

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 6 September 2021, 7-9 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)	
Derek Carter, Dirleton Village Association (DC)	
Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)	
Kerry Hardie, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (KH)	
Tim Harding, Lime Grove TRA (TH)	
Anne Orr, Dirleton Good Neighbours (AO)	
Elma Danks, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (ED)	
Ross Anderson, covering NB Community Centre Management Committee (RS)	
Jonathan Best, NB Environment Trust (JBe)	
Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)	
Janice Macleod, Chair NBC Children & Youth Network (JM)	
Lorna Sinclair, Co Chair NBC Health & Wellbeing Assoc (LS)	
Brett Walker, Chair On The Move (BW)	

Others in attendance:

Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager (DH)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support East Lothian Council (SG)
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)
 Heather Young, Volunteer Centre (HY)
 Graeme Brown, ELC Roads Department (GB)

Apologies:

John Baird, Volunteer Car Scheme (JB)
 Lesley Kay, Children & Youth Network (LK)
 Katie Nevans, Support from the Start (KN)
 Judy Lockhart, North Berwick Community Council (JL)
 Simon Metzner, NB District Assoc of Churches (SM)

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

	<p>HS apologised for the rearranging of the meeting.</p> <p>DH asked regarding Ally Rooney who attended the last meeting. We were not sure if they were representing an organisation or if they were a member of the public. No one knew Ally.</p> <p>These meetings are open to the public so please spread the word that everyone is welcome.</p> <p>DH advised that this meeting would be recorded, kept for 21 days then automatically deleted.</p>	
2. Minutes Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 22 nd June 2021 were agreed and accepted.	
3. Press attendance at meetings		
	HS advised members that she had been asked if it was appropriate for the press to attend these meetings. Everyone agreed the press would be welcomed along to these meetings.	
3a Roads Department Update		
	GB project manager came along to the meeting tonight to update members regarding the Charrette. GB showed members a presentation and explained the enhanced scheme for the East end of the High street. A discussion took place with lots of questions and ideas. A vote took place to proceed and implement these changes at a cost of £36,000 from the Roads Budget. 11 members voted yes. 1 abstain and 1 against.	
4. Matters Arising		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Festival feedback- HS advised all feedback was very positive from this event and the web site is continuing to receive hits which is brilliant. Dirleton have requested to use some of the audio files and maps. HS would like all these resources to be used by everyone and is keen to look at ways to continue to use these maps etc. HS thanked the Area Partnership for the £2,300 award and explained there is still £1,300 money left and HS discussed some ideas as to how best to use this. • Information Sharing - DH advised members we are being asked to share information which results in a lot of emails which may or may not be relevant to members. DH will forward emails and will ask members if they will to receive the emails to get in touch with the relevant person to go on the emails distribution list for that topic. We are aiming to only send emails that are relevant out. • Governance - A vote took place and unanimous in favour and there were no objections to these changes. • HS advised that the proposal from North Berwick Community Council regarding the number of votes they have is no longer live. • Summer Activities Programme- DH advised there was lots of great work done over the holidays and KN emailed an update advising there were 443 opportunities for children & young people. Lots of great relationships and connections have been made and already looking forward to planning for next holidays. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Hunger/Food Poverty- DH confirmed since September 2020 they have drawn down social welfare £38,000 and have currently used about half of this. A further £3,000 food poverty and Social Welfare is available from Scottish Government for East Lothian Council and DH proposed that this be given to the Health & Wellbeing sub group who facilitated similar money during previous lockdowns. Members were asked to vote on the £3,000 going to the NBC H&W for food poverty. It was unanimous yes and no objections received. • Scottish Government Funding – DH advised there is another £2,500 specific for digital inclusion. £7,500 for youth work activities and JM/DH/C&Y network will be meeting at the end of the month regarding this. JG mentioned didn't think Whitekirk Village hall has wifi. EF mentioned Aberlady village hall doesn't have wifi either. TD mentioned Dirleton village hall/kirk hall doesn't have wifi either. HS suggested we try an accommodate everyone and come back and take a look at this. 	
5. Declaration of Interest		
	<p>HS asked members to declare any conflict of interest they may have in any of the applications being voted on tonight. A discussion took place to clarify a conflict of interest.</p> <p>EF declared a conflict of interest in the Sit & Stroll application. AO declared a conflict of interest in Dirleton Village Association and Dirleton Good Neighbours application. TD declared a conflict of interest in Dirleton Village Association. JM declared a conflict of interest Dirleton Village Association and Dirleton Good Neighbours application. DC declared a conflict of interest in Dirleton Village Association</p>	
6. Membership		
	<p>HS had received an application from Hilary Smyth, Gullane Community Children's Hub wishing to become members of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP). Members were asked to vote and It was unanimous yes and no objections received. Gullane Community Children's Hub now a member of NBCAP. HS had also received an enquiry from a county wide organisation and asked members to have a think about this.</p>	
7. North Berwick Costal Area Plan 2021 - 2024		
	<p>HS advised that each sub group have come up with some new priorities which have been redrawn for the NBC Area Plan. This will go out for consultation to get as many opinions/views as possible. Looking for feedback from members as to the best way to achieve this. Suggestions were on line survey, using QR codes, banners up in as many community places as possible including all the villages. Please contact HS/DH/SG if you have any suggestions.</p> <p>DH advised all members had been emailed information regarding the draft consultation poverty plan survey and draft equality plan survey. He encouraged everyone to complete, circulate and share this as widely as possible. It is important for everyone to have their say.</p> <p>Draft Poverty Plan Survey - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)</p>	

