent School Partnership (TH)
Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LS)	
Jonathan Taeuber, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (JT)	
Fred McClintock, Dirleton Village Association (FM)	
Stevie Wands, NB Community Sports Hub (SWa)	
Alison Clark, NB Environment and Heritage Trust (NBEHT) (AC)	

Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SGi)
 Alison Brown, Volunteer centre East Lothian (AB)
 Rachel Barr, Senior Health Promotion Specialist, Healthy Respect (Education lead) (RB)
 Amada Mongey, Youth Worker, Healthy Respect (AM)

Apologies:

Cllr Carol McFarlane, Elected Member East Lothian Council (CM)
 Gordon McLelland, Gullane Area Community Council (GM)
 Nicky Fox, North Berwick Community Centre Management Committee (NF)
 Katherine Duncan, Sustaining North Berwick (KD)
 Katie Reid, Support from the Start (KR)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FAO
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies		
	HS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Round the table introductions were made and apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		

	<p>The Minutes from the meeting held on the 21st March 2023 were lightly amended, no information removed, but further information was added. It was noted that both Bill Macnair and Fred McClintock's names had been misspelt. Once amendments were made they were agreed and accepted as a true accurate reflection of the meeting.</p>	
3. Matters Arising		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Nursery School access Concerns again raised regarding Safer Routes to School. JF (not in attendance) had agreed at previous meetings to try to move this forward. Await feedback from JF. BW is concerned about lack of community consultation and involvement in processes and is keen for young people to be involved in the process and have their views heard. • North Berwick High Street clutter Cllr LA had agreed at previous Partnership meetings and at OTM meetings to pursue the matter with ELC. As Cllr LA not in attendance no update available. BW advised that the matter had been taken as far as possible by himself and the OTM group and went on to state that he was now going to get in touch with the ELC Equalities Officer in an effort to highlight the issues. AC advised that a report had been circulated that highlighted difficulties for mobility scooters in and around North Berwick. HS praised the report and suggested that undertaking similar exercises in other towns and villages would further help highlight difficulties being experienced. LS questioned the legality of vehicles/vans parking on the pavements and obstructing walkways. Those present believed that it was illegal. • Short Term Governance Group BW would like to attend this group. JM has also expressed an interest. HS thanked them for volunteering and a meeting will be set up quickly. HS hoped an Elected Member may like to attend. DH will invite them. 	
4. Lorna Bellany – NHS Population Health Project Manager for East Lothian		
	<p>LB unable to make the meeting tonight but DH/HS had met with her Manager, Claire Glen Strategic Programme Manager East Lothian Partnership & Place Team. The Team is primarily focused on early Intervention strategies and is moving away from face to face health promotion. HS highlighted concerns that she had with regards to potential gaps being created in provision of Health & Wellbeing Initiatives going forward. DH highlighted the opportunity for organisations to access potential funding through The NHS Community Benefits Gateway. DH to circulate information post meeting. HS highlighted the Tyne&Esk Rural Development Fund had just launched free access to funding information in rural East and Mid Lothian for local charitable, voluntary sector organisations and businesses. This service will give organisations access to funder finder software that can hone and refine searches to meet the specific needs of organisations. DH also reminded those present that AB at VCEL can also offer personalised support with fundraising for all organisations in the Coastal ward.</p>	
5. NHS Healthy Respect - Chalmers Sexual Health Centre		
	<p>RB/AM gave a presentation on the services offered by the Healthy Respect team which is based in Chalmers Street Sexual Health Centre in Edinburgh. They provide a number of Healthy respect drop ins for young people aged 13-18 in towns across East Lothian including one based at North Berwick High School. The presentation highlighted numbers of young people accessing services and the range of issues that they present with. New Stats will be released shortly. SW suggested all the sports hub contacts would be a great place to start up a conversation and they would be keen to sign post young people to the correct support needed. The Healthy Respect bus could also be made available to bring to an event, like Fringe by The Sea.</p>	

