

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 26th January 2021, 7-8.30 pm ZOOM MEETING

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Elected member ELC (JG)	
Tom Drysdale, Gullane Area Community Council (TD)	
Frank Neate, Gullane Area community Council (FN)	
Christiane Maher, North Berwick Community Council (CM)	
Kelly Evans, North Berwick Community Council (KE)	
Janice Macleod, NBC Children & Youth Network (JM)	
Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)	
John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)	
Gordon McLelland, Gullane Village Association (GC)	
Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LSc)	
Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)	
Anne Orr, Dirleton Good Neighbours, on behalf of Dirleton Village Association (AO)	
Nicky Fox, NB Community Centre Management Committee(NF)	
Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JB)	
Simon Metzner, NB District Association of Churches (SM)	
Tim Harding, Lime Grove Tenants & Residents Association (TH)	

Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)
 Tillie Baird, Resident (TB)
 Libby Morris, North Berwick Trust (LM)
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MMc)
 Bill McNair, North Berwick Community Council (BM)

Apologies:

Zoe Lovell, North Berwick Primary School, Parent Representative (ZL)
 Ian Donald, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ID)
 Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)
 Leanne Nicklas, Gullane School Partnership (LN)
 Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)
 Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)
 Ian Malcolm, Aberlady Conservation & History Society (IM)
 Stephen Wands, Club & Community Sport Development Officer (SW)
 Lesley Kay, Lime Grove Asset Transfer Group (LK)
 Lottie Hutchison, Gullane School Partnership (LH)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FOR THE ATTENTION OF
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies, Minutes from Previous Meetings		
	<p>HS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>HS advised that this meeting would be recorded. HS asked members to use the chat function when voting which is very helpful to ensure equality and fairness.</p>	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 10 th November 2020 were agreed and accepted.	
3. Matters Arising		
	Resilience Forum – Any feedback from Community Councils re association meeting. TD/CM were not aware of anything. There is a meeting scheduled for 15.2.2021. GC confirmed that the Resilience Team were not being reactivated.	
4. Declaration of Interest		
	Please declare if there are any conflict of interests in any application being considered at tonight’s meeting – none	
5. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>NBC Children & Youth Network JM confirmed the group have not met but looking to meet soon to look at an action plan for next year’s funding. JM will contact members to set up a meeting</p> <p>NBC Health & Wellbeing Association HS confirmed the group met this afternoon and discussed isolation and loneliness. Sharing experiences and what other people are doing that is working. It’s good to share good practices. SW from the sports Hub and Aging Well provided some great information and links to help. HS will share all links with everyone.</p> <p>Compassionate Communities Project – HS confirmed there are lots of great things happening in this group. On line meetings, seminars. Something for everyone. Community Link Worker now embedded in North Berwick and Gullane Health Centres. Their role is to promote the benefits of social prescribing looking at healthy alternatives instead of medication. This is a pilot in North Berwick. Already working in Prestonpans and Port Seton. Exciting to see how this progresses. Very interesting as this stage. All look forward to seeing how this developed.</p> <p>NBC On the Move HS confirmed they had a brief meeting last week. Discussing priorities for transportation. COVID and 2nd lockdown holding things back. Looking at winter crisis. Highlights from the meeting were speed restrictions and Spaces for People which will be in place for 18 months as of November 2020. A full comprehensive parking review is scheduled for 2021. DH advised he is supporting DC with the Dirleton Green projects which has fallen quite a few months behind. Working with roads department to look at priorities. LF confirmed there has been a lot on social media regarding the parking review. Can Aberlady Bay be included in this</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>HS</p>