	Draft Equality Plan Survey - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)	
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8. Reports from Sub Groups

	<p>Children & Youth Network – JM informed the members that there is a meeting arranged for 28.9.2021 at 3.30pm – 4.30pm in Law primary school. This will be a face to face meeting. There is still a lot of work to be done and looking to get an action plan together. Looking at poverty, play park provisions for children with additional support needs, youth work, funding, mental health and recovery from COVID. Hoping to have regular meetings set up soon. Would be good if someone from the Gullane Children’s Hub (GCH) could attend. JM/DH to contact GCH regarding the meeting.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing – LS released scoping research project. Needed to be creative regarding COVID. Serious conversations had on walks, benches and have turned into positive experiences. The researcher has said this has been a really worthwhile experience. Community Connections looking at strategic organizational document which will be useful to the whole community. Hoping to gather feedback and comments from this. Compassionate Communities set up during COVID were doing on line conversations and have had guest speakers which have been really successful. Fringe by the Sea event received very positive turn out and feedback. Had Planned 2 wellbeing workshops but this needed to be reduced to one. Alan McLean’s wellbeing class gave strategies and ideas for your own wellbeing. Good information to help train trainers.</p> <p>Compassionate Communities Columbus hospice EVES end of life training pilot has been set up to include, positive listening skills and a host of others. 6 people to be trained to begin with. HS added there is a meeting tomorrow afternoon 7.9.21 and the theme is mental health. Everyone is welcome and if you wish to join please just get in touch.</p> <p>On The Move – BW advised the draft minutes from the meeting 23.6.21 are being prepared. Drop kerbs are in hand. Looking for feedback on the Area Plan and Access for All. Paths proposals around NB schools we are making progress thanks to Transport Officer Ian Reid. Whitekirk speed camera is about to be installed. Charge points talks and proposals are ongoing. JG mentioned X5 bus which was taken off during lockdown. Not sure if this is going to be reinstated. It is a concern.</p> <p>Support from the Start – DH informed the meeting that Jan Gant the family support worker’s post has been extended till March 2022. HS confirmed this is brilliant news. J G asked where funding from? DH confirmed North Berwick Trust and ELC. HS confirmed JG does a brilliant job.</p>	
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9. Reports from Village Representatives

