

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 11th May 2021, 7-9 pm ZOOM MEETING

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Eric Martin, Dunpender Community Council (EM)	
Cllr Jeremy Findlay, Elected member ELC (JF)	
Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Elected member ELC (JG)	
Tom Drysdale, Gullane Area Community Council (TD)	
Frank Neate, Gullane Area community Council (FN)	
Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB)	
Kelly Evans, North Berwick Community Council (KE)	
Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)	
Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)	
Gordon McLelland , Gullane Village Association (GM)	
Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)	
Anne Orr, Dirleton Good Neighbours (AO)	
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
Leanne Nicklas, Gullane School Partnership (LN)	
Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JB)	
Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)	

Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)
 Libby Morris, North Berwick Trust (LM)
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)
 Hilary Smyth, Gullane Community Children's Hub (HSM)
 Bill Brown, Treasurer NBC Community Connection (RB)

Apologies:

Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LS)
 Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)
 John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)
 Tillie Baird, Resident (TB)
 Lesley Kay, Lime Grove Asset Transfer Group (LK)
 Tim Harding, Lime Grove Association (TH)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS, DECISIONS <i>Actions</i>	FOR THE ATTENTION OF
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies		
	<p>HS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted.</p> <p>HS advised that this meeting would be recorded.</p>	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		
	<p>Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 23rd March 2021 were agreed and accepted. **It was noted that a change had been made to the minutes as there had been confusion over Gullane Village Association and Dirleton Village Association representation.</p>	
3. Matters Arising		
	<p>HS advised most of the matters arising will be covered during the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance meeting – a meeting has been held and HS will circulate all the information to members for comments. • Reports from Sub Groups – will be covered during the meeting. • Reports from Village Associations – will be covered during the meeting. • North Berwick Coastal Community Development Company – There was a presentation at the last meeting from LK. HS feels this is an important Opportunity for the community but needs people to drive this forward. Anyone interested please get in touch. 	HS
4. Food Poverty & Holiday Hunger		
	<p>DH gave an update – food provision in North Berwick Community Centre was very busy. Noticed a downturn of regular users for this facility but an upturn on request for one off support.</p> <p>£90,000 Social Welfare Fund from Scottish Government. There will be a meeting next week for more information.</p> <p>The Scottish Government has allocated £277,000 to East Lothian Council to support summer activities. DH went on to advise that he would circulate the limited information he had available and that those organisations who were interested in increasing capacity to deliver activities to children and young people should register interest with him.</p> <p>EM asked regarding funding for food during summer holidays. DH confirmed all families receiving free school meals will receive a BACS payment for the Summer, October and Christmas holidays.</p> <p>DH advised if anyone knows of any families that require provision from the NBCC then please get in touch with Katie Nevans knevans@eastlothian.gov.uk</p> <p>JM suggested boat trips for families could be an idea. All agreed this would be a wonderful opportunity to provide.</p>	

5. Declaration of Interest		
	<p>HS declared a conflict of interest in the NBC Walking Festival project. DC declared a conflict of interest in the Dirleton Bowling Club project. Noted that GM had a conflict of interest in relation to the Gullane Village Association project.</p>	
6. North Berwick Costal Area Plan 2021 - 2024		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities from Sub Group Chairs • Priorities Support from the Start • Priorities Community Connections <p>HS had asked each sub group to draft some new priorities. This is ongoing and we will collect them altogether and bring them into a new area plan. This will be done as soon as possible.</p>	
7. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>NBC Children & Youth Network There was no one to give an update. KH advised she had shared information regarding the network around the school advising anyone to get in touch with DH. Hopefully we will get more people coming forward with some new ideas.</p> <p>NBC Health & Wellbeing Association HS advised that the AGM is next Tuesday afternoon and would encourage everyone to attend. It will be a very important meeting looking at what has been achieved and to plan effectively for the forthcoming year. Looking at more creative ways of doing things. Health & Wellbeing is so fundamental to everyone and it affects us all.</p> <p>MM gave an update re the IJB for re-provision/provision. There was a strategic planning meeting last week and the Chair Alison McDonald is starting to work towards provision (not re-provision). Reference group set up with members from the community. Appoint an engagement group to manage public participation. Looking at possible 6-9 month time scale. There have been some hiccups but seeing some movement now. HS said that this is great news.</p> <p>NBC On the Move HS confirmed that she will no longer be Chair of this sub group and at the next meeting the new chair Brett Walker will be taking over. HS confirmed this is a very important sub group and have achieved some success but things do sometimes take a very long time to happen. HS wished BW all the best and the next meeting is on the 26th May 2021. If anyone would like to attend please ask for the Zoom link.</p> <p>Support from the Start DH advised that the North Berwick Community Centre would be opening gradually to providing support for key services.</p> <p>KN is reviewing the post for family support worker (Jan Gaunt) which ends soon. KN making an application to North Berwick Trust. Jan is hoping to offer baby massage etc. in the community centre. DH updated the meeting on some of the great work Jan has been doing and the amount of families she has been supporting. HSM confirmed how amazing Jan is and has made a big impact. MB also confirmed Jan is excellent.</p>	

	<p>KN will be in touch with the village halls re providing a small summer road show for pre-school age. Also looking at a science road show in the afternoon for primary age.</p>	
<p>8. Reports from Village Representatives</p>		
	<p>Aberlady Community Association LF advised a report written by a member of the community has been sent around organisations. It shows a vision of Aberlady and incorporates a lot of what's been discussed previously. It looks into place making, traffic coming through Aberlady, village gateways etc. If it comes across your desk it is definitely worth having a look. It has been well received in Aberlady.</p> <p>Signage all going well for Memorial Garden and Kirk Stables Garden. Thank you to everyone and to JF regarding helping with planning permission for the signage.</p> <p>Library book swap will need to stop at the end of the month as classes will be restarting. So we will have books to give away. In addition LF advised that there was also some children's clothing to give away. Seed swap is up and running and doing well.</p> <p>Two main things concentrating on just now are Community Connections and have made great strides and have lots of ideas and interest in this.</p> <p>Litter pickers have been very busy and have made a huge effort collecting 120 bags of litter which is amazing. Last Sunday at the beach they collected 20 bags of litter in 2 hours. Litter is an ongoing issue.</p> <p>A good discussion took place regarding litter, litter pickers, borrowing equipment and purchasing equipment etc. DH advised that he would look at how the community could gain access to litter picking wands on a regular basis. Thank you to NBC for the award for hanging baskets which will look amazing.</p> <p>Dirleton Village Association DC advised the church green project is ongoing. A priority is the parking area at the Kirk Hall. Dc also advised that the Leuchie House Hare Art trail was going to pass through Dirleton.</p> <p>Litter pickers have been successful in Dirleton thanks to JMc.</p> <p>Telephone befriending project has been successful. AO is working on the market on the green on 23rd May 2021. Everyone is enthusiastic but need to adhere to COVID restrictions. Have some art work from the local primary school to go on display. DH has kindly offered to provide display boards. Frustrating that Kirk Hall is not open and no word yet of when that will be.</p> <p>Gullane Village Association GM advised that OSCR requested some changes to the constitution which will be done but this is a minor problem. They are working on doing a community newsletter and launching the web site. Now have an active bank account after some delays. The GVA are continuing with the book hub.</p>	<p>DH</p>

	<p>HS advised the Gullane Eco group have a beach clean on Sunday 16th May 2021 from 10am till 12noon at Gullane Beach. Equipment will be provided. Information is on Facebook.</p> <p>Whitekirk Village EM advised that they were continuing with work on the village hall. Groups continue to meet outside. EM advised of the frustration at not being able to use the hall. He advised that there was a meeting scheduled regarding the new station in East Linton, still waiting to hear date. Further information can be found below.</p> <p>https://www.scottishconstructionnow.com/article/new-railway-stations-planned-for-east-linton-and-reston</p> <p>Dirleton Good Neighbours HS asked members to vote regarding Dirleton Good Neighbours becoming a full member organisation of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership. Everyone was in agreement and HS welcomed them to the NBC Area Partnership.</p>	
9. General Budget Priorities 2021/2022		
	<p>HS advised that budgets remain unchanged for the 2021-2022 financial year.</p> <p>Applications to be discussed tonight are:</p> <p>A) Dirleton Bowling Club Improvements – £1,800. A good discussion and everyone voted to support this project. ** Post meeting note - 14 in favour and 1 abstention.</p> <p>B) Gullane Village Association New Notice Board – £1,220. This application was voted on and everyone supported the application. ** Post meeting vote note - 14 in favour and 1 abstention.</p> <p>C) North Berwick Coastal Walking Festival – HS advised that there would be no further application for this project at this time but thanked the NBC Area Partnership for their previous award.</p>	
10. A.O.C.B		
	<p>HS advised the next meeting would be 22nd June and asked everyone to have a think about the annual public meeting in August or September restrictions permitting. Looking for lots of ideas to really involve the public in the AGM.</p> <p>HS appreciated all the support from every member and advised we have and can achieve a lot together.</p> <p>** Post meeting note – We are keen to know more from those attending how they felt the meeting went.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did everyone get the chance to speak? • Was everyone's opinion respected? • Did anyone want to raise something but felt unable? • Did people feel they had enough information/support to fulfil their role? <p>HS & DH are keen to ensure that meetings are inclusive and as open as is possible. If you have any comments or suggestions please get in touch with HS/DH for a private and confidential conversation.</p>	

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