	<p>Dirleton Village Association AO highlighted that the Reasons to be cheerful funding received from the NBC Area partnership for activities has been half spent and the rest will be spent going through into spring. A trial market which was held on the green went really well and was very encouraging. Scotland Loves Local made an Award that supported the purchase of structures for holding these markets. A newsletter is being worked on just now and EB connected Communities Manager from PSG is helping with this. The telephone befriending service is ongoing and based on the NB model from Compassionate Communities.</p> <p>Gullane Village Association TD advised that there is a funding package for new Gullane bents toilets. This is happening and has the go ahead. This is a big step forward. GM hoped that the Book Swap being run from the Recreation Hall would possibly start again next week. During the first lockdown the Book Swap was well attended.</p> <p>LS advised Gullane Village Hall have done renovations which included heating and solar panels. They have a meeting tomorrow night so LS will ask them to get in touch with LF. The last few meetings the Gullane Village Association have approved officer bearers and have a constitution. They have the go ahead for charitable status. The group have big aims which have come from all the great resilience work.</p> <p>LS advised that the newly formed Gullane Village Association hoped to take on the lease of the Recreation Hall going forward. The other main focus of the Group is looking at a village notice board as Gullane doesn't have one. Important to show/advertise all the great things happening in the community. The GVA are working closely with DH, the Community Council and others. Lots of positive things planned for the next few years.</p> <p>HS confirmed that they are not yet a recognised member of the Area Partnership. JB proposed that the Gullane Village Association become members of the NBC Area Partnership. All members voted and agreed this.</p> <p>Resilience Teams Not starting up again.</p>	LS
6. Dirleton Resilience Team – Return of Awards		
	<p>DH stated that Dirleton Village Association were awarded a total of £2,000 for resilience work from the NBC Area Partnership. JM advised that they haven't spent the money and would like to return the money to the Area Partnership so it could be available for our applicants. DH will check with finance re best way to return the funds.</p>	DH
7. General Budget Priorities 2020/2021		
	<p>DH gave an update regarding the fund available. TH asked if there was a deadline for money being spent. DH confirmed yes end of March 2021. Applications to be discussed tonight are:</p> <p>A) Dirleton Bowling Club – DH updated the meeting that Dirleton Bowling Club are withdrawing their application for additional funding from the Area Partnership.</p>	

	<p>B) The Scottish flag Trust – this application was discussed in great detail. It was decided to defer this application till next meeting and gather more information re possible Haddington application</p> <p>C) Countryside Service – Supporting mental well-being and health in the outdoors – this application was discussed and voting took place</p> <p>D) Countryside Services – North Berwick Glen Path – this application was discussed and voting took place. Suggestion maybe to include looking at the bridge and making it safer. Possibly more funds needed.</p> <p>E) Lynn Fraser – Self-employed East Lothian Artist. Sketch & Wander Sessions – this application was discussed in great detail and voting took place</p> <p>HS wanted everyone to think about the scoring sheet and if it possible needs re-jigged to look at the various aspects or possibly changing the questions. Can look at this to move forward.</p> <p>BM enquired if there is any money left does it carry over. DH confirmed no it can't be carried over.</p>	
8. Review 2020 – including project evaluations and looking to the future		
	<p>Looking at a review of the Area Plan. Would like to bring in all the sub groups to move this forward.</p>	
9. A.O.C.B		
	<p>Pump Track – JG updated the meeting that a Pump Track has been spoken about in passing. It has been discussed at Community Council and looks like there is some partial grant funding available through Scottish Sports Council and the Area Partnership may want to help support this. Just giving a heads up. 3 way funded. NBC Area Partnership, Scottish Sports Council and another third party. Looks like this could be feasible which is great. HS confirmed that is was discussed at Health & Wellbeing meeting today. KN explained that a Pump Track is an all weather track for skating/bikes/running/wheelchair friendly.</p> <p>BMC had been approached by young people regarding the skate park being a bit dangerous when wet and wondered if this could be amalgamated into the Pump Track. BMC confirmed they had been looking at other skate parks in the area, Athelstaneford, Port Seton and Haddington. BMC felt that this age group had been forgotten about and discussed how this could be taken forward. Would need someone to take ownership of this project and find a way to get all groups together for initial discussions. There was a presentation by adults. It was hoped that they could maybe get together with the young people and try and move this forward. More information is needed to move this forward. HS will contact BMC and MBC and JG will also arrange to discuss this.</p> <p>DH informed the meeting that Athelstaneford Playgroup application from Alison Bernard Parent Council was very appreciative of the Area Partnership's comments. They are making excellent progress fund raising and may contact the Area Partnership in the future.</p> <p>HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight and to all stay safe.</p>	<p>HS/BMC BMC/JG</p>

Dates of Next Meetings	23 rd March 2021 11 th May 2021 22 nd June 2021 31 st August 2021 16 th November 2021	Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk
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