

North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership

Minutes of the North Berwick Coastal Partnership Meeting Tuesday 24th January 2023, 7-9 pm North Berwick Community Centre & zoom

Voting Members present:	Substitute members present
Hilary Smith, Chair (HS)	
Clr Jeremy Findlay, Elected Member East Lothian Council (JF)	
Mairi Benson, North Berwick Community Council (MB)	Kenny Miller, North Berwick Community Council (KM)
	Christiane Maher, North Berwick Community Council (CM)
Gordon McLelland, Gullane Area Community Council (GM)	
Eric Martin, Dunpender Community Council (EM)	
Brett Walker, Chair On The Move (BW)	
Frank Neate, Gullane Area Community Council (FN)	
Janice Macleod, Chair NBC Children & Youth Network (JMc)	Lauren Cowie, NB Area Youth and Children's Network (LC)
Jane McMinn, North Berwick Harbour Trust (JM)	
Colin Campbell, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (CC)	
Sharon Wellwood, North Berwick High School Parent School Council (SW)	Gillian Milne, North Berwick High School Parent School Council (GM)
Simon Metzner, NB District Association of Churches (SM)	
Lorna Scott, Gullane Village Association (LS)	
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)	
Fred McLintock, Dirleton Village Association (FM)	
Stevie Wands, NB Community Sports Hub (SW)	
Alison Clark, NB Environment Trust 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)
 Alex Hutchison, NB in Bloom (AH)
 Libby Morris, Chair of North Berwick in Bloom (LM)
 Emily Burt, Law Primary Active Travel Group (EB)
 Euan Revell, Law Primary Active Travel Group (EM)
 Anne Pearson, EL Countryside Volunteers (AP)
 Jude Rankin, Parent Council?

Apologies:

Sarah Gibson, Gullane School Parent Carer partnership committee (SG)

Carol McFarlane, Elected Member East Lothian Council, (CMc)

Katie Reid, Support from the Start (KR)

Cllr Liz Allan, Elected Member East Lothian Council (LA)

Liz Forsyth, Aberlady Community Association (LF)

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		
	The Minutes from the meeting held on the 15 th of November 2022 were agreed and accepted.	
3. Matters Arising		
	<p>HS asked members to keep in mind the application that was previously voted on but was to be brought back to the partnership if there was budget remaining:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coastal Museum <p>HS updated members on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Nursery School access This was looked at by the OTM sub group and DH shared a screen shot of the boundaries etc to give members a clearer picture of the concerns raised regarding Safer Routes to School. AC led a discussion regarding measurements etc which so far have not been given. JF is trying to move this forward and will feedback as soon as possible. • North Berwick Play Group Still experience difficulties trying to recruit staff and management. They were very thankful for the money awarded by NBC but asked that this money is on hold just now till we get more information. • North Berwick High Street clutter BW advised Liz Allen was going to be pursuing this. DH confirmed LA is pursuing it and will feed back as soon as possible. LM added she was waiting on feedback from the consultation regarding planters. 	
4. Declaration of Interest		
	<p>This is a standing item on the agenda. Please declare any conflict of interest when voting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHP declared a conflict of interest on Sustaining NB application. • LC declared a conflict of interest on all the North Berwick Youth Project applications. • LS also declared a conflict of interest on the NB Youth Project application for Gullane Youth Club. <p>HS advised members that we have received an application from North Berwick In Bloom to become a voting member of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership. HS</p>	

	proposed this and members voted. 18 YES in room - 3 Yes on line TOTAL 21. No objections or abstain.	
5. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>Children & Youth Network – JMc advised the full minutes from the last meeting have been sent out and would just like to highlight the following:-</p> <p>The Head Teacher, Michelle Moore from North Berwick High School came along to the last CYN meeting.</p> <p>£10,000 was made available from the NB Trust to support 3 pupils from NB High School age 16-25, to encourage them to engage with further education. No one has applied for this and we would like to work with the Head Teacher and pupils to hopefully help some pupils apply for this support in the future.</p> <p>Pantry – KR does a fantastic job but there were a few concerns if people just turned up at the pantry they may be turned away. The pantry operates a deliver service, but KR assured JMc that no one is ever turned away or declined should they request food support.</p> <p>DH advised the North Berwick Youth Project would like to apply for £1,500 from the Holiday Hunger food money to provide holiday provision (packed lunch) to every single person for the whole year to cover Feb Oct holidays. HS proposed this to members. Members voted unanimously for this project. **POST MEETING NOTE – advised after meeting that the CYN sub group had agreed to support ELSCON, The Pantry and North Berwick Youth Project equally with the £3,000 made available for Holiday Hunger. Each project to receive £1,000.</p> <p>On The Move – BW advised members that the minutes from the last OTM meeting had been sent out but just wanted to raise two things tonight:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last meeting regarding the chargers at the Rugby club had been referred back to the OTM move who have spent a lot of time discussing this. The OTM group voted 12 in favour and 1 against this. DH reminded members that at the last meeting it was agreed that the responsibility for this decision should be with the OTM group. Members agreed to carry forward the recommendation made by the On The Move group. • East End of the High Street – Money had been carried over to this year from previous Roads Budget (Circa £34,000). The Partnership had not been made aware that the carry forward had been used for the most recent Public Consultation. A detailed discussion took place and it was agreed that in principle NBC AP should have been consulted before this happened. HS agreed to take this forward. • BW and DH advised of the Roads projects for this financial year that had approval of both OTM group and also had Partnership approval. DH advised that a number of the projects still required clarity of feasibility and costings from ELC Roads colleagues. • AS highlighted above, JF added that it would be approximately 3 weeks before the results of the High Street and Parking consultations were made available. In theory the Community Council and AP should be the first bodies to receive the information. Won't be a public meeting. JF/DH to feed back. 	

	<p>Health & Wellbeing Association – HS advised that the group have not met this year but that there is a full East Lothian Health & Wellbeing meeting tomorrow 24.01.2023 and HS will feedback to the next meeting.</p> <p>A) Christmas Cheer – HS gave stats from KR :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 households supported. • 203 people. • 45 frozen dinners provided. • 39 cook you own Christmas dinner bags distributed. • 54 jingle bags distributed. • Santa came to all 203. Children got 5 presents each, adults - 1 each. • The community supplied enough for 50 households. NB news and view paid for the remaining 4 children. • We received manpower from the bass rock volunteers and the rotary. • We continue to supply weekly food to those struggling in the community and are seeing referrals coming in from social work, children and families, physiatrist, nurses, and carers of East Lothian. We are regularly supporting 60 households at least once a month. <p>DH added generous contributions from numerous Community organisations. DH advised KR had applied for various funding opportunities and has received around £40,000 which is amazing. A lot of hard work to keep everyone supported. Credit to KR.</p> <p>B) Kindness Cooperative – Due to KR not being in attendance no update given.</p> <p>C) Cost of Living Crisis – Due to KR not being in attendance no update given.</p> <p>HS added that the East Lothian Walking Festival was a great success last year and are looking at another one this year in the summer. A steering group has been set up and have lots of volunteers which is very exciting. HS will keep members updated and will also send last years' evaluation report to everyone.</p> <p>Support from the Start – No update available.</p>	
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6. Reports from Village Representatives

	<p>Dirleton Village Association – FMC updated members on the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We held a successful event on 1st December 2022 with the switch on of the Dirleton Christmas lights, followed by carols around the village Christmas tree with refreshments for children and adults. 2. This year, the Dirleton village Fete will be held on Saturday 24th June. <p>JMc advised members that the Community Café has started meeting monthly and is going very well. The Lunch Club is also going well.</p> <p>Gullane Village Association</p> <p>LS advised the lease for the Gullane Recreation Hall is coming to an end and would like if possible to have a guarantee extension as they have secured other funding and would love to upgrade the heating in the hall but do not want to do this with having a guarantee lease in place. The Notice Board is arriving this week and will be installed near the Smiddy. LS also advised the bookings are going really well for the Recreation</p>	
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	<p>Hall. They are working on the spring newsletter and once this is complete you can access this from the website Gullane Village Association. This newsletter is printed and delivered to all 15,000 homes to promote what is happening in the village. LS asked if DH could check if the summer of play would be happening this year. LS advised of funding opportunities through Genesis Open. Unfortunately the links wouldn't work. Keep an eye out for the next round of funding. Also the Community Renewable Energy Scheme which is available to help improve buildings/heating. Scottish Government scheme provides up to 80% of project costs.</p> <p>GVA Newsletter Christmas 2022.pdf (cdn-website.com)</p> <p>Aberlady Community Association – FN highlighted community concerns regarding water quality, pollution and discharge issues in Aberlady Bay. He went on to outline a meeting that had taken place with MSP's, Elected Members, senior council officials and those concerned with controlling discharge into Aberlady Bay. FN then read an email that further highlighted issues and concerns that followed on from the above mentioned meeting. Members expressed their concern and support and agreed to hold a separate meeting to explore how matters raised could be taken forward.</p> <p>Whitekirk – EM advised Members several homes in the village now have fibre. All agreed that this is very exciting. DH added this is a credit to EM who has been pursuing this for 3 years now. EM added East Lothian Council has now appointed someone to support the roll out of fibre to rural communities. Whitekirk Cinema is now up and running which is great news also.</p> <p>North Berwick – BW advised that the High Street consultation and the Parking review results were still outstanding and as soon as they become available a presentation will be done to both Members of the Community Council and the Area Partnership. DH to advise.</p>	
<p>7. Budget Report</p>		
	<p>DH gave those present an update and reminded everyone that Members had agreed to prioritise the remaining General Budget to support the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>DH presented the budget slide to everyone and explained the Amenities Budget and how it is a budget influence and relates specifically to utilising men and machines as opposed to having the cash or capital budget. HS found this very helpful and thanked DH.</p> <p>Roads Budget – DH reminded members that on 21.6.2022 that the meeting looked at Roads priorities for North Berwick. Ian Lennox to look at potential projects and look at the feasibility and costings. The Partnership agreed that these identified projects could and should be taken forward. DH presented a slide which we can circulate with the minutes. There are a number of the proposals highlighted in green that the Roads department could action sooner than later but still awaiting on design costs. A further two projects that have been approved can be taken forward with costs coming from next year's budget. DH advised that 3 projects have been both agreed and confirmed and will come from the 2022-2023 Roads Budget:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed control device Haddington Road £6,000 • Speed control device Gullane £7,000 • Twin Charger points Rugby Club £7,200 <p>HS added that to have Communities engaged in identifying Road Budget priorities was a considerable undertaking for both DH/ BW but believed it was the correct process. The table of proposals would be further added to once the OTM group and Roads had</p>	

	<p>the opportunity to consult with the village of Aberlady, the only village still to identify Roads priorities. BW confirmed that the North Berwick priorities had all been identified recently, but had also been identified during the course of the Charrette.</p>	
<p>8. General Budget Priorities 2022/2023</p>		
	<p>HS thanked everyone for sending in their scoring sheets prior to the meeting. These enabled HS to collate all the scores and do a summary report for the meeting to provide Members with as much information as possible.</p> <p>HS advised members there is an under spend of £624 from the Walking Festival and would like to put to the Membership that this money be carried over to help with this years' walking festival. HS declared a conflict of interest. All Members voted unanimously to carry over the £624. There were no objections or abstains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can Do – Transport – All 6 Area Partnerships DH advised Members that there were some questions/concerns from other Area Partnerships regarding this application. Members agreed to defer this application until we receive more information. • Sustaining North Berwick – Big Belly Bins £1,500 RHP explained the background to the application and Members asked questions. Members voted 21 Yes 0 Against 0 Abstain 1 Conflict • East Lothian Countryside Volunteers – Glen Notice Board £2,543.70 AP came along tonight to explain her application and Members had a chance to ask questions. Members voted 21 Yes 0 Against 0 Abstain/Conflict • NBYP - Girls Group £3,749 LC came along tonight to explain her applications and Members had a chance to ask questions. A great discussion took place. Members voted 19 Yes 0 Against 0 Abstain 1 Conflict • NBYP - Resilience Residential £6,496 It was agreed to remove this application just now as the timescales didn't fit into this financial year. Could re-apply next year. • NBYP - Cookery on-line £2,439.60 Members voted 18 Yes 0 Against 0 Abstain 1 Conflict • NBYP – Healthy Bodies, Happy Minds £4,879 Members voted 20 Yes 0 Against 0 Abstain 1 Conflict • NBYP - Gullane Youth Club £5,085.50 Members voted 18 Yes 0 Against 0 Abstain 2 Conflict <p>HS advised Members of the Community Benefit Procurement list and will send out a link to Perth & Kinross as they have done something similar.</p> <p>HS asked going forward that we don't allow multiple applications at the one time form one organisation. **POST MEETING NOTE – HS has suggested that the Partnership might consider creating a short term governance group to review the application process and that anyone interested in taking part should get in touch nbc-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>	

9. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>HS asked Members to look at the Training calendar courses that have been sent round as there are lots of great training opportunities available. Please consider applying and share with all your contacts.</p> <p>HS thanked everyone for coming along tonight.</p>	
Dates of Next Meetings	<p>2023 Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>