6. Declaration of Interest		
	This is a standing item on the agenda. Please declare any conflict of interest when voting. SW declared a conflict of interest for the Haddington & District Amateur Swimming Club application.	
7. Reports from Sub Groups - Please note that some reports have been added post meeting at Chairs request due to lack of time for reporting during meeting.		
	<p>DH thanked everyone who had submitted bullet points. It is really helpful to have these.</p> <p>Children & Youth Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NB Playgroup: ELOSCN have taken over and the Playgroup. Has resumed just after the Easter holidays. • Intergenerational work: Youth Project has been carrying out intergenerational work with Community Connections. They held their first intergenerational meal at the North Berwick Community Centre, with 12 older people and 15 young people. The young people decided on the menu and cooked a three-course meal for the older people, and they ate and did a quiz together. Another meal is scheduled for the 24th of June – they are hoping to book one of halls at the Community Centre, as the coffee lounge did provide enough space. • Fringe by the Sea: DH and LC met with. Last year the Youth Project was given 100 tickets and gave them mostly to young people – but they recognise a gap, as they should be given to more families and younger children. This year, they are keen if possible to offer similar to the low income families KR has been supporting. There will hopefully be a Youth Exclusive Zone at the Fringe by the Sea this year: on each day of fringe, where staffing allows, there will be at least 2 hours of youth activities put on by the Youth Project (possibly with support from Fringe by the Sea). • Aberlady: The art classes were a sell-out event. • Can Do: Finances remain an issue. However, they successfully gained £9000 from Area Partnership and the full amount of funding from Fa'side. Kirsty Milne met with Sharon Saunders and Senior Social Work Management. The difficulties they are facing have now been noted at the highest level and the Council are discussing opportunities and options. <p>On The Move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No movement on issues of shelter or facilities at train stations. • BW advised that the following presentations had been given by East Lothian Council officers and that in-depth Q&A/discussion had followed. The meeting had lasted some two hours and was focussed entirely on the proposed redevelopment of the High Street and the Parking Review for North Berwick. Presentation: North Berwick High Street - Safety Access Ian Lennox, Team Manager, Asset and Regulatory (Road Services) Presentation: Town Centre Parking Management - Introduction of Parking Management Proposals in North Berwick Peter Forsyth, Project Manager - Growth & Sustainability (Development) <p>Health & Wellbeing Association</p> <p>HS advised there was a meeting earlier this afternoon and their Annual Report will be circulated. Continuing to support Kindness, Walking Festival, Menopause Café etc. There continue to be capacity issues for the Association. Attendance at meetings fluctuates. Will look in the future at how to build capacity and review aims and objectives. If anyone is interested in helping please get in touch. HS keen to pin it</p>	

	<p>down. The services offered by the Kindness Cooperative have continued to see a steady rise in the number of families utilising provision.</p> <p>Support from the Start Support from the Start Family Support Worker Jan is the family worker in the North Berwick ward. She has been in post for more than 4 years and is retiring in June. Funding for her post runs out in September. Jan is currently off sick. Doug and Katie are working with the Children and Families team in Social Work, but funding will not be continued for the North Berwick Coastal ward, as there is not enough funding for dedicated family workers for all 6 wards. The demand for family work has been noted; the reason the demand does not appear as great in North Berwick is because of the work Jan has been doing. She has been engaged with 40 vulnerable families, half within North Berwick and half in outlying villages and the rural community.</p> <p>Katie and Doug are trying to pull together a report to highlight the difference she has made to secure future funding. Losing the family worker will result in families being dropped and needing to turn to social workers. Family workers are tasked with identifying hard-to-reach families – the pandemic highlighted these families, as they came for food support, and Katie and Jan built trust with them that led to them accessing other resources at the centre, like playgroup and Book Bug. This then grew through positive word of mouth. An offer from Children and Families to recruit someone from June to September has been turned down, as this period is too short and they will not be able to build trust. Aiming to put the remaining money towards a year’s full-time post if possible. Janice is going to the Support from the Start review service meeting tomorrow night and will ask them to look at equity of service, as there is currently no family worker in Musselburgh either.</p>	
8. Reports from Village Representatives		
	<p>Dirleton Village Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FM advised they have completed a new handbook to be given to new residents and this is also available on the village web site. • A new road sign is in place at the east end of the village. • Saturday 24th June 2023 there will be a fete and games day. • DVA continues to deliver fresh food to the foodbank which is really important to compliment the tinned and package food they already provide. <p>Gullane Village Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted & funded a really successful Family Easter Fun & Games event in which several of the Youth Club girls volunteered to help with craft activities • GVA met with Muirfield Nursing Home activities coordinator and have now started a befriending group that recently attended an afternoon of music with staff & residents. This linked with the Day Centre Scone Café group and a second invite has been extended for a Coronation Day celebration. • Work is underway to propose to ELC an extension to the Gullane Recreation Hall as without a 5 year lease the GVA cannot access funding to replace the heating & lighting system or any other upgrades to the interior. • We have organised events during the Dementia Awareness Week linking with Dementia Friendly East Lothian, Gullane Day Centre & Gullane Library. • We have started planning to host a day in the Autumn to raise awareness of the aims of the GVA. This will include inviting other local groups and organisations to promote their activities and the day will finish with a community themed film in the 	

