

# **Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council**

## **Minutes of meeting 10th November 2015 in Council Chambers**

### **1. Sederunt**

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Ruth Moncrieff (Correspondence Sec), Ron Goldie, Paul Darling, Fiona McEwan, Rab Moran, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson, Fiona-Frances Adam, Graham Samuel, John Hamilton

### **In attendance**

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Robert Flood (Knox), Peter Macaldowie (Knox), Harriet Lomholt-Welch (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier)

**2. Apologies:** Cllr John McMillan, PC Lynn Black, Pat Lemmon, Betty Sommerville

### **New CC member**

Chris McEwan was in attendance at the meeting and was asked to say a few words about himself with the prospect of becoming a member of the CC. Chris is an IT consultant and has lived in Haddington for the past 22 years. He is currently a member of the Events Group and is therefore very much a part of the community and would like to take even more of a part in coming onto the CC. Rather than send Chris out the room it was decided that we would be more than happy for him to join and Jan officially welcomed him.

### **3. Minutes of 13th October 2015**

**Approval of the minutes was proposed by Margaret and seconded by Fiona-France**

**6.6** Fiona said that the van driver had taken a photo of Talia because she had taken a photo of the van.

**10.1** Costo card: it was ascertained that the card does have Emily's photo ID on it – it was suggested this should be changed. The card expires very soon therefore we just need to re-apply with updated information.

### **4. Matters arising**

**4.1 Item 6.1 Potholes:** everything mentioned has been reported

**4.2 Normandy Gardens statue:** this is in the hands of CI. Possible funding from the Civic Pride Fund

### **5. Councillors Corner**

**5.1** Ruth reported a food vendor truck attached to pole opposite the Town House chip shop – nothing on it to identify who it belongs to. Paul said planning has to be applied for if structure is attached for 28 days.

**5.2** Fiona-Frances reported problem with parking in High Street – both sides double parked – thought to be a police matter therefore Fiona to email Lynn with the details.

*Action Fiona-Frances*

**5.3 Victoria Bridge:** Rab asked about the parking/congestion problem on the bridge - this is being looked at

**5.4 John Muir House:** Ron said that the disabled bay outside main door needs to be repainted as not very clear.

**5.5 The Goat at The George Hotel:** Cameron Ritchie feedback (report from the latest CDT) - suggestion was that once a piazza was built at the front of the George the Goats could be moved to this site. Councillors not aware that there are any plans to move the Goats from their present location but would think that any changes would come within the Town Vision. It is hope that the CDT will involve the CC in any discussions. Paul confirmed that the plans for the Goats comes from the council plan and the piazza from the CDT and that whatever was requested would have to go through planning.

**6. Police Questions - Lynn not present but any comments please pass to Ruth for Lynn (police report read out by Ruth and copy available on request)**

### **6.1 CAPP meeting:**

**CAPP priorities identified:**

1. Tackle and monitor various parking issues through the Festive Road Safety and Parking Initiative which will be running from November 18th until December 24th.
2. Continue with the local Problem Solving Partnership in relation to youth related antisocial behaviour in Haddington

The next CAPP meeting will take place on Monday 25th January at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

### **7. Knox Academy News**

**7.1** Held fund raising events on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> for Children in Need. Their last fundraiser (Breast Cancer awareness) raised the sum of £450

**7.2 Canon:** group heading south for the final of this initiative run by Canon regarding latest technology.

**7.3 4<sup>th</sup> year mentoring:** 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils are tasked with mentoring 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils.

**7.4 Book exchange:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils can sell their exam/prep papers to the younger pupils.

**7.5 Poppy Scotland:** a lot of boxes have been placed around the town – these will be collected next week

**7.6 Christmas concert:** to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – CC members will be invited.

**7.7 Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI):** this promotes a charity of choice – winner gets £3000 for their chosen charity (final to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9am)

**7.8 Charities committee:** this year they have chosen Unicef and St Columbus Hospice – they will be working throughout the year to raise funds for both.

## **8. Correspondence - none to discuss**

**9. Treasurers Report -** Welcome to John Hamilton who has taken over from Emily

**9.1 Art Exhibition:** a problem arose due to the mandate taking 3 weeks to update.

We were not able to pay the artists on the day due to this problem. Ruth has now completed mandate and will return to the bank. Jan has only just sent out cheques to the artists today so hopefully the bank will receive the mandate before the cheques are cashed.

**9.2 Bank Account update:** John said it has been a slow process to get up to speed with the accounts therefore there is no spreadsheet available for today's meeting. He has made sure that everyone owed money has received a cheque though and should be able to give a summary at the next meeting.

John asked about the bank statements – Ruth thought we should get one every month. We need to check whether they have been sent to Emily – they should now be going to John directly. Once he is up to speed he will also inform the bank of the change of name from Festival Account to Events Group account.

Ron wondered if we were able to make payments electronically instead of using cheques – Jan said we were not able to do this as yet - John will ask the bank.

*Action John*

**9.3 Annual Accounts:** the annual accounts need to be formally adopted - proposed by Ruth and seconded by Margaret

## **10. Haddington Community Development Trust**

**10.1** Fiona and Paul were at the last meeting. Next meeting will be a workshop on funding and will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10-4pm in Trinity Centre

**10.2 Logo:** Knox pupils are working on this

**10.3 Website:** it was agreed we go ahead and get a temporary site (similar to CC one). It was suggested that a website encompassing the whole of East Lothian would be preferable.

**10.4 KA Photo competition:** 6th year pupils are doing a 'best picture' project on Haddington.

**10.5 Grant Funding:** Fiona thought we hadn't been successful in our application to the Scottish Government - this will need to be confirmed as she wasn't too sure about the details.