	<p>Aberlady Community Association EF updated members on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going to start Aberlady Community Connections on 14.9.21. Starting with a small group in the local pub. • First newsletter has gone out and thankyou to AO for supporting Ros Richardson. It has gone to every household in Aberlady. • Queens Canopy planting tree and a funding application hopefully for a mini orchard which is exciting. • Aberlady in Bloom is going really well. Been judged by Beautiful Scotland. • Had a picnic with Aberlady in Bloom and toddlers in the community garden for the first time which was excellent. • New benches and looking at benches that need refurbished. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased 10 litter pickers which can be used by the whole community. • Calendar for Aberlady again thanks to AO for her support. • Pollution on issues ongoing. • Meeting every weeks in DUCKS with Aberlady in Bloom re climate change. This was an initiative that started in North Berwick. • EF confirmed Aberlady is trying projects that have proven to work well in North Berwick. • KH had a meeting with EF and others and is keen to link primary school and pupils into some of the great work that is happening in Aberlady. KH mentioned there doesn't seem to be a lot of things going on for age range 12-18 and perhaps this is something we can all work towards. Speeding was also mentioned and everyone agreed that road safety is a priority. EF mentioned that some young people relied on the X5 bus taking them to fort Kinnaird so they can go to the cinema, restaurants etc. Would be really disappointing if this service wasn't continued. TD had raised his concerns through the community council and has written an email to the bus company but as yet has not received a reply. TD also mentioned it was great that Aberlady now have 4 very active members representing Aberlady Community Council and he commended the work they are doing. <p>Dirleton Village Association DC updated members on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirleton Open Box – interpretation boards explaining the history and linking up with the recent walking festival. • Book exciting – art work – children's activities – Hoping there will be an article in the courier this Thursday. • Hoping for a second Dirleton discussion 2017 priorities – go forward as soon as we can with new set of priorities and linking with NBC Area Plan. • Queens Canopy – tree planting. • DVA OTM finger posts – point to things that don't exist anymore. Need updating for the new café and bowling club. Possibly make an application to NBC in the next few weeks. <p>Dirleton Good Neighbours AO updated members on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lunch Hub will continue in October with JM taking the lead. • The Market day was very successful as a community market for businesses and organisations. Looking to hold another market at the end of September which will have an autumn theme with harvest and apples etc. Also another scarecrow trail which was very popular last year. Prizes will be given out at the market which will tie everything very neatly together. <p>Gullane Village Association No representative present tonight but TD mentioned that GVA has taken over running the scout hall in Gullane which is a big step forward for being able to hold meetings in the village. The building does not have wi-fi but this is really important to the community.</p> <p>Whitekirk Village No representatives present tonight.</p>	
10. General Budget Priorities 2021/2022		
	DH gave an update of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership finances for 2021/2022	

	<p>A) Dirleton Village Association – Replacement Christmas Lights. A discussion took place. Members voted. 7 yes, 3 conflict, 1 against</p> <p>B) Haddington & District Community Council - Athelstaneford Replacement Benches/picnic tables. A discussion took place. Members voted. 8 against. 1 abstain</p> <p>C) Aberlady Community Association - Stroll & Sit. A discussion took place. Members voted. 11 yes, 1 conflict, no objections.</p> <p>D) Whitekirk Community Company – Speed Camera. Discussion took place. Members voted. 12 yes, no objections.</p> <p>E) Dirleton Good Neighbours – Gazebo. A discussion took place. Members voted 10 yes, 2 conflict, no objections.</p>	
11. A.O.C.B		
	<p>HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight and staying later to complete all business.</p> <p>DH reminded everyone regarding the nominations are open for Community Councils and encourage anyone who is interested to submit a nomination through the website. Strongly encourage everyone to support their community councils. Community Council election Community Council election East Lothian Council</p> <p>HS values the input from community councils. HS highlighted TD has been a colleague since the start of the NBCAP and is now standing down from Gullane Area Community Council (GACC). HS personally wanted to thank TD for being a great support and will be missed. TD replied he has enjoyed his time with GACC and working with the NBCAP.</p>	
Dates of Next Meetings	16 th November 2021	Apologies to nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk