

# Beach Wheelchair Project

Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

## Attendees

Alison Brown (parent)	Steven Nelson (Beyond Boundaries East Lothian)
Jackie Tagg (relative)	Stephanie Carr (ELC planning)
Kirsty Wood (East Lothian Special Needs Playscheme)	Fiona Imrie (parent)
Sandra King (ELC)	Melanie Kay (parent)
Phyllis Conway (parent)	Thomas Barbour (parent)
Viv Dooner (interested in project)	Samantha Ranscombe (ELC ranger)
Pam Dalgleish (parent)	

## Apologies

Tom Brock, Tim Day (Cllr), Sue Northropp, Brian Thomson, Dr Deborah Ritchie, Robin Black,

		<b>ACTION</b>
1	Welcome from AB and JT	
2	Aims of Objectives – up date from AB and JT on work undertaken to date	
3	Storage Solutions JT informed group that the Harbour have offered both short term and long term storage provision of beach wheelchairs at the harbour. Long term solution is a purpose built storage beach hut. Thought to be given as to what this would be like, i.e. size, potential for other basic services. No one identified at the meeting to take forward a design. <b>ACTION – AB/JT to identify help in completing this task</b>	AB/ JT
4	Administrative Solutions Currently position of the Scottish Seabird Centre is that no staff could be provided to administer scheme. Team of volunteers will be required to administer scheme. <b>AGREED – Hire of beach wheelchair for either half or full day to allow flexibility</b>	
5	Members for Group Details taken at meeting of those interested in becoming a member of the group.	
6	Maintenance TB currently carries out maintenance on bikes at the Space.	
7	Survey SC volunteered to carry out a survey of potential end users to be able to demonstrate need for future funding bids. <b>ACTION SC to develop survey and to liaise with AB and JT prior to issue.</b> <b>SC to investigate the numbers of adults/children in the North Berwick Area with</b>	SC with AB/ JT

	<b>mobility difficulties. This information would help with funding applications.</b>	
8	Local Area Plan SC has included beach wheelchairs as an action point in the East Lothian Council's draft area plan. This would make it a priority for the council and may result in funding. <b>ACTION SC to encourage the inclusion of beach wheelchairs in the Area Plan and to inform the group of potential funding opportunities.</b>	SC
9	Group Name and Logo <b>AGREED Beach Wheelchairs is appropriate name for the group.</b> <b>ACTION JT to speak to Nicky Fox to ask for help with the development of a logo</b>	JT
10	Group Structure <b>AGREED ideal solution is to become a project linked to North Berwick Community Centre. This would have benefits of applying for funding sooner and may have benefits in terms of insurance.</b> <b>ACTION – SK to make preliminary investigations with view to AB/JT requesting becoming a project of the centre at the January meeting.</b>	SK and AB/ JT
11	Equipment Discussion regarding the importance of trialling chairs prior to purchase. <b>AGREED to have an Open Day to allow end-users to test beach wheelchairs.</b> <b>ACTION AB to approach suppliers again selling the idea of an Open Day and the potential for positive publicity and large order. Liaise with ELC Access Officer and/ or the SMART centre to assist in obtaining chairs for trial. Also potential to fund supplier's expenses.</b> <b>ACTION – JT and KW to investigate the potential for obtaining funding from the National Lottery 'Investing in Ideas' programme to explore equipment options.</b>	AB JT and KW
12	Marketing <b>ACTION – JT and KW to set up a Facebook page to communicate ideas and publicise future events.</b> Noted that SR looks after the beach noticeboards and is happy to display any publicity materials.	JT and KW