**10.6 Haddington Leaflet:** an audit has been done on all the available leaflets. There is a Haddington leaflet which was approved by Historic Scotland - this covers cycle paths, walkways etc.

**10.7 Website:** Pete Lugton will be asked for input. Profile and photo needed from Chris McEwan for inclusion (send to John)

*Action Chris*

**11. Events Group meeting** (*minutes have been sent out - Fiona Frances commented on how good and informative they were*)

**11.1 Christmas in Haddington (29th Nov):** will not include a craft fair this year. It will be all about the kids so there will be a santa, cafe, facepainting, show rides etc. There will also be some very famous characters there to help switch on the lights. Knox choir will also be performing. An inflatable grotto was thought too expensive therefore an alternative in the form of a decorated shed is planned. Tesco are kindly donating fruit, mince pies and mulled wine for the event.

**11.2 Christmas tree/lights:** the tree for Corn Exchange has been ordered. It was thought that a tree beside the goats would be a nice change but this will not be possible due to lack of power source. It has also been suggested we decorate the trees in the park at the Railway - this is something for another year. Lights are going on the lamp-posts (which have been painted).

**11.3 Fireworks:** this was a great success and attracted even more people than last year. The camera club took photos - to be put on website. Many thanks to **all** who helped make the event such a success (especially Lorraine Dickson, Betty Gibson and Knox pupils who helped man the gates)

**11.4 Santa Run:** nominations are requested for house visits - a suggestion box in library for this, as well as an article in Courier. The run will take place on 20th December - route to be confirmed.

**11.5 Festival update:** to be discussed after the Christmas event. It was decided there will not be a meeting in December

**12. Blooming Haddington (BH)** Rab, as representative of BH, thanked the CC for all their support

**12.1 Memorial Garden at Railway:** improvements for the park were discussed. John mentioned the stone chess board and thought it would be nice to restore this. Irene Higginbottom may have some information on this (she overlooks the park).

**12.2 Roundabouts:** ELC are going to spend some money improving the roundabouts at each entrance to the town.

**12.3 Planters:** the Gardening Club have planted these up

**12.4 Future projects in discussion include:** Tyne walk-way, refurbishment of the benches along the river, decorative structure on wall at toilet block, garden walking route, oriental garden, restoration of wooden bridge, christmas tree in Pleasance garden, repaint the tennis courts.

Many thanks to all involved in Blooming Haddington.

### **13. Planning applications**

**13.1 Community Hospital:** plans are now available for the hospital (Paul presented to the meeting). Work expected to start next year. Comments made as follows:

Parking: over 300 spaces will be created

Day Centre: will re-locate to this site although it was thought this wasn't the best location for the centre

GP surgery: the long term plan would be to have the surgery at this site.

Bus service: Graham asked if there would be a service to the hospital

Expansion: Fiona-Frances asked if allowance had been made for future expansion - Paul confirmed that there were gaps on the site which will allow for this.

Comments: ELC want the CC comments on the plans. **Action: Paul and Lynda will go over them in more depth and report back.**

**13.2 Procurator Fiscal office:** plans are available for the change of use to an Italian bistro/deli (owner/restaurateur Antony Cucci). Seating planned for 38. It was thought that kitchen extractors to the rear would not cause any problems.

**13.3 River walk with exercise stations:** this has been approved. 10 exercise stations will be erected along the river. CC logo to go on the signage - Jan will send to Paul. **Action Jan**

**14. SES Plan:** Paul confirmed that he made comment on this.

**15. Art Exhibition and Craft Fair:** went very well but not a lot of crafters involved. As some didn't turn up there were gaps - look at charging in advance for tables. To be discussed further at a later date.

**16. Christmas night out:** after some discussion it was decided to book the Golf Tavern for 5th December - Ruth will deal with it. **Action Ruth**

### **17. AOCB - Armistice parade, 8th November**

**17.1** A huge thanks to Ruth for managing to get in touch with all the organisations, despite not having the list. And also for ordering the wreaths. Thanks also to Margaret for walking in the parade in place of Jan, to Betty and her daughter for organising the teas etc, and to Steven for doing the sandwiches (we still need to pay him). Many thanks to all who took part.

**17.2 Order of Service:** John said that the church produce this and have it printed - this year it cost them £200 - would the CC consider helping out with the payment. It was suggested we split the cost 50/50 with the rotary. This was proposed by John Hamilton and seconded by Paul. But before going ahead with this Jan suggested ELC be asked for some contribution and we wait for John McMillan to get back to us on this. **Action John McMillan**

It was also pointed out that 'Haddington and District Community Council' needs to be reinstated on the order of service.

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 8th December 2015 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

### **Outstanding Matters Arising from previous minutes**

**2012**

**14/02** Athelstaneford noticeboard – needs painting (**Oct 2014 – it was pointed out that this has still not be done**)

**2013**

**14/5** Waste bins in High St

Various transportation issues: Lammermuir Cres, Dunpender Dv, Church St, sunken road by JG Gray Centre

**2014**

**14/01** Dip in road outside Town House

**11/03** Information Centre: signage

**13/5** Brewery Park: slippery pavement, over-grown garden to rear of FA's house

**9/09** Mental Health Resource: Tynepark

**2015**

**8/9** Victoria Bridge - parking/congestion

High Street - flood-lights out

Hardgate/Artillery Park: uneven paving stones

Monksmains Road - missing speed bumps

*The 4 items above are in hand (as at 13/10/15)*

**10/11** John Muir House - re-painting of disabled parking bays

**Transportation Dept. -Pot Holes and Broken Slabs throughout the Town & Athelstaneford**

**Pot Holes:** Ideal Garage junction

**Uneven Pavements:** High Street, Market Street, Court Street. St. Anne's Place, Mitchells Close (11/1/11)