	<p>Village Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 9th edition of the Gullane Newsletter is now with the printers ready to distribute to all 1500+ households mid-May. The cost of this now £845 & relies on us sourcing funds each time. <p>Aberlady Community Association Village Hall Refurbishment Support is being given to ACA, following a successful bid, for time with an external adviser from Community Enterprises. She will help to produce a report on community engagement with the project. Meetings with residents in the community have taken place and a working party is being formed to take the project further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Lottery fund has supported the Aberlady Community Coronation Lunch with a generous donation. • On Big Help Out Day there will be a drop in session looking for volunteers for the current groups running in the village and to explore the creation of further groups. Also volunteers will be encouraged to help neighbours, adopt a bench to clean and get involved in litter picking on local streets and on the beaches round Aberlady Bay. • Further discussions are taking place to provide a third defibrillator which is planned for the village hall. • Funding is available for two more benches in Aberlady. The positions to be decided after consultation. • Volunteers have created two flower boxes for Aberlady in Bloom. They will be situated at the sports pavilion after its proposed refurbishment. • The next village newsletter is planned for June. • There is currently no news on the proposed school extension but the parents and children are grateful to the NBC Partnership for the new goal posts. A 90's music night run by the Parents' Council will follow the plant sale in the evening. • The Church will hold their annual plant sale in the village hall next month. On the following day the combined Aberlady and Gullane choir will hold a concert. Proceeds are for Aberlady Community Association and Edinburgh Children's Hospital. <p>LF also mentioned at the meeting that the football goal posts are up and the young people are very thankful to the support of the NBC Area Partnership. LA also mentioned extra funding they received thank you DH information he shared. DH clarified the information originally came from AB. DH highlighted and thanked SWa for pointing Members in the right direction with potential funding opportunities.</p> <p>Whitekirk – no representatives in attendance.</p>	
9. Budget Report		
	<p>DH presented the budget and spend to date.</p> <p>Amenities Services Budget Influence (Men & Machines) 2023-2024 Allocation - £100k Spend to date - £0</p> <p>Roads Budget Influence (Priorities) 2023-2024 Allocation - £50k Spend to date - £0</p> <p>General Budget (Capital to Address Priorities)</p>	

	2023-2024 Allocation - £50k Spend to date - £5,000 Holiday Hunger - TBC	
10. General Budget Priorities 2022/2023		
	<p>HS thanked everyone who had returned their scoring sheets and explained how this is a very important part of the process to assess the criteria and framework. Looking at consistency.</p> <p>DH reconfirmed the up to date position of the General budget. The following applications were discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haddington & District Amateur Swimming Club – French Exchange - £2,807.04 SW gave members an update on the organisation and the event they were applying for funding for. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Members voted 9 YES 0 Abstain 3 Objections 1 Conflict • Carers of East Lothian - £872.75 A full discussion took place and Members liked the project but still needed further information and clarification. As there was no representative at the meeting members felt that no decision could be taken at this time. DH will write to them. 	
11. A.O.C.B.		
	HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight.	
Dates of Next Meetings	2023 Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday the 20th of June 2023 • Tuesday the 29th of August 2023 • Tuesday the 14th of November 2023 